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Results for January to August 2020

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

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Aug 2019 1/	Jan – Aug 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2019 and Jan – Aug 2020	% change between Jan – Aug 2019 and Jan – Aug 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	39 892 452	21 174 722	-18 717 730	-46,9
-Dwelling-houses	20 421 775	12 854 795	-7 566 980	-37,1
-Flats and townhouses	18 848 181	8 140 343	-10 707 838	-56,8
-Other residential buildings	622 496	179 584	-442 912	-71,2
Non-residential buildings	16 166 150	9 026 436	-7 139 714	-44,2
Additions and alterations	19 941 338	11 824 374	-8 116 964	-40,7
Total	75 999 940	42 025 532	-33 974 408	-44,7

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

Total value of recorded building plans passed at current prices

The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 44,7% (-R33 974,4 million) during January to August 2020 compared with January to August 2019.

Decreases were recorded for residential buildings (-46,9% or -R18 717,7 million), non-residential buildings (-44,2% or -R7 139,7 million) and additions and alterations (-40,7% or -R8 117,0 million) – see Table A.

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

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Aug 2019 1/	Jan – Aug 2020 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during Jan – Aug 2019	% change between Jan – Aug 2019 and Jan – Aug 2020	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Aug 2019 and Jan – Aug 2020	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2019 and Jan – Aug 2020
	R'000	R'000			2/	R'000
Western Cape	19 701 458	14 536 611	25,9	-26,2	-6,8	-5 164 847
Eastern Cape	4 475 113	2 227 949	5,9	-50,2	-3,0	-2 247 164
Northern Cape	1 074 222	697 603	1,4	-35,1	-0,5	-376 619
Free State	2 221 729	1 307 316	2,9	-41,2	-1,2	-914 413
KwaZulu-Natal	12 695 867	7 144 680	16,7	-43,7	-7,3	-5 551 187
North West	1 654 895	1 522 248	2,2	-8,0	-0,2	-132 647
Gauteng	29 710 394	11 994 890	39,1	-59,6	-23,3	-17 715 504
Mpumalanga	2 886 487	1 793 000	3,8	-37,9	-1,4	-1 093 487
Limpopo	1 579 775	801 235	2,1	-49,3	-1,0	-778 540
Total	75 999 940	42 025 532	100,0	-44,7	-44,7	-33 974 408

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

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

The largest contributions to the total decrease of 44,7% (-R33 974,4 million) were made by Gauteng (contributing -23,3 percentage points or -R17 715,5 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -7,3 percentage points or -R5 551,2 million), Western Cape (contributing -6,8 percentage points or -R5 164,8 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing -3,0 percentage points or -R2 247,2 million) – see Table B.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Aug 2019 1/	Jan – Aug 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2019 and Jan – Aug 2020	% change between Jan – Aug 2019 and Jan – Aug 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	32 943 440	16 990 626	-15 952 814	-48,4
Non-residential buildings	13 332 651	7 254 546	-6 078 105	-45,6
Additions and alterations	16 438 767	9 488 948	-6 949 819	-42,3
Total	62 714 858	33 734 120	-28 980 738	-46,2

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

Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 46,2% (-R28 980,7 million) during January to August 2020 compared with January to August 2019. Decreases were recorded for residential buildings (-48,4% or -R15 952,8 million), non-residential buildings (-45,6% or -R6 078,1 million) and additions and alterations (-42,3% or -R6 949,8 million) – see Table C.

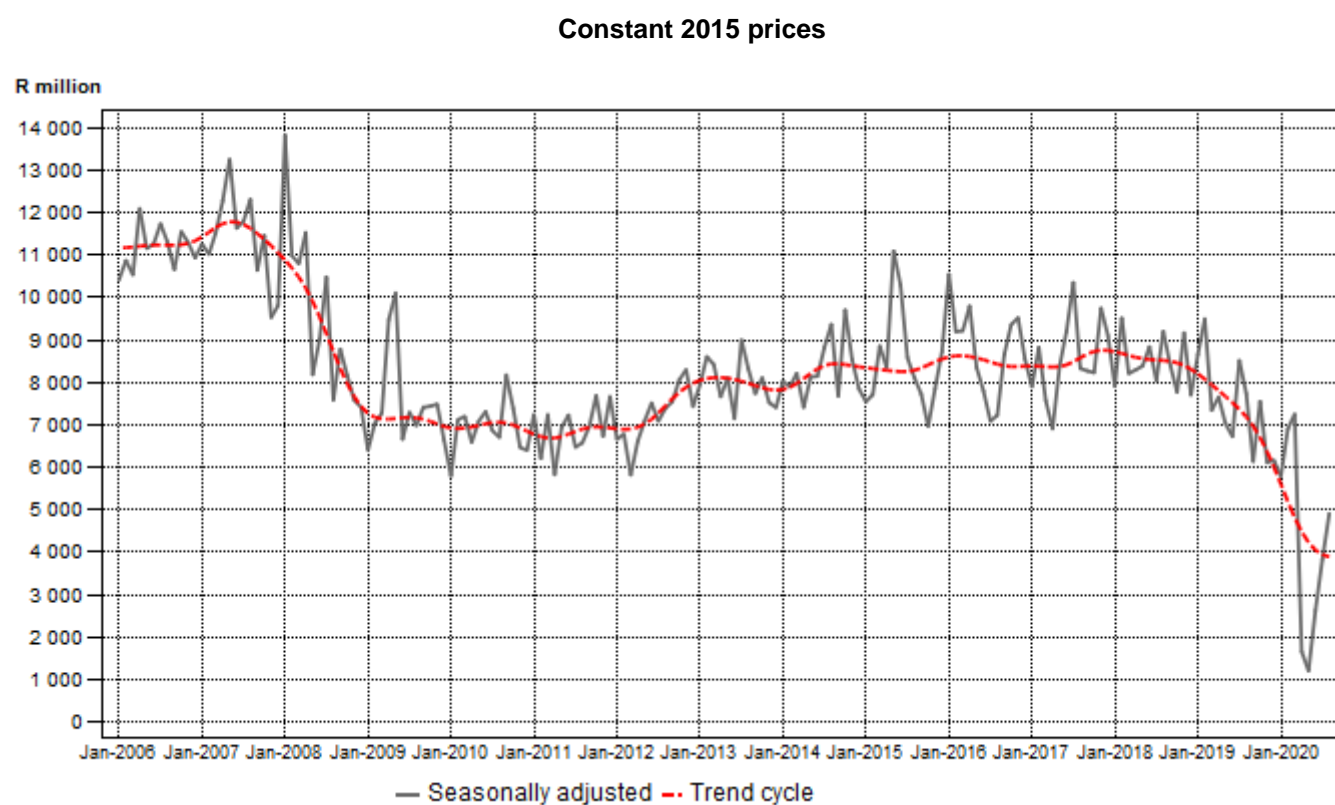
Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Mar – May 2020	Jun – Aug 2020	% change between Mar – May 2020 and Jun – Aug 2020
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	4 895 971	5 943 383	21,4
Non-residential buildings 1/	2 395 254	2 239 180	-6,5
Additions and alterations	2 811 892	3 165 150	12,6
Total	10 103 117	11 347 713	12,3

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed increased by 12,3% in the three months ended August 2020 compared with the previous three months. Increases were recorded for residential buildings (21,4%) and additions and alterations (12,6%). A decrease was recorded for non-residential buildings (-6,5%) – see Table D.

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

**Table E – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices:
January to August 2019 versus January to August 2020**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Aug 2019 1/	Jan – Aug 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2019 and Jan – Aug 2020	% change between Jan – Aug 2019 and Jan – Aug 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	38 084 757	13 666 238	-24 418 519	-64,1
-Dwelling-houses	15 015 884	7 898 948	-7 116 936	-47,4
-Flats and townhouses	22 576 156	5 529 915	-17 046 241	-75,5
-Other residential buildings	492 717	237 375	-255 342	-51,8
Non-residential buildings	15 754 870	8 561 932	-7 192 938	-45,7
Additions and alterations	8 560 295	5 750 862	-2 809 433	-32,8
Total	62 399 922	27 979 032	-34 420 890	-55,2

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

Total value of buildings reported as completed at current prices

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 55,2% (-R34 420,9 million) during January to August 2020 compared with January to August 2019.

Decreases were recorded for residential buildings (-64,1% or -R24 418,5 million), non-residential buildings (-45,7% or -R7 192,9 million) and additions and alterations (-32,8% or -R2 809,4 million) – see Table E.

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

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Aug 2019 1/	Jan – Aug 2020 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during Jan – Aug 2019	% change between Jan – Aug 2019 and Jan – Aug 2020	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Aug 2019 and Jan – Aug 2020 2/	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2019 and Jan – Aug 2020
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	14 879 603	8 992 038	23,8	-39,6	-9,4	-5 887 565
Eastern Cape	2 106 876	1 458 764	3,4	-30,8	-1,0	-648 112
Northern Cape	434 049	319 935	0,7	-26,3	-0,2	-114 114
Free State	391 927	546 781	0,6	39,5	0,2	154 854
KwaZulu-Natal	8 556 161	4 857 310	13,7	-43,2	-5,9	-3 698 851
North West	1 326 497	675 641	2,1	-49,1	-1,0	-650 856
Gauteng	32 515 585	9 903 672	52,1	-69,5	-36,2	-22 611 913
Mpumalanga	1 627 497	761 080	2,6	-53,2	-1,4	-866 417
Limpopo	561 727	463 811	0,9	-17,4	-0,2	-97 916
Total	62 399 922	27 979 032	100,0	-55,2	-55,2	-34 420 890

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

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

Eight provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed during January to August 2020, of which Gauteng (contributing -36,2 percentage points or -R22 611,9 million), Western Cape (contributing -9,4 percentage points or -R5 887,6 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -5,9 percentage points or -R3 698,9 million) were the largest negative contributors – see Table F.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Aug 2019 1/	Jan – Aug 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2019 and Jan – Aug 2020	% change between Jan – Aug 2019 and Jan – Aug 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	31 382 184	10 953 376	-20 428 808	-65,1
Non-residential buildings	12 998 194	6 870 911	-6 127 283	-47,1
Additions and alterations	7 056 516	4 610 925	-2 445 591	-34,7
Total	51 436 894	22 435 212	-29 001 682	-56,4

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

Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 56,4% (-R29 001,7 million) during January to August 2020 compared with January to August 2019. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-65,1% or -R20 428,8 million), non-residential buildings (-47,1% or -R6 127,3 million) and additions and alterations (-34,7% or -R2 445,6 million) – see Table G.

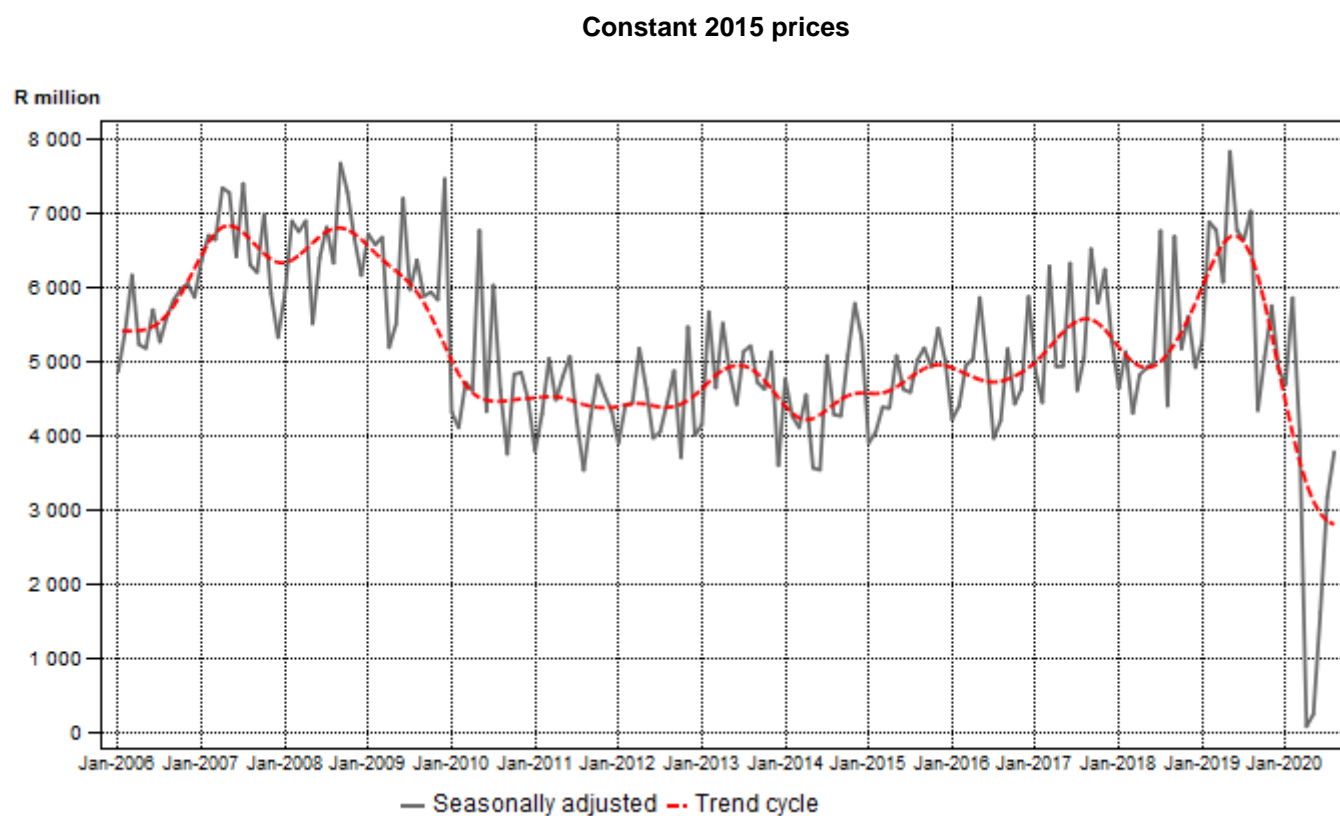
Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Mar – May 2020	Jun – Aug 2020	% change between Mar – May 2020 and Jun – Aug 2020
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	2 004 888	5 246 336	161,7
Non-residential buildings 1/	1 654 149	1 645 093	-0,5
Additions and alterations	739 860	1 679 732	127,0
Total	4 398 897	8 571 161	94,8

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 94,8% in the three months ended August 2020 compared with the previous three months. Increases were reported for residential buildings (161,7%) and additions and alterations (127,0%). A decrease was reported for non-residential buildings (-0,5%) – see Table H.

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	4 772 821	39,4	1 611 299	-7,9	1 836 501	-10,4	8 220 621	13,8
	February	6 990 891	47,8	2 069 538	-45,8	2 399 945	1,7	11 460 374	5,1
	March	4 148 476	-7,3	2 414 651	32,7	2 314 165	-9,2	8 877 292	0,4
	April	4 276 398	-24,1	2 091 416	6,3	2 473 785	14,4	8 841 599	-9,4
	May	4 422 359	-22,2	1 664 678	-12,7	2 646 651	6,9	8 733 688	-13,2
	June	4 082 091	-24,9	1 648 322	-34,2	2 534 350	-6,2	8 264 763	-22,3
	July	6 167 514	18,8	1 917 207	-0,6	3 282 645	20,2	11 367 366	15,4
	August	5 031 902	-22,4	2 749 039	-4,7	2 453 296	-0,7	10 234 237	-13,6
	September	3 431 994	-36,3	1 679 577	-29,9	2 703 734	9,3	7 815 305	-23,8
	October	5 218 314	-2,7	2 618 212	38,8	2 772 425	-12,6	10 608 951	1,8
	November	3 846 996	-29,7	997 639	-67,7	2 751 222	6,0	7 595 857	-31,9
	December	2 605 709	-41,8	1 980 035	59,6	1 961 680	5,1	6 547 424	-13,7
	Total	54 995 465	-11,0	23 441 613	-13,8	30 130 399	1,8	108 567 477	-8,4
2020	January	2 607 999	-45,4	1 422 087	-11,7	1 686 359	-8,2	5 716 445	-30,5
	February	4 312 361	-38,3	1 840 942	-11,0	2 501 881	4,2	8 655 184	-24,5
	March	4 610 009	11,1	2 055 673	-14,9	2 490 401	7,6	9 156 083	3,1
	April *	807 896	-81,1	729 784	-65,1	442 419	-82,1	1 980 099	-77,6
	May *	809 776	-81,7	180 087	-89,2	436 126	-83,5	1 425 989	-83,7
	June *	1 538 068	-62,3	970 593	-41,1	858 031	-66,1	3 366 692	-59,3
	July *	2 868 186	-53,5	964 709	-49,7	1 455 067	-55,7	5 287 962	-53,5
	August *	3 620 427	-28,1	862 561	-68,6	1 954 090	-20,3	6 437 078	-37,1

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	6 232 529	11,7	1 611 299	29,8	2 456 490	2,2	10 300 318	11,7
	February	6 811 417	9,3	2 069 538	28,4	2 476 997	0,8	11 357 952	10,3
	March	4 018 390	-41,0	2 414 651	16,7	2 480 544	0,1	8 913 585	-21,5
	April	4 628 084	15,2	2 091 416	-13,4	2 584 488	4,2	9 303 988	4,4
	May	4 277 586	-7,6	1 664 678	-20,4	2 598 627	0,5	8 540 891	-8,2
	June	3 954 854	-7,5	1 648 322	-1,0	2 540 490	-2,2	8 143 666	-4,7
	July	5 776 384	46,1	1 917 207	16,3	2 693 615	6,0	10 387 206	27,5
	August	4 387 679	-24,0	2 749 039	43,4	2 364 352	-12,2	9 501 070	-8,5
	September	3 378 255	-23,0	1 679 577	-38,9	2 507 039	6,0	7 564 871	-20,4
	October	4 399 345	30,2	2 618 212	55,9	2 332 658	-7,0	9 350 215	23,6
	November	3 962 292	-9,9	997 639	-61,9	2 577 269	10,5	7 537 200	-19,4
	December	3 246 054	-18,1	1 980 035	98,5	2 417 190	-6,2	7 643 279	1,4
2020	January	3 469 031	6,9	1 422 087	-28,2	2 307 971	-4,5	7 199 089	-5,8
	February	4 174 152	20,3	1 840 942	29,5	2 619 085	13,5	8 634 179	19,9
	March	4 409 132	5,6	2 055 673	11,7	2 526 904	-3,5	8 991 709	4,1
	April *	838 984	-81,0	729 784	-64,5	475 500	-81,2	2 044 268	-77,3
	May *	832 293	-0,8	180 087	-75,3	459 407	-3,4	1 471 787	-28,0
	June *	1 484 753	78,4	970 593	439,0	784 607	70,8	3 239 953	120,1
	July *	2 577 018	73,6	964 709	-0,6	1 223 271	55,9	4 764 998	47,1
	August *	3 370 797	30,8	862 561	-10,6	1 955 658	59,9	6 189 016	29,9
	Mar – May 20	6 080 409		2 965 544		3 461 811		12 507 764	
	Jun – Aug 20 2/	7 432 568	22,2	2 797 863	-5,7	3 963 536	14,5	14 193 967	13,5

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

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	4 027 697	35,3	1 359 746	-10,6	1 549 790	-13,0	6 937 233	10,5
	February	5 850 118	42,1	1 731 831	-47,9	2 008 322	-2,2	9 590 271	1,0
	March	3 428 493	-11,8	1 995 579	26,2	1 912 533	-13,6	7 336 605	-4,5
	April	3 513 885	-27,9	1 718 501	0,9	2 032 691	8,5	7 265 077	-14,0
	May	3 627 858	-26,1	1 365 610	-17,1	2 171 166	1,4	7 164 634	-17,6
	June	3 351 470	-28,3	1 353 302	-37,2	2 080 747	-10,5	6 785 519	-25,9
	July	5 042 939	14,1	1 567 626	-4,5	2 684 092	15,4	9 294 657	10,8
	August	4 100 980	-25,9	2 240 456	-9,1	1 999 426	-5,3	8 340 862	-17,5
	September	2 776 694	-39,1	1 358 881	-33,0	2 187 487	4,5	6 323 062	-27,2
	October	4 218 524	-6,3	2 116 582	33,8	2 241 249	-15,7	8 576 355	-1,9
	November	3 112 456	-32,1	807 151	-68,8	2 225 908	2,5	6 145 515	-34,2
	December	2 104 773	-44,0	1 599 382	53,5	1 584 556	1,1	5 288 711	-17,0
	Total	45 155 887	-14,5	19 214 647	-17,4	24 677 967	-2,5	89 048 501	-12,2
2020	January	2 099 838	-47,9	1 144 998	-15,8	1 357 777	-12,4	4 602 613	-33,7
	February	3 455 417	-40,9	1 475 114	-14,8	2 004 712	-0,2	6 935 243	-27,7
	March	3 717 749	8,4	1 657 801	-16,9	2 008 388	5,0	7 383 938	0,6
	April *	654 697	-81,4	591 397	-65,6	358 524	-82,4	1 604 618	-77,9
	May *	656 753	-81,9	146 056	-89,3	353 711	-83,7	1 156 520	-83,9
	June *	1 242 381	-62,9	784 001	-42,1	693 078	-66,7	2 719 460	-59,9
	July *	2 292 715	-54,5	771 150	-50,8	1 163 123	-56,7	4 226 988	-54,5
	August *	2 871 076	-30,0	684 029	-69,5	1 549 635	-22,5	5 104 740	-38,8

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	5 235 412	13,0	1 359 746	30,5	2 061 710	1,9	8 656 868	12,5
	February	5 698 446	8,8	1 731 831	27,4	2 064 414	0,1	9 494 691	9,7
	March	3 312 646	-41,9	1 995 579	15,2	2 032 355	-1,6	7 340 580	-22,7
	April	3 804 544	14,8	1 718 501	-13,9	2 128 765	4,7	7 651 810	4,2
	May	3 516 137	-7,6	1 365 610	-20,5	2 141 968	0,6	7 023 715	-8,2
	June	3 245 512	-7,7	1 353 302	-0,9	2 123 604	-0,9	6 722 418	-4,3
	July	4 755 067	46,5	1 567 626	15,8	2 194 520	3,3	8 517 213	26,7
	August	3 576 848	-24,8	2 240 456	42,9	1 914 997	-12,7	7 732 301	-9,2
	September	2 733 696	-23,6	1 358 881	-39,3	2 038 684	6,5	6 131 261	-20,7
	October	3 567 181	30,5	2 116 582	55,8	1 865 795	-8,5	7 549 558	23,1
	November	3 211 416	-10,0	807 151	-61,9	2 089 749	12,0	6 108 316	-19,1
	December	2 606 157	-18,8	1 599 382	98,2	1 952 220	-6,6	6 157 759	0,8
2020	January	2 778 233	6,6	1 144 998	-28,4	1 856 137	-4,9	5 779 368	-6,1
	February	3 338 029	20,1	1 475 114	28,8	2 084 897	12,3	6 898 040	19,4
	March	3 538 642	6,0	1 657 801	12,4	2 054 535	-1,5	7 250 978	5,1
	April *	680 765	-80,8	591 397	-64,3	384 746	-81,3	1 656 908	-77,1
	May *	676 564	-0,6	146 056	-75,3	372 611	-3,2	1 195 231	-27,9
	June *	1 198 334	77,1	784 001	436,8	637 954	71,2	2 620 289	119,2
	July *	2 071 044	72,8	771 150	-1,6	983 377	54,1	3 825 571	46,0
	August *	2 674 005	29,1	684 029	-11,3	1 543 819	57,0	4 901 853	28,1
	Mar – May 20	4 895 971		2 395 254		2 811 892		10 103 117	
	Jun – Aug 20 2/	5 943 383	21,4	2 239 180	-6,5	3 165 150	12,6	11 347 713	12,3

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	3 215 693	19,7	1 129 725	40,0	704 984	-11,1	5 050 402	17,8
	February	3 662 196	22,2	3 157 234	107,5	991 268	-5,9	7 810 698	40,2
	March	5 459 272	93,3	1 420 463	36,0	1 490 196	39,5	8 369 931	69,5
	April	4 328 058	28,3	1 623 694	34,6	1 026 808	15,3	6 978 560	27,6
	May	5 249 660	64,5	3 123 392	112,0	1 035 312	14,6	9 408 364	69,0
	June	6 325 555	87,0	1 259 061	-14,8	868 430	-14,9	8 453 046	43,8
	July	4 795 499	-2,5	1 904 394	28,3	1 202 470	-11,7	7 902 363	1,8
	August	5 048 824	76,4	2 136 907	101,6	1 240 827	5,0	8 426 558	65,1
	September	3 405 658	-28,9	1 262 510	-53,5	1 108 538	16,0	5 776 706	-31,7
	October	3 267 018	-11,6	1 860 458	18,8	1 351 483	18,3	6 478 959	1,1
	November	4 771 617	-20,0	2 350 550	117,9	1 224 790	9,2	8 346 957	2,2
	December	2 964 337	-21,6	1 984 860	65,2	1 026 971	24,5	5 976 168	2,9
	Total	52 493 387	18,1	23 213 248	39,6	13 272 077	7,8	88 978 712	21,2
2020	January	2 148 619	-33,2	1 477 291	30,8	1 183 302	67,8	4 809 212	-4,8
	February	2 778 801	-24,1	2 973 015	-5,8	1 267 666	27,9	7 019 482	-10,1
	March	2 254 732	-58,7	1 899 216	33,7	995 404	-33,2	5 149 352	-38,5
	April *	36 187	-99,2	46 153	-97,2	14 131	-98,6	96 471	-98,6
	May *	112 461	-97,9	104 955	-96,6	84 515	-91,8	301 931	-96,8
	June *	1 116 026	-82,4	520 306	-58,7	415 366	-52,2	2 051 698	-75,7
	July *	2 738 607	-42,9	437 175	-77,0	676 228	-43,8	3 852 010	-51,3
	August *	2 480 805	-50,9	1 103 821	-48,3	1 114 250	-10,2	4 698 876	-44,2

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	4 220 498	12,8	1 129 725	-5,9	918 318	-2,2	6 268 541	6,6
	February	4 082 289	-3,3	3 157 234	179,5	985 060	7,3	8 224 583	31,2
	March	5 609 267	37,4	1 420 463	-55,0	1 144 274	16,2	8 174 004	-0,6
	April	4 468 016	-20,3	1 623 694	14,3	1 293 336	13,0	7 385 046	-9,7
	May	5 336 069	19,4	3 123 392	92,4	1 075 367	-16,9	9 534 828	29,1
	June	6 136 735	15,0	1 259 061	-59,7	836 875	-22,2	8 232 671	-13,7
	July	5 012 107	-18,3	1 904 394	51,3	1 202 719	43,7	8 119 220	-1,4
	August	5 329 040	6,3	2 136 907	12,2	1 156 405	-3,9	8 622 352	6,2
	September	3 029 155	-43,2	1 262 510	-40,9	1 069 530	-7,5	5 361 195	-37,8
	October	3 163 225	4,4	1 860 458	47,4	1 235 575	15,5	6 259 258	16,8
	November	3 631 255	14,8	2 350 550	26,3	1 118 356	-9,5	7 100 161	13,4
	December	2 931 232	-19,3	1 984 860	-15,6	1 167 518	4,4	6 083 610	-14,3
2020	January	2 830 262	-3,4	1 477 291	-25,6	1 534 888	31,5	5 842 441	-4,0
	February	3 083 363	8,9	2 973 015	101,2	1 258 302	-18,0	7 314 680	25,2
	March	2 325 213	-24,6	1 899 216	-36,1	810 529	-35,6	5 034 958	-31,2
	April *	37 395	-98,4	46 153	-97,6	17 045	-97,9	100 593	-98,0
	May *	114 283	205,6	104 955	127,4	88 381	418,5	307 619	205,8
	June *	1 078 332	843,6	520 306	395,7	402 332	355,2	2 000 970	550,5
	July *	2 860 726	165,3	437 175	-16,0	671 135	66,8	3 969 036	98,4
	August *	2 631 669	-8,0	1 103 821	152,5	1 030 883	53,6	4 766 373	20,1
	Mar – May 20	2 476 891		2 050 324		915 955		5 443 170	
	Jun – Aug 20 2/	6 570 727	165,3	2 061 302	0,5	2 104 350	129,7	10 736 379	97,2

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	2 713 665	16,2	953 354	35,9	594 923	-13,7	4 261 942	14,4
	February	3 064 599	17,5	2 642 037	99,5	829 513	-9,5	6 536 149	34,8
	March	4 511 795	83,9	1 173 936	29,3	1 231 567	32,7	6 917 298	61,3
	April	3 556 334	21,7	1 334 177	27,8	843 721	9,4	5 734 232	21,1
	May	4 306 530	56,1	2 562 258	101,2	849 313	8,7	7 718 101	60,4
	June	5 193 395	78,4	1 033 712	-18,7	712 997	-18,8	6 940 104	37,1
	July	3 921 095	-6,3	1 557 150	23,3	983 213	-15,2	6 461 458	-2,2
	August	4 114 771	68,4	1 741 570	92,4	1 011 269	0,2	6 867 610	57,6
	September	2 755 387	-32,0	1 021 448	-55,5	896 875	10,9	4 673 710	-34,7
	October	2 641 082	-14,8	1 504 008	14,5	1 092 549	14,0	5 237 639	-2,5
	November	3 860 532	-22,6	1 901 739	110,6	990 930	5,6	6 753 201	-1,2
	December	2 394 456	-24,5	1 603 279	59,0	829 540	19,7	4 827 275	-1,0
	Total	43 033 641	13,4	19 028 668	33,9	10 866 410	3,2	72 928 719	16,4
2020	January	1 729 967	-36,2	1 189 445	24,8	952 739	60,1	3 872 151	-9,1
	February	2 226 603	-27,3	2 382 224	-9,8	1 015 758	22,5	5 624 585	-13,9
	March	1 818 332	-59,7	1 531 626	30,5	802 745	-34,8	4 152 703	-40,0
	April *	29 325	-99,2	37 401	-97,2	11 451	-98,6	78 177	-98,6
	May *	91 209	-97,9	85 122	-96,7	68 544	-91,9	244 875	-96,8
	June *	901 475	-82,6	420 279	-59,3	335 514	-52,9	1 657 268	-76,1
	July *	2 189 134	-44,2	349 460	-77,6	540 550	-45,0	3 079 144	-52,3
	August *	1 967 331	-52,2	875 354	-49,7	883 624	-12,6	3 726 309	-45,7

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	3 546 633	13,6	953 354	-5,5	771 753	-1,8	5 271 740	7,2
	February	3 412 870	-3,8	2 642 037	177,1	824 168	6,8	6 879 075	30,5
	March	4 651 264	36,3	1 173 936	-55,6	946 957	14,9	6 772 157	-1,6
	April	3 673 976	-21,0	1 334 177	13,6	1 060 267	12,0	6 068 420	-10,4
	May	4 383 658	19,3	2 562 258	92,0	883 769	-16,6	7 829 685	29,0
	June	5 044 670	15,1	1 033 712	-59,7	687 886	-22,2	6 766 268	-13,6
	July	4 100 409	-18,7	1 557 150	50,6	984 470	43,1	6 642 029	-1,8
	August	4 344 085	5,9	1 741 570	11,8	942 656	-4,2	7 028 311	5,8
	September	2 449 881	-43,6	1 021 448	-41,3	866 297	-8,1	4 337 626	-38,3
	October	2 560 168	4,5	1 504 008	47,2	999 799	15,4	5 063 975	16,7
	November	2 943 337	15,0	1 901 739	26,4	905 353	-9,4	5 750 429	13,6
	December	2 354 396	-20,0	1 603 279	-15,7	940 909	3,9	4 898 584	-14,8
2020	January	2 268 785	-3,6	1 189 445	-25,8	1 230 809	30,8	4 689 039	-4,3
	February	2 467 468	8,8	2 382 224	100,3	1 007 166	-18,2	5 856 858	24,9
	March	1 881 790	-23,7	1 531 626	-35,7	654 266	-35,0	4 067 682	-30,5
	April *	30 314	-98,4	37 401	-97,6	13 782	-97,9	81 497	-98,0
	May *	92 784	206,1	85 122	127,6	71 812	421,1	249 718	206,4
	June *	871 791	839,6	420 279	393,7	325 204	352,9	1 617 274	547,6
	July *	2 286 864	162,3	349 460	-16,9	536 902	65,1	3 173 226	96,2
	August *	2 087 681	-8,7	875 354	150,5	817 626	52,3	3 780 661	19,1
	Mar – May 20	2 004 888		1 654 149		739 860		4 398 897	
	Jun – Aug 20 2/	5 246 336	161,7	1 645 093	-0,5	1 679 732	127,0	8 571 161	94,8

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

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

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

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

			Aug 2019	Jul 2020 *	Aug 2020 *	Jan – Aug 2019	Jan – Aug 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 133	1 420	628	9 602	7 568	-21,2
		square metres	52 335	67 047	32 368	504 541	352 738	-30,1
		R'000	286 048	269 655	205 914	2 555 981	1 560 645	-38,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 133	905	898	8 773	5 529	-37,0
		square metres	319 997	235 231	279 930	2 412 471	1 505 228	-37,6
		R'000	2 447 973	1 782 080	2 160 912	17 865 794	11 294 150	-36,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2 291	994	1 136	18 540	9 059	-51,1
		square metres	241 554	97 916	136 829	2 226 825	944 157	-57,6
		R'000	2 127 037	799 004	1 244 392	18 848 181	8 140 343	-56,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	22 535	2 622	1 310	83 623	24 399	-70,8
		R'000	170 844	17 447	9 209	622 496	179 584	-71,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	5 031 902	2 868 186	3 620 427	39 892 452	21 174 722	-46,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	19 708	45 457	8 958	309 835	179 069	-42,2
		R'000	169 053	386 094	64 232	2 812 133	1 452 552	-48,3
	Shopping space	square metres	93 461	24 634	8 506	379 022	301 517	-20,4
		R'000	751 877	170 983	58 317	2 895 590	2 395 797	-17,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	208 966	42 401	93 808	1 151 431	560 601	-51,3
		R'000	1 329 558	301 906	652 588	7 236 279	3 700 551	-48,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	66 273	14 682	11 839	445 985	193 737	-56,6
		R'000	498 551	105 726	87 424	3 222 148	1 477 536	-54,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 749 039	964 709	862 561	16 166 150	9 026 436	-44,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	236 787	152 827	170 068	1 880 334	1 092 253	-41,9
		R'000	1 784 334	1 170 639	1 264 836	14 138 601	8 205 435	-42,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	59 402	22 118	87 075	504 668	351 528	-30,3
		R'000	668 962	284 428	689 254	5 802 737	3 618 939	-37,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 453 296	1 455 067	1 954 090	19 941 338	11 824 374	-40,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	10 234 237	5 287 962	6 437 078	75 999 940	42 025 532	-44,7

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

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

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

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

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

			Aug 2019	Jul 2020 *	Aug 2020 *	Jan – Aug 2019	Jan – Aug 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	177	186	260	2 198	1 235	-43,8
		square metres	9 769	7 930	11 033	98 036	58 241	-40,6
		R'000	65 909	45 380	62 797	573 332	349 907	-39,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	321	286	269	2 796	1 883	-32,7
		square metres	75 714	79 313	81 488	689 859	493 024	-28,5
		R'000	513 644	554 576	562 963	4 559 968	3 338 176	-26,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	325	692	402	4 383	3 458	-21,1
		square metres	44 132	60 051	39 330	487 573	335 976	-31,1
		R'000	336 134	475 537	310 331	3 811 138	2 634 762	-30,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	17 820	2 218	1 310	45 676	13 708	-70,0
		R'000	129 421	14 417	9 209	327 067	101 156	-69,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 045 108	1 089 910	945 300	9 271 505	6 424 001	-30,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	5 560	38 630	2 410	49 889	86 462	73,3
		R'000	46 621	314 912	13 996	384 989	722 016	87,5
	Shopping space	square metres	17 553	17 936	1 873	94 785	90 352	-4,7
		R'000	147 600	129 319	16 559	769 065	730 290	-5,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	51 655	12 299	74 469	257 992	191 564	-25,7
		R'000	357 184	96 505	522 550	1 786 326	1 368 170	-23,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	41 161	6 803	8 894	232 407	108 061	-53,5
		R'000	266 111	51 881	63 528	1 626 768	821 181	-49,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	817 516	592 617	616 633	4 567 148	3 641 657	-20,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	63 362	60 312	54 416	534 876	404 704	-24,3
		R'000	411 797	414 682	355 619	3 512 507	2 689 812	-23,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	23 970	12 798	21 012	207 967	161 789	-22,2
		R'000	272 738	168 711	185 012	2 350 298	1 781 141	-24,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	684 535	583 393	540 631	5 862 805	4 470 953	-23,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 547 159	2 265 920	2 102 564	19 701 458	14 536 611	-26,2

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

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

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

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

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

			Aug 2019	Jul 2020 *	Aug 2020 *	Jan – Aug 2019	Jan – Aug 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	46	36	36	229	116	-49,3
		square metres	2 679	2 314	1 884	14 040	7 047	-49,8
		R'000	17 861	14 925	11 144	88 926	44 988	-49,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	125	95	80	712	434	-39,0
		square metres	27 002	21 428	20 696	166 745	100 960	-39,5
		R'000	186 054	158 955	147 898	1 112 249	709 319	-36,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	62	69	11	372	126	-66,1
		square metres	5 043	6 622	1 868	45 080	13 036	-71,1
		R'000	34 892	45 735	13 506	298 036	89 816	-69,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	273	190	-30,4
		R'000	0	0	0	1 958	1 424	-27,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	238 807	219 615	172 548	1 501 169	845 547	-43,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	4 673	1 100	0	12 511	8 516	-31,9
		R'000	28 769	7 953	0	79 679	53 364	-33,0
	Shopping space	square metres	6 704	1 657	0	30 981	33 434	7,9
		R'000	46 206	8 986	0	187 419	231 403	23,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	38 665	7 723	0	178 167	45 489	-74,5
		R'000	260 178	50 921	0	1 170 216	286 886	-75,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	5 008	263	422	10 556	3 439	-67,4
		R'000	37 240	1 426	3 051	70 452	21 711	-69,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	372 393	69 286	3 051	1 507 766	593 364	-60,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	26 511	16 323	15 998	166 597	92 271	-44,6
		R'000	180 158	119 140	114 013	1 085 435	634 915	-41,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 104	1 449	4 393	54 614	19 522	-64,3
		R'000	28 668	11 900	33 965	380 743	154 123	-59,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	208 826	131 040	147 978	1 466 178	789 038	-46,2
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	820 026	419 941	323 577	4 475 113	2 227 949	-50,2

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

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

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

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

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

			Aug 2019	Jul 2020 *	Aug 2020 *	Jan – Aug 2019	Jan – Aug 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	0	4	126	11	-91,3
		square metres	892	0	243	5 720	611	-89,3
		R'000	7 463	0	2 110	22 046	5 250	-76,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	22	27	21	128	114	-10,9
		square metres	6 575	7 040	5 654	32 144	28 427	-11,6
		R'000	52 464	59 137	48 824	237 191	233 968	-1,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	29	0	10	36	104	188,9
		square metres	2 190	0	641	2 738	9 687	253,8
		R'000	17 958	0	5 513	22 761	84 622	271,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	5 005	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	41 041	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	77 885	59 137	56 447	281 998	364 881	29,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	4 633	1 437	-69,0
		R'000	0	0	0	37 342	10 506	-71,9
	Shopping space	square metres	0	244	0	1 576	1 609	2,1
		R'000	0	1 862	0	9 261	9 709	4,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	305	2 000	1 086	7 273	9 238	27,0
		R'000	1 583	17 200	9 340	48 369	78 637	62,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	51 061	7 676	-85,0
		R'000	0	0	0	408 306	67 145	-83,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 583	19 062	9 340	503 278	165 997	-67,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 232	4 097	2 883	26 663	18 147	-31,9
		R'000	35 396	34 266	24 997	203 357	151 540	-25,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 090	0	775	8 852	1 558	-82,4
		R'000	21 985	750	6 915	85 589	15 185	-82,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	57 381	35 016	31 912	288 946	166 725	-42,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	136 849	113 215	97 699	1 074 222	697 603	-35,1

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

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

			Aug 2019	Jul 2020 *	Aug 2020 *	Jan – Aug 2019	Jan – Aug 2020	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	34	18	167	112	-32,9	
		square metres	930	2 005	997	9 932	6 481	-34,7	
		R'000	7 220	16 689	8 185	74 004	51 527	-30,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	49	41	24	472	248	-47,5	
		square metres	10 140	6 310	9 478	100 792	52 665	-47,7	
		R'000	72 796	46 733	74 354	681 301	390 238	-42,7	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	38	8	12	293	186	-36,5	
		square metres	5 096	496	1 683	33 285	20 531	-38,3	
		R'000	36 415	4 184	14 196	251 081	160 899	-35,9	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 141	0	0	8 165	241	-97,0	
		R'000	5 921	0	0	42 101	1 946	-95,4	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	122 352	67 606	96 735	1 048 487	604 610	-42,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	100	8 125	5 755	-29,2	
		R'000	0	0	844	57 731	46 491	-19,5	
	Shopping space	square metres	353	0	0	14 766	887	-94,0	
		R'000	2 849	0	0	85 763	6 378	-92,6	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	607	0	1 001	8 309	17 519	110,8	
		R'000	3 150	0	7 248	52 620	101 141	92,2	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	928	0	0	26 261	2 467	-90,6	
		R'000	7 491	0	0	195 219	19 029	-90,3	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	13 490	0	8 092	391 333	173 039	-55,8
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 242	4 144	4 328	76 027	53 815	-29,2
R'000			73 302	32 126	34 401	512 083	398 600	-22,2	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	996	160	6 364	16 169	13 724	-15,1	
		R'000	28 960	2 972	50 021	269 826	131 067	-51,4	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	102 262	35 098	84 422	781 909	529 667	-32,3	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	238 104	102 704	189 249	2 221 729	1 307 316	-41,2	

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

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

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

			Aug 2019	Jul 2020 *	Aug 2020 *	Jan – Aug 2019	Jan – Aug 2020	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	517	33	16	637	129	-79,7	
		square metres	17 143	1 982	798	23 732	7 518	-68,3	
		R'000	63 609	15 901	5 852	117 549	63 671	-45,8	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	97	74	149	809	546	-32,5	
		square metres	29 613	24 343	49 345	251 975	176 861	-29,8	
		R'000	294 365	229 906	489 251	2 420 418	1 719 347	-29,0	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	207	70	204	2 408	1 510	-37,3	
		square metres	37 013	11 900	26 596	298 382	171 372	-42,6	
		R'000	377 281	110 013	297 771	2 993 265	1 878 305	-37,2	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	320	404	0	10 553	535	-94,9	
		R'000	3 808	3 030	0	121 081	4 078	-96,6	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	739 063	358 850	792 874	5 652 313	3 665 401	-35,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	755	0	0	37 715	5 332	-85,9	
		R'000	7 013	0	0	375 787	51 483	-86,3	
	Shopping space	square metres	8 132	0	0	34 356	105 170	206,1	
		R'000	73 972	0	0	313 755	872 250	178,0	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	32 412	11 279	6 845	355 302	78 435	-77,9	
		R'000	190 347	80 952	51 553	2 155 372	547 630	-74,6	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	13 851	3 599	502	28 225	18 848	-33,2	
		R'000	152 361	28 854	3 919	271 928	182 419	-32,9	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	423 693	109 806	55 472	3 116 842	1 653 782	-46,9
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	26 789	14 337	13 989	252 842	107 489	-57,5
R'000			285 465	143 400	134 471	2 548 448	1 130 731	-55,6	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	15 187	3 908	12 684	102 314	53 149	-48,1	
		R'000	174 029	37 768	132 877	1 378 264	694 766	-49,6	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	459 494	181 168	267 348	3 926 712	1 825 497	-53,5	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 622 250	649 824	1 115 694	12 695 867	7 144 680	-43,7	

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

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

			Aug 2019	Jul 2020 *	Aug 2020 *	Jan – Aug 2019	Jan – Aug 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	524	8	48	1 580	3 191,7
		square metres	196	21 248	619	2 623	64 522	2 359,9
		R'000	1 251	55 023	3 523	13 922	167 998	1 106,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	64	81	75	416	356	-14,4
		square metres	19 993	18 931	20 088	111 473	84 505	-24,2
		R'000	124 972	127 770	131 694	663 567	535 326	-19,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	18	65	26	416	184	-55,8
		square metres	1 407	5 698	2 067	29 381	18 677	-36,4
		R'000	7 426	39 662	14 945	176 396	124 735	-29,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	3 156	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	20 381	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	133 649	222 455	150 162	853 885	848 440	-0,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	267	0	0	3 966	2 407	-39,3
		R'000	1 869	0	0	23 115	13 898	-39,9
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	3 110	16 466	25 061	52,2
		R'000	0	0	17 899	103 513	162 785	57,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 270	1 496	2 144	2 658	14 917	461,2
		R'000	12 487	8 113	12 275	14 414	83 195	477,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	787	105	1 036	20 767	3 721	-82,1
		R'000	4 713	759	7 080	124 922	22 774	-81,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	19 069	8 872	37 254	265 964	282 652	6,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 747	8 937	11 620	72 096	50 349	-30,2
		R'000	57 399	58 297	69 761	412 404	308 624	-25,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	934	1 041	5 242	11 811	7 484	-36,6
		R'000	11 486	35 000	34 371	122 642	82 532	-32,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	68 885	93 297	104 132	535 046	391 156	-26,9
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	221 603	324 624	291 548	1 654 895	1 522 248	-8,0

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

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

			Aug 2019	Jul 2020 *	Aug 2020 *	Jan – Aug 2019	Jan – Aug 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	323	545	249	5 924	4 166	-29,7
		square metres	18 435	27 725	14 628	334 528	195 739	-41,5
		R'000	110 721	102 123	100 860	1 582 536	806 529	-49,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	358	192	186	2 579	1 376	-46,6
		square metres	120 458	47 689	62 585	810 366	395 431	-51,2
		R'000	1 001 709	408 659	517 509	6 687 616	3 267 951	-51,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 576	90	471	9 859	3 158	-68,0
		square metres	142 225	13 149	64 644	1 285 572	357 309	-72,2
		R'000	1 291 284	123 873	588 130	11 051 050	3 066 433	-72,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	3 254	0	0	7 971	1 564	-80,4
		R'000	31 694	0	0	57 933	9 558	-83,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 435 408	634 655	1 206 499	19 379 135	7 150 471	-63,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	7 790	5 727	2 393	152 301	23 240	-84,7
		R'000	80 072	63 229	19 994	1 600 749	247 364	-84,5
	Shopping space	square metres	7 352	0	378	83 148	21 276	-74,4
		R'000	67 166	0	4 149	720 310	220 983	-69,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	72 244	361	7 703	296 419	159 912	-46,1
		R'000	447 572	1 841	45 231	1 762 677	951 901	-46,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	4 538	3 250	985	55 166	44 371	-19,6
		R'000	30 635	17 615	9 846	407 962	308 486	-24,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	625 445	82 685	79 220	4 491 698	1 728 734	-61,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	76 304	34 698	54 453	616 701	295 840	-52,0
		R'000	624 931	305 847	458 651	5 095 969	2 479 322	-51,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	11 366	1 415	36 030	86 040	87 311	1,5
		R'000	94 563	14 404	237 990	743 592	636 363	-14,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	719 494	320 251	696 641	5 839 561	3 115 685	-46,6
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 780 347	1 037 591	1 982 360	29 710 394	11 994 890	-59,6

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

			Aug 2019	Jul 2020 *	Aug 2020 *	Jan – Aug 2019	Jan – Aug 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	32	42	30	219	167	-23,7
		square metres	2 038	2 697	1 787	12 589	9 596	-23,8
		R'000	10 501	12 599	9 150	65 195	53 011	-18,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	64	63	49	537	362	-32,6
		square metres	20 321	16 068	14 029	138 754	104 731	-24,5
		R'000	141 714	111 513	84 964	896 116	693 400	-22,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	77	13	-83,1
		square metres	0	0	0	3 813	2 017	-47,1
		R'000	0	0	0	19 271	11 047	-42,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	3 712	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	18 910	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	152 215	124 112	94 114	999 492	757 458	-24,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	663	0	4 055	31 749	45 297	42,7
		R'000	4 709	0	29 398	203 257	303 838	49,5
	Shopping space	square metres	53 367	4 797	0	66 614	19 850	-70,2
		R'000	414 084	30 816	0	487 960	137 777	-71,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	10 808	6 233	560	30 700	29 969	-2,4
		R'000	57 057	40 289	4 391	165 892	204 554	23,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	662	0	15 969	1 576	-90,1
		R'000	0	5 191	0	84 662	11 063	-86,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	475 850	76 296	33 789	941 771	657 232	-30,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 979	7 255	7 252	89 465	48 854	-45,4
		R'000	77 039	46 913	41 133	515 130	287 867	-44,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 024	1 064	551	12 465	3 993	-68,0
		R'000	28 272	9 718	5 508	430 094	90 443	-79,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	105 311	56 631	46 641	945 224	378 310	-60,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	733 376	257 039	174 544	2 886 487	1 793 000	-37,9

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

			Aug 2019	Jul 2020 *	Aug 2020 *	Jan – Aug 2019	Jan – Aug 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	5	20	7	54	52	-3,7
		square metres	253	1 146	379	3 341	2 983	-10,7
		R'000	1 513	7 015	2 293	18 471	17 764	-3,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	33	46	45	324	210	-35,2
		square metres	10 181	14 109	16 567	110 363	68 624	-37,8
		R'000	60 255	84 831	103 455	607 368	406 425	-33,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	36	0	0	696	320	-54,0
		square metres	4 448	0	0	41 001	15 552	-62,1
		R'000	25 647	0	0	225 183	89 724	-60,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	7 273	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	53 446	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	87 415	91 846	105 748	904 468	513 913	-43,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	8 946	623	-93,0
		R'000	0	0	0	49 484	3 592	-92,7
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	3 145	36 330	3 878	-89,3
		R'000	0	0	19 710	218 544	24 222	-88,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	1 010	0	14 611	13 558	-7,2
		R'000	0	6 085	0	80 393	78 437	-2,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	5 573	3 578	-35,8
		R'000	0	0	0	31 929	23 728	-25,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	6 085	19 710	380 350	129 979	-65,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 621	2 724	5 129	45 067	20 784	-53,9
		R'000	38 847	15 968	31 790	253 268	124 024	-51,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	731	283	24	4 436	2 998	-32,4
		R'000	8 261	3 205	2 595	41 689	33 319	-20,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	47 108	19 173	34 385	294 957	157 343	-46,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	134 523	117 104	159 843	1 579 775	801 235	-49,3

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

			Aug 2019	Jul 2020 *	Aug 2020 *	Jan – Aug 2019	Jan – Aug 2020	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	706	703	664	6 438	4 222	-34,4	
		square metres	37 032	34 621	34 466	330 007	213 786	-35,2	
		R'000	215 841	201 649	210 377	1 895 922	1 259 601	-33,6	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	786	628	610	6 683	3 482	-47,9	
		square metres	211 333	148 414	149 299	1 737 164	872 930	-49,7	
		R'000	1 602 683	1 124 243	1 114 243	13 119 962	6 639 347	-49,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2 315	1 529	1 144	19 315	5 209	-73,0	
		square metres	379 509	164 859	124 722	2 742 836	640 847	-76,6	
		R'000	3 107 837	1 367 131	1 111 885	22 576 156	5 529 915	-75,5	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	11 133	4 408	6 730	57 071	25 012	-56,2	
		R'000	122 463	45 584	44 300	492 717	237 375	-51,8	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	5 048 824	2 738 607	2 480 805	38 084 757	13 666 238	-64,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	53 784	9 483	52 661	426 162	323 006	-24,2	
		R'000	540 064	87 200	503 577	4 327 836	3 093 295	-28,5	
	Shopping space	square metres	89 474	3 435	30 575	457 339	138 396	-69,7	
		R'000	792 141	27 087	220 294	4 232 472	1 158 468	-72,6	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	85 593	49 714	51 964	797 925	597 045	-25,2	
		R'000	524 627	305 965	336 762	4 905 940	3 751 067	-23,5	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	41 571	2 381	6 073	323 419	78 811	-75,6	
		R'000	280 075	16 923	43 188	2 288 622	559 102	-75,6	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	2 136 907	437 175	1 103 821	15 754 870	8 561 932	-45,7
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	108 778	54 222	68 775	701 758	425 834	-39,3
R'000			799 547	421 374	550 324	5 177 275	3 186 429	-38,5	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	46 583	20 944	35 942	333 061	222 552	-33,2	
		R'000	441 280	254 854	563 926	3 383 020	2 564 433	-24,2	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	1 240 827	676 228	1 114 250	8 560 295	5 750 862	-32,8	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	8 426 558	3 852 010	4 698 876	62 399 922	27 979 032	-55,2	

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

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

			Aug 2019	Jul 2020 *	Aug 2020 *	Jan – Aug 2019	Jan – Aug 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	217	233	313	1 765	1 228	-30,4
		square metres	10 050	10 416	13 688	81 755	55 713	-31,9
		R'000	59 992	60 663	70 103	489 611	309 926	-36,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	307	269	246	2 067	1 306	-36,8
		square metres	75 751	52 462	58 815	498 238	309 269	-37,9
		R'000	516 091	366 411	403 200	3 421 547	2 125 191	-37,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	800	915	353	4 279	2 152	-49,7
		square metres	79 688	70 453	38 623	492 528	222 316	-54,9
		R'000	635 255	579 168	308 616	3 908 381	1 795 123	-54,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 065	5 601	15 638	7 166	-54,2
		R'000	0	8 811	35 983	124 248	48 427	-61,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 211 338	1 015 053	817 902	7 943 787	4 278 667	-46,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	13 008	3 098	25 999	35 498	45 308	27,6
		R'000	106 919	22 734	217 872	273 173	363 348	33,0
	Shopping space	square metres	67 805	2 421	15 326	95 784	45 956	-52,0
		R'000	593 294	16 955	108 130	823 271	358 856	-56,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	32 652	6 828	6 281	265 327	74 713	-71,8
		R'000	219 674	46 246	48 188	1 815 654	515 364	-71,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	18 232	1 181	5 028	130 150	36 047	-72,3
		R'000	121 387	9 374	36 047	973 767	248 286	-74,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 041 274	95 309	410 237	3 885 865	1 485 854	-61,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	39 774	25 615	39 208	250 033	204 213	-18,3
		R'000	263 606	174 935	305 007	1 629 137	1 390 728	-14,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	19 479	16 604	24 388	138 161	151 954	10,0
		R'000	225 143	209 435	436 135	1 420 814	1 836 789	29,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	488 749	384 370	741 142	3 049 951	3 227 517	5,8
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 741 361	1 494 732	1 969 281	14 879 603	8 992 038	-39,6

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

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

			Aug 2019	Jul 2020 *	Aug 2020 *	Jan – Aug 2019	Jan – Aug 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	5	12	5	191	56	-70,7
		square metres	210	695	268	9 188	3 173	-65,5
		R'000	1 065	3 972	1 664	48 647	19 303	-60,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	52	45	22	443	203	-54,2
		square metres	11 300	7 108	5 163	86 934	42 245	-51,4
		R'000	80 223	51 613	38 216	574 426	299 204	-47,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	7	24	16	178	66	-62,9
		square metres	990	3 531	1 410	18 268	7 562	-58,6
		R'000	6 815	24 716	10 194	118 523	52 623	-55,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	729	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	5 013	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	88 103	80 301	50 074	746 609	371 130	-50,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	8 694	560	-93,6
		R'000	0	0	0	57 226	3 360	-94,1
	Shopping space	square metres	427	0	0	7 289	0	-100,0
		R'000	2 954	0	0	47 968	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 015	1 824	0	44 278	83 953	89,6
		R'000	40 874	12 753	0	288 842	560 188	93,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 348	0	0	27 249	1 786	-93,4
		R'000	9 143	0	0	175 511	9 146	-94,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	52 971	12 753	0	569 547	572 694	0,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	16 297	8 830	8 310	89 997	59 522	-33,9
		R'000	111 845	70 350	59 297	576 179	420 051	-27,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 461	82	22	29 138	12 844	-55,9
		R'000	21 113	1 468	159	214 541	94 889	-55,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	132 958	71 818	59 456	790 720	514 940	-34,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	274 032	164 872	109 530	2 106 876	1 458 764	-30,8

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

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

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

			Aug 2019	Jul 2020 *	Aug 2020 *	Jan – Aug 2019	Jan – Aug 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	1	0	40	1	-97,5
		square metres	66	41	0	2 464	41	-98,3
		R'000	342	353	0	19 579	353	-98,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	5	11	15	66	64	-3,0
		square metres	2 127	2 212	3 703	19 035	14 690	-22,8
		R'000	16 788	19 023	31 846	145 817	121 842	-16,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	3	1	0	22	4	-81,8
		square metres	288	89	0	2 200	471	-78,6
		R'000	2 362	668	0	17 489	3 801	-78,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	500	475	500	5,3
		R'000	0	0	4 300	3 563	4 300	20,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	19 492	20 044	36 146	186 448	130 296	-30,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	372	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	2 790	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	4 775	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	39 155	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	394	0	647	3 811	2 449	-35,7
		R'000	2 044	0	5 564	28 715	18 870	-34,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	464	973	968	-0,5
		R'000	0	0	3 990	7 830	8 123	3,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 044	0	9 554	39 335	66 148	68,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 590	1 022	2 248	19 812	12 770	-35,5
		R'000	37 638	8 789	19 333	154 948	108 482	-30,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	1 638	5 985	1 638	-72,6
		R'000	365	137	14 267	53 318	15 009	-71,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	38 003	8 926	33 600	208 266	123 491	-40,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	59 539	28 970	79 300	434 049	319 935	-26,3

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

			Aug 2019	Jul 2020 *	Aug 2020 *	Jan – Aug 2019	Jan – Aug 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	8	11	78	609,1
		square metres	0	0	456	654	4 740	624,8
		R'000	0	0	3 743	4 379	38 137	770,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	8	3	10	118	89	-24,6
		square metres	1 565	644	2 178	25 565	20 606	-19,4
		R'000	9 466	3 826	14 447	152 379	151 123	-0,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	26	36	38,5
		square metres	0	0	0	1 479	10 313	597,3
		R'000	0	0	0	8 403	83 246	890,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	728	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	4 306	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	9 466	3 826	18 190	169 467	272 506	60,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 390	6 713	382,9
		R'000	0	0	0	6 903	54 187	685,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	234	2 970	1 169,2
		R'000	0	0	0	1 565	23 974	1 431,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	10 943	14 549	33,0
		R'000	0	0	0	69 873	116 179	66,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	478	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	3 692	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	0	82 033	194 340	136,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	849	281	727	21 020	6 542	-68,9
		R'000	4 707	1 668	4 172	118 473	40 718	-65,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	0	2 554	3 440	34,7
		R'000	544	0	0	21 954	39 217	78,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	5 251	1 668	4 172	140 427	79 935	-43,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	14 717	5 494	22 362	391 927	546 781	39,5

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

			Aug 2019	Jul 2020 *	Aug 2020 *	Jan – Aug 2019	Jan – Aug 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	8	7	11	96	60	-37,5
		square metres	377	444	648	5 588	3 749	-32,9
		R'000	3 176	3 890	6 893	47 729	36 656	-23,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	56	31	38	480	294	-38,8
		square metres	17 719	9 906	9 196	154 609	79 807	-48,4
		R'000	188 761	107 805	96 239	1 668 177	829 457	-50,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	70	72	114	1 456	733	-49,7
		square metres	14 328	9 336	14 209	213 254	100 285	-53,0
		R'000	142 719	98 717	160 349	2 338 325	1 064 162	-54,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	11 133	3 343	0	11 133	13 463	20,9
		R'000	122 463	36 773	0	122 463	148 937	21,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	457 119	247 185	263 481	4 176 694	2 079 212	-50,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	23 919	281	21 857	107 108	27 716	-74,1
		R'000	263 109	3 091	240 514	1 168 187	285 823	-75,5
	Shopping space	square metres	2 652	0	5 026	46 669	7 790	-83,3
		R'000	19 890	0	40 208	503 021	61 690	-87,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 037	28 348	13 697	122 259	300 641	145,9
		R'000	24 222	170 088	82 182	739 819	1 807 197	144,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	4 094	157	0	28 758	520	-98,2
		R'000	20 470	1 790	0	178 795	5 821	-96,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	327 691	174 969	362 904	2 589 822	2 160 531	-16,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 401	4 684	6 284	84 721	44 631	-47,3
		R'000	116 787	55 063	68 739	964 932	481 141	-50,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 660	369	2 084	69 562	9 740	-86,0
		R'000	54 977	3 614	47 344	824 713	136 426	-83,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	171 764	58 677	116 083	1 789 645	617 567	-65,5
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	956 574	480 831	742 468	8 556 161	4 857 310	-43,2

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

			Aug 2019	Jul 2020 *	Aug 2020 *	Jan – Aug 2019	Jan – Aug 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	0	7	38	46	21,1
		square metres	389	0	436	2 425	2 891	19,2
		R'000	2 019	0	2 563	13 672	15 772	15,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	54	40	46	631	238	-62,3
		square metres	12 118	10 309	11 271	111 678	49 358	-55,8
		R'000	73 571	68 613	72 639	632 317	316 084	-50,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	32	51	6	389	155	-60,2
		square metres	3 936	5 458	952	32 381	17 149	-47,0
		R'000	24 102	38 895	5 476	189 709	111 248	-41,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	2 709	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	16 467	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	99 692	107 508	80 678	852 165	443 104	-48,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	4 900	4 154	-15,2
		R'000	0	0	0	24 401	23 982	-1,7
	Shopping space	square metres	104	0	10 223	12 569	12 880	2,5
		R'000	540	0	71 956	76 200	86 286	13,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	365	2 020	0	13 317	5 151	-61,3
		R'000	2 008	14 605	0	66 569	30 852	-53,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	702	0	0	10 751	1 533	-85,7
		R'000	3 710	0	0	57 859	8 433	-85,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	6 258	14 605	71 956	225 029	149 553	-33,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 086	789	2 235	32 991	10 187	-69,1
		R'000	33 290	5 091	13 771	195 433	63 413	-67,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	104	0	129	8 733	522	-94,0
		R'000	1 760	0	5 042	53 870	19 571	-63,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	35 050	5 091	18 813	249 303	82 984	-66,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	141 000	127 204	171 447	1 326 497	675 641	-49,1

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

			Aug 2019	Jul 2020 *	Aug 2020 *	Jan – Aug 2019	Jan – Aug 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	416	398	299	3 917	2 578	-34,2
		square metres	22 687	20 272	17 557	205 232	133 832	-34,8
		R'000	131 933	118 297	118 076	1 155 024	788 022	-31,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	232	169	185	2 237	1 001	-55,3
		square metres	72 521	45 318	44 405	663 502	278 924	-58,0
		R'000	600 270	373 306	368 557	5 474 418	2 306 401	-57,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 380	442	543	12 688	1 897	-85,0
		square metres	277 209	74 317	60 674	1 947 870	268 653	-86,2
		R'000	2 278 882	614 875	572 868	15 807 883	2 336 201	-85,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	629	25 141	3 883	-84,6
		R'000	0	0	4 017	213 606	35 711	-83,3
	Total residential buildings		R'000	3 011 085	1 106 478	1 063 518	22 650 931	5 466 335
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	16 857	6 104	4 805	264 584	237 451	-10,3
		R'000	170 036	61 375	45 191	2 773 637	2 356 633	-15,0
	Shopping space	square metres	15 927	1 014	0	263 539	43 346	-83,6
		R'000	159 230	10 132	0	2 576 966	428 364	-83,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	41 265	6 536	30 678	326 008	90 332	-72,3
		R'000	230 817	35 314	196 845	1 833 362	531 201	-71,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	17 195	0	581	119 674	20 460	-82,9
		R'000	125 365	0	3 151	864 483	160 933	-81,4
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	685 448	106 821	245 187	8 048 448	3 477 131
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	26 158	10 840	9 489	163 903	70 114	-57,2
		R'000	204 993	92 241	78 548	1 305 783	583 097	-55,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	20 636	3 691	7 681	72 230	39 614	-45,2
		R'000	121 772	36 428	60 344	510 423	377 109	-26,1
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	326 765	128 669	138 892	1 816 206	960 206
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	4 023 298	1 341 968	1 447 597	32 515 585	9 903 672	-69,5

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

			Aug 2019	Jul 2020 *	Aug 2020 *	Jan – Aug 2019	Jan – Aug 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	48	37	12	324	137	-57,7
		square metres	2 968	1 917	818	19 319	7 357	-61,9
		R'000	15 671	9 437	3 750	98 629	37 857	-61,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	42	29	18	401	151	-62,3
		square metres	9 416	8 054	4 115	115 604	35 949	-68,9
		R'000	66 824	59 484	26 200	708 465	242 042	-65,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	151	26	-82,8
		square metres	0	0	0	21 569	3 306	-84,7
		R'000	0	0	0	113 556	17 521	-84,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	82 495	68 921	29 950	920 650	297 420	-67,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 684	863	-48,8
		R'000	0	0	0	10 860	4 573	-57,9
	Shopping space	square metres	2 559	0	0	25 950	19 715	-24,0
		R'000	16 233	0	0	173 542	154 585	-10,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	2 679	0	5 925	16 809	183,7
		R'000	0	17 148	0	31 221	120 082	284,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	1 043	0	3 536	9 586	171,1
		R'000	0	5 759	0	17 632	72 745	312,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	16 233	22 907	0	233 255	351 985	50,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 609	1 391	95	35 109	14 662	-58,2
		R'000	20 851	8 954	527	209 498	80 896	-61,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	235	198	0	5 164	1 459	-71,7
		R'000	14 060	2 272	135	264 094	30 779	-88,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	34 911	11 226	662	473 592	111 675	-76,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	133 639	103 054	30 612	1 627 497	761 080	-53,2

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

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

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

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

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

			Aug 2019	Jul 2020 *	Aug 2020 *	Jan – Aug 2019	Jan – Aug 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	5	15	9	56	38	-32,1
		square metres	285	836	595	3 382	2 290	-32,3
		R'000	1 643	5 037	3 585	18 652	13 575	-27,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	30	31	30	240	136	-43,3
		square metres	8 816	12 401	10 453	61 999	42 082	-32,1
		R'000	50 689	74 162	62 899	342 416	248 003	-27,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	23	24	112	126	140	11,1
		square metres	3 070	1 675	8 854	13 287	10 792	-18,8
		R'000	17 702	10 092	54 382	73 887	65 990	-10,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	518	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	3 051	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	70 034	89 291	120 866	438 006	327 568	-25,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 932	241	-87,5
		R'000	0	0	0	10 659	1 389	-87,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	5 305	964	-81,8
		R'000	0	0	0	29 939	5 558	-81,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	865	1 479	661	6 057	8 448	39,5
		R'000	4 988	9 811	3 983	31 885	51 134	60,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	1 850	7 911	327,6
		R'000	0	0	0	9 053	45 615	403,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	4 988	9 811	3 983	81 536	103 696	27,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 014	770	179	4 172	3 193	-23,5
		R'000	5 830	4 283	930	22 892	17 903	-21,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	8	0	0	1 534	1 341	-12,6
		R'000	1 546	1 500	500	19 293	14 644	-24,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	7 376	5 783	1 430	42 185	32 547	-22,8
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	82 398	104 885	126 279	561 727	463 811	-17,4

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

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

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Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
	2	In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
Purpose of the survey	3	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
Scope of the survey	4	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	5	Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> , (SIC) Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
Collection rate	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for August 2020 was 83,6%. The improved collection rate for July 2020 was 84,5%.
Statistical unit	7	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	8	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.
Constant prices	9	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2015. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: <i>Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP) Work Groups and Selected Materials Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2016=100) are converted to the base year 2015=100.

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

Glossary

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

Reference period One calendar month.

Residential buildings Buildings that are used primarily as residences. Includes dwelling-houses, flats, townhouses and other residential buildings.

Townhouses Multiple, medium-density dwelling-units including cluster housing, group housing, simplexes, duplexes, triplexes and other similar dwelling-units which are usually grouped together, with one level of each unit on ground level. This category excludes blocks of flats.

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