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## Key findings for January to August 2025

### Building plans passed at current prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2024 and Jan – Aug 2025	% change between Jan – Aug 2024 and Jan – Aug 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>31 595 032</b>	<b>30 156 664</b>	<b>-1 438 368</b>	<b>-4,6</b>
-Dwelling-houses	19 825 700	20 219 478	393 778	2,0
-Flats and townhouses	10 891 491	9 010 285	-1 881 206	-17,3
-Other residential buildings	877 841	926 901	49 060	5,6
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>16 102 240</b>	<b>13 572 921</b>	<b>-2 529 319</b>	<b>-15,7</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	<b>18 335 373</b>	<b>19 427 737</b>	<b>1 092 364</b>	<b>6,0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>66 032 645</b>	<b>63 157 322</b>	<b>-2 875 323</b>	<b>-4,4</b>

The value of building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 4,4% (-R2 875,3 million) during January to August 2025 compared with January to August 2024. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-R2 529,3 million) and residential buildings (-R1 438,4 million). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (R1 092,4 million) – see Table A.

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

Province	Jan – Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2025	Weight Jan – Aug 2024	% change between Jan – Aug 2024 and Jan – Aug 2025	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Aug 2024 and Jan – Aug 2025 <sup>1</sup>	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2024 and Jan – Aug 2025
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	20 010 512	23 029 743	30,3	15,1	4,6	3 019 231
Eastern Cape	3 681 355	4 066 942	5,6	10,5	0,6	385 587
Northern Cape	751 243	628 434	1,1	-16,3	-0,2	-122 809
Free State	1 621 032	1 714 391	2,5	5,8	0,1	93 359
KwaZulu-Natal	10 183 568	9 431 990	15,4	-7,4	-1,1	-751 578
North West	2 741 992	2 220 284	4,2	-19,0	-0,8	-521 708
Gauteng	21 880 965	16 665 666	33,1	-23,8	-7,9	-5 215 299
Mpumalanga	3 671 639	3 801 014	5,6	3,5	0,2	129 375
Limpopo	1 490 339	1 598 858	2,3	7,3	0,2	108 519
<b>Total</b>	<b>66 032 645</b>	<b>63 157 322</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>-4,4</b>	<b>-4,4</b>	<b>-2 875 323</b>

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

The largest negative contributors to the total decrease of 4,4% (-R2 875,3 million) were Gauteng (contributing -7,9 percentage points or -R5 215,3 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -1,1 percentage points or -R751,6 million) and North West (contributing -0,8 of a percentage point or -R521,7 million).

The largest positive contributor was Western Cape (contributing 4,6 percentage points or R3 019,2 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 – Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2024 and Jan – Aug 2025	% change between Jan – Aug 2024 and Jan – Aug 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	23 100 841	21 615 639	-1 485 202	-6,4
Non-residential buildings	11 754 860	9 727 802	-2 027 058	-17,2
Additions and alterations	13 400 397	13 927 078	526 681	3,9
<b>Total</b>	<b>48 256 098</b>	<b>45 270 519</b>	<b>-2 985 579</b>	<b>-6,2</b>

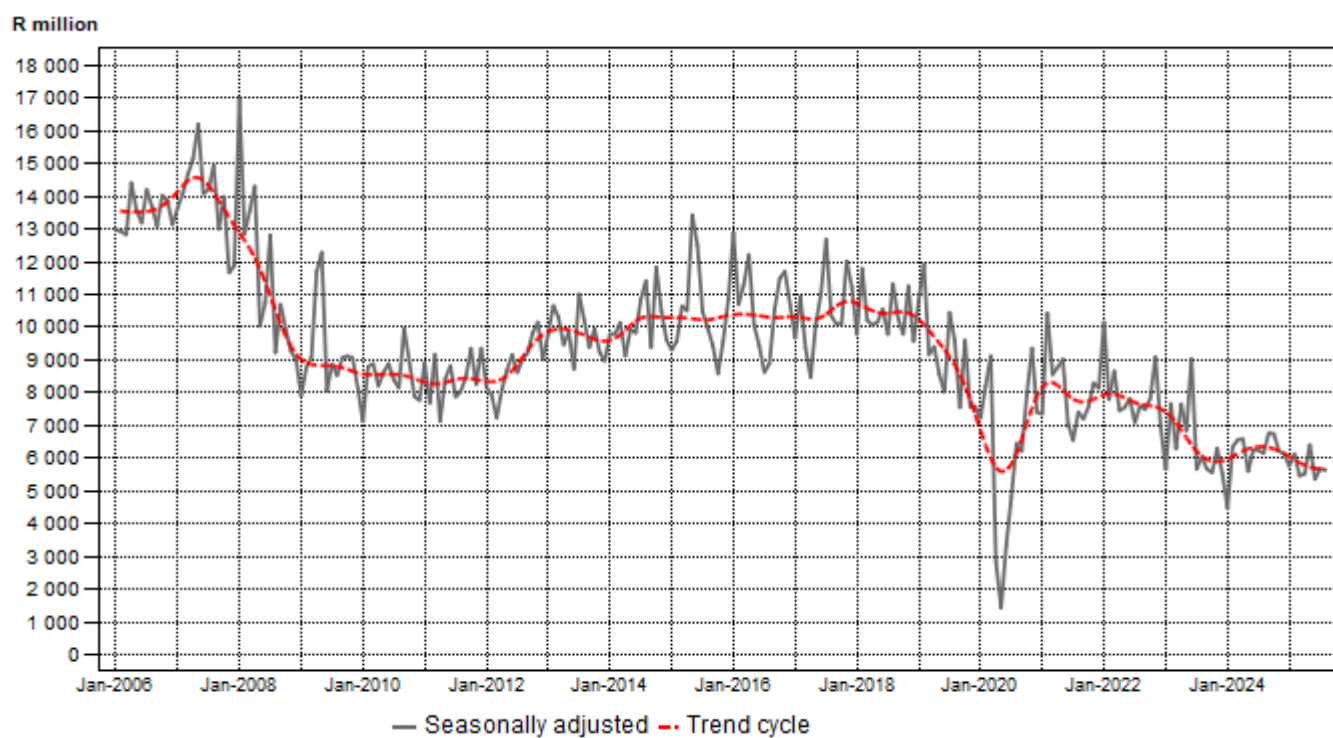
The real value of building plans passed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 6,2% (-R2 985,6 million) during January to August 2025 compared with January to August 2024. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-R2 027,1 million) and residential buildings (-R1 485,2 million). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (R526,7 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	Mar – May 2025	Jun – Aug 2025	% change between Mar – May 2025 and Jun – Aug 2025
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 227 255	8 103 467	-1,5
Non-residential buildings <sup>1</sup>	3 499 266	3 629 866	3,7
Additions and alterations	5 653 607	4 917 513	-13,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>17 380 128</b>	<b>16 650 846</b>	<b>-4,2</b>

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of building plans passed decreased by 4,2% in the three months ended August 2025 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-13,0%) and residential buildings (-1,5%). An increase was reported for non-residential buildings (3,7%) – see Table D.

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

## Buildings reported as completed at current prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2024 and Jan – Aug 2025	% change between Jan – Aug 2024 and Jan – Aug 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>18 510 632</b>	<b>19 616 008</b>	<b>1 105 376</b>	<b>6,0</b>
-Dwelling-houses	12 216 058	11 219 051	-997 007	-8,2
-Flats and townhouses	6 079 173	7 795 866	1 716 693	28,2
-Other residential buildings	215 401	601 091	385 690	179,1
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>7 206 388</b>	<b>7 276 928</b>	<b>70 540</b>	<b>1,0</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	<b>6 900 516</b>	<b>6 033 202</b>	<b>-867 314</b>	<b>-12,6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>32 617 536</b>	<b>32 926 138</b>	<b>308 602</b>	<b>0,9</b>

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 0,9% (R308,6 million) during January to August 2025 compared with January to August 2024. Increases were reported for residential buildings (R1 105,4 million) and non-residential buildings (R70,5 million). A decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-R867,3 million) – see Table E.

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

Province	Jan – Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2025	Weight Jan – Aug 2024	% change between Jan – Aug 2024 and Jan – Aug 2025	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Aug 2024 and Jan – Aug 2025 <sup>1</sup>	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2024 and Jan – Aug 2025
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	9 293 803	10 905 112	28,5	17,3	4,9	1 611 309
Eastern Cape	2 230 576	2 014 697	6,8	-9,7	-0,7	-215 879
Northern Cape	245 260	140 131	0,8	-42,9	-0,3	-105 129
Free State	307 097	186 560	0,9	-39,3	-0,4	-120 537
KwaZulu-Natal	4 770 862	5 092 929	14,6	6,8	1,0	322 067
North West	1 258 302	1 650 170	3,9	31,1	1,2	391 868
Gauteng	13 126 269	11 621 609	40,2	-11,5	-4,6	-1 504 660
Mpumalanga	860 490	554 638	2,6	-35,5	-0,9	-305 852
Limpopo	524 877	760 292	1,6	44,9	0,7	235 415
<b>Total</b>	<b>32 617 536</b>	<b>32 926 138</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>0,9</b>	<b>0,9</b>	<b>308 602</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

Four out of the nine provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to August 2025, of which Western Cape (contributing 4,9 percentage points or R1 611,3 million) and North West (contributing 1,2 percentage points or R391,9 million) were the largest positive contributors.

The largest negative contributor was Gauteng (contributing -4,6 percentage points or -R1 504,7 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 – Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2024 and Jan – Aug 2025	% change between Jan – Aug 2024 and Jan – Aug 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	13 526 783	14 045 605	518 822	3,8
Non-residential buildings	5 260 978	5 224 704	-36 274	-0,7
Additions and alterations	5 043 962	4 321 034	-722 928	-14,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>23 831 723</b>	<b>23 591 343</b>	<b>-240 380</b>	<b>-1,0</b>

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 1,0% (-R240,4 million) during January to August 2025 compared with January to August 2024. Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-R722,9 million) and non-residential buildings (-R36,3 million). An increase was reported for residential buildings (R518,8 million) – see Table G.

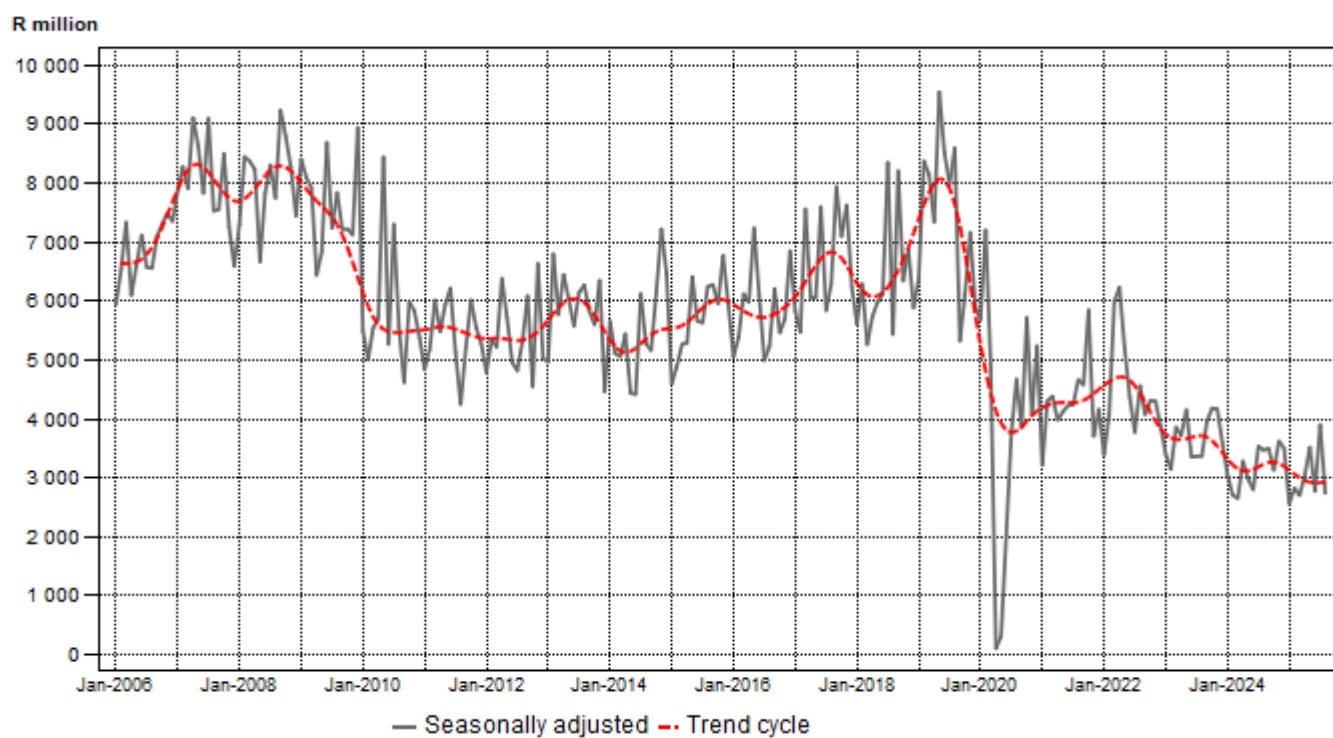
**Table H – Seasonally adjusted buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building**

Type of building	Mar – May 2025	Jun – Aug 2025	% change between Mar – May 2025 and Jun – Aug 2025
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 774 403	5 698 059	-1,3
Non-residential buildings <sup>1</sup>	1 635 030	2 049 271	25,3
Additions and alterations	1 841 686	1 658 676	-9,9
<b>Total</b>	<b>9 251 119</b>	<b>9 406 006</b>	<b>1,7</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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 1,7% in the three months ended August 2025 compared with the previous three months. An increase was reported for non-residential buildings (25,3%). Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-9,9%) and residential buildings (-1,3%) – 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 <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
2024	January	2 641 211	-4,4	646 429	-10,4	1 392 946	-27,7	4 680 586	-13,5
	February	4 987 654	-6,0	1 655 142	-0,6	2 359 384	-10,5	9 002 180	-6,3
	March	3 543 222	-23,9	1 905 469	12,3	2 596 885	20,7	8 045 576	-5,4
	April	4 241 995	-8,1	2 658 595	24,4	2 282 122	0,5	9 182 712	1,8
	May	4 138 159	-6,8	2 040 668	-0,9	1 955 538	-33,9	8 134 365	-14,0
	June	3 769 542	-20,2	2 538 847	-47,3	2 334 452	-15,7	8 642 841	-29,8
	July	3 978 787	-7,4	2 652 065	138,7	2 835 702	15,6	9 466 554	20,4
	August	4 294 462	9,3	2 005 025	-6,1	2 578 344	1,1	8 877 831	3,1
	September	4 892 901	9,2	2 070 383	102,1	2 661 175	11,6	9 624 459	22,0
	October	4 650 594	15,7	2 891 035	162,5	2 743 048	-8,3	10 284 677	26,8
	November	4 243 490	-5,0	1 910 056	14,8	2 557 544	-8,0	8 711 090	-2,3
	December	2 945 291	10,3	1 798 704	15,0	2 256 261	24,3	7 000 256	15,7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>48 327 308</b>	<b>-4,0</b>	<b>24 772 418</b>	<b>14,2</b>	<b>28 553 401</b>	<b>-3,8</b>	<b>101 653 127</b>	<b>-0,1</b>
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	-25,2	2 903 987	2,4	8 963 832	-5,3
	August	4 292 831	0,0	1 793 834	-10,5	2 010 774	-22,0	8 097 439	-8,8

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>3</sup>		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
<b>2024</b>	January	3 593 270	-1,3	646 429	-58,7	1 840 290	-19,7	6 079 989	-18,9
	February	4 530 211	26,1	1 655 142	156,0	2 365 501	28,5	8 550 854	40,6
	March	4 050 968	-10,6	1 905 469	15,1	2 969 694	25,5	8 926 131	4,4
	April	4 079 223	0,7	2 658 595	39,5	2 221 205	-25,2	8 959 023	0,4
	May	3 819 075	-6,4	2 040 668	-23,2	1 829 118	-17,7	7 688 861	-14,2
	June	3 645 683	-4,5	2 538 847	24,4	2 418 245	32,2	8 602 775	11,9
	July	3 565 768	-2,2	2 652 065	4,5	2 368 686	-2,0	8 586 519	-0,2
	August	3 942 565	10,6	2 005 025	-24,4	2 489 768	5,1	8 437 358	-1,7
	September	4 740 514	20,2	2 070 383	3,3	2 479 760	-0,4	9 290 657	10,1
	October	3 922 000	-17,3	2 891 035	39,6	2 376 847	-4,2	9 189 882	-1,1
	November	4 239 302	8,1	1 910 056	-33,9	2 403 835	1,1	8 553 193	-6,9
	December	3 914 393	-7,7	1 798 704	-5,8	2 732 142	13,7	8 445 239	-1,3
<b>2025</b>	January	4 244 556	8,4	1 206 164	-32,9	2 509 197	-8,2	7 959 917	-5,7
	February	3 588 617	-15,5	2 395 437	98,6	2 538 084	1,2	8 522 138	7,1
	March	3 723 694	3,8	1 385 314	-42,2	2 510 829	-1,1	7 619 837	-10,6
	April	3 631 131	-2,5	1 531 377	10,5	2 522 048	0,4	7 684 556	0,8
	May	4 072 858	12,2	1 964 424	28,3	2 848 005	12,9	8 885 287	15,6
	June	3 739 813	-8,2	1 313 123	-33,2	2 373 782	-16,7	7 426 718	-16,4
	July	3 510 283	-6,1	1 983 248	51,0	2 457 497	3,5	7 951 028	7,1
	August	4 060 382	15,7	1 793 834	-9,6	2 052 543	-16,5	7 906 759	-0,6
	<b>Mar – May 25</b>	<b>11 427 683</b>		<b>4 881 115</b>		<b>7 880 882</b>		<b>24 189 680</b>	
	<b>Jun – Aug 25 <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>11 310 478</b>	<b>-1,0</b>	<b>5 090 205</b>	<b>4,3</b>	<b>6 883 822</b>	<b>-12,7</b>	<b>23 284 505</b>	<b>-3,7</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
2024	January	1 957 903	-9,7	479 191	-15,4	1 032 577	-31,7	3 469 671	-18,3
	February	3 686 367	-10,2	1 223 313	-5,0	1 743 817	-14,5	6 653 497	-10,5
	March	2 603 396	-27,1	1 400 051	7,7	1 908 071	15,7	5 911 518	-9,3
	April	3 098 608	-12,4	1 941 998	18,6	1 666 999	-4,2	6 707 605	-3,0
	May	3 005 199	-11,2	1 481 967	-5,7	1 420 144	-37,1	5 907 310	-18,1
	June	2 747 480	-23,9	1 850 472	-49,7	1 701 496	-19,6	6 299 448	-33,1
	July	2 883 179	-11,7	1 921 786	127,6	2 054 857	10,2	6 859 822	14,8
	August	3 118 709	4,9	1 456 082	-9,9	1 872 436	-3,0	6 447 227	-1,1
	September	3 555 887	5,5	1 504 639	95,2	1 933 993	7,8	6 994 519	17,9
	October	3 414 533	13,2	2 122 640	156,7	2 013 985	-10,3	7 551 158	24,0
	November	3 099 701	-7,2	1 395 220	12,1	1 868 184	-10,2	6 363 105	-4,5
	December	2 151 418	8,2	1 313 882	12,9	1 648 109	22,1	5 113 409	13,6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>35 322 380</b>	<b>-7,8</b>	<b>18 091 241</b>	<b>9,6</b>	<b>20 864 668</b>	<b>-7,6</b>	<b>74 278 289</b>	<b>-4,1</b>
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	-26,7	2 063 957	0,4	6 370 883	-7,1
	August	3 051 053	-2,2	1 274 935	-12,4	1 429 122	-23,7	5 755 110	-10,7

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>3</sup>		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
<b>2024</b>	January	2 626 530	-1,5	479 191	-58,8	1 357 718	-19,9	4 463 439	-19,2
	February	3 371 724	28,4	1 223 313	155,3	1 748 570	28,8	6 343 607	42,1
	March	2 977 390	-11,7	1 400 051	14,4	2 182 403	24,8	6 559 844	3,4
	April	3 012 847	1,2	1 941 998	38,7	1 627 483	-25,4	6 582 328	0,3
	May	2 777 893	-7,8	1 481 967	-23,7	1 332 152	-18,1	5 592 012	-15,0
	June	2 649 033	-4,6	1 850 472	24,9	1 757 862	32,0	6 257 367	11,9
	July	2 597 826	-1,9	1 921 786	3,9	1 719 652	-2,2	6 239 264	-0,3
	August	2 878 302	10,8	1 456 082	-24,2	1 812 671	5,4	6 147 055	-1,5
	September	3 446 873	19,8	1 504 639	3,3	1 810 293	-0,1	6 761 805	10,0
	October	2 877 722	-16,5	2 122 640	41,1	1 741 858	-3,8	6 742 220	-0,3
	November	3 066 207	6,5	1 395 220	-34,3	1 752 134	0,6	6 213 561	-7,8
	December	2 827 649	-7,8	1 313 882	-5,8	1 986 165	13,4	6 127 696	-1,4
<b>2025</b>	January	3 054 273	8,0	876 573	-33,3	1 816 406	-8,5	5 747 252	-6,2
	February	2 584 472	-15,4	1 722 097	96,5	1 824 165	0,4	6 130 734	6,7
	March	2 671 188	3,4	988 804	-42,6	1 795 383	-1,6	5 455 375	-11,0
	April	2 616 136	-2,1	1 096 190	10,9	1 804 710	0,5	5 517 036	1,1
	May	2 939 931	12,4	1 414 272	29,0	2 053 514	13,8	6 407 717	16,1
	June	2 697 824	-8,2	945 373	-33,2	1 706 599	-16,9	5 349 796	-16,5
	July	2 510 488	-6,9	1 409 558	49,1	1 748 652	2,5	5 668 698	6,0
	August	2 895 155	15,3	1 274 935	-9,6	1 462 262	-16,4	5 632 352	-0,6
	<b>Mar – May 25</b>	<b>8 227 255</b>		<b>3 499 266</b>		<b>5 653 607</b>		<b>17 380 128</b>	
	<b>Jun – Aug 25 <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>8 103 467</b>	<b>-1,5</b>	<b>3 629 866</b>	<b>3,7</b>	<b>4 917 513</b>	<b>-13,0</b>	<b>16 650 846</b>	<b>-4,2</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
2024	January	1 834 865	14,6	738 235	-49,1	662 252	23,5	3 235 352	-9,9
	February	2 097 005	-13,1	464 909	-18,4	932 878	9,6	3 494 792	-8,9
	March	2 149 921	-21,9	392 388	-77,0	911 912	35,3	3 454 221	-32,7
	April	2 362 554	-6,7	1 461 297	8,4	730 773	5,4	4 554 624	-0,4
	May	2 403 328	-39,4	1 152 721	77,5	577 566	-32,4	4 133 615	-24,4
	June	2 166 878	-23,5	833 237	10,5	744 988	-4,4	3 745 103	-14,2
	July	2 995 552	12,7	818 680	-33,8	1 371 761	93,2	5 185 993	12,6
	August	2 500 529	-18,2	1 344 921	101,1	968 386	28,4	4 813 836	7,4
	September	3 089 032	-13,7	977 587	-21,4	1 044 219	34,3	5 110 838	-8,7
	October	2 825 730	-10,3	746 281	-51,5	895 522	-18,3	4 467 533	-22,8
	November	2 605 899	-26,5	2 003 154	19,3	812 265	-19,9	5 421 318	-13,1
	December	2 331 225	-29,0	1 569 481	162,8	816 420	-3,5	4 717 126	-0,2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>29 362 518</b>	<b>-17,0</b>	<b>12 502 891</b>	<b>-7,0</b>	<b>10 468 942</b>	<b>9,2</b>	<b>52 334 351</b>	<b>-10,4</b>
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	2 709 520	8,4	559 053	-58,4	574 980	-40,6	3 843 553	-20,2

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>3</sup>		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
<b>2024</b>	January	2 583 314	-19,3	738 235	23,6	820 769	-20,8	4 142 318	-14,3
	February	2 322 939	-10,1	464 909	-37,0	877 287	6,9	3 665 135	-11,5
	March	2 304 511	-0,8	392 388	-15,6	919 121	4,8	3 616 020	-1,3
	April	2 328 913	1,1	1 461 297	272,4	682 343	-25,8	4 472 553	23,7
	May	2 399 142	3,0	1 152 721	-21,1	543 583	-20,3	4 095 446	-8,4
	June	2 200 631	-8,3	833 237	-27,7	822 649	51,3	3 856 517	-5,8
	July	2 814 438	27,9	818 680	-1,7	1 218 799	48,2	4 851 917	25,8
	August	2 497 417	-11,3	1 344 921	64,3	928 068	-23,9	4 770 406	-1,7
	September	2 795 089	11,9	977 587	-27,3	1 021 941	10,1	4 794 617	0,5
	October	2 659 564	-4,8	746 281	-23,7	860 290	-15,8	4 266 135	-11,0
	November	2 174 213	-18,2	2 003 154	168,4	784 873	-8,8	4 962 240	16,3
	December	2 278 981	4,8	1 569 481	-21,6	943 705	20,2	4 792 167	-3,4
<b>2025</b>	January	1 802 832	-20,9	1 244 982	-20,7	488 686	-48,2	3 536 500	-26,2
	February	2 508 518	39,1	884 148	-29,0	538 223	10,1	3 930 889	11,2
	March	2 511 737	0,1	569 063	-35,6	700 361	30,1	3 781 161	-3,8
	April	2 950 769	17,5	481 210	-15,4	793 007	13,2	4 224 986	11,7
	May	2 592 220	-12,2	1 228 414	155,3	1 059 539	33,6	4 880 173	15,5
	June	2 109 341	-18,6	1 096 793	-10,7	651 239	-38,5	3 857 373	-21,0
	July	3 171 148	50,3	1 213 265	10,6	1 084 316	66,5	5 468 729	41,8
	August	2 701 350	-14,8	559 053	-53,9	587 418	-45,8	3 847 821	-29,6
	<b>Mar – May 25</b>	<b>8 054 726</b>		<b>2 278 687</b>		<b>2 552 907</b>		<b>12 886 320</b>	
	<b>Jun – Aug 25 <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>7 981 839</b>	<b>-0,9</b>	<b>2 869 111</b>	<b>25,9</b>	<b>2 322 973</b>	<b>-9,0</b>	<b>13 173 923</b>	<b>2,2</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
2024	January	1 360 167	8,2	547 246	-52,0	490 921	16,7	2 398 334	-14,9
	February	1 549 893	-17,0	343 613	-22,0	689 489	4,7	2 582 995	-12,9
	March	1 579 663	-25,1	288 309	-78,0	670 031	29,7	2 538 003	-35,5
	April	1 725 752	-11,1	1 067 419	3,4	533 801	0,5	3 326 972	-5,1
	May	1 745 336	-42,3	837 125	69,0	419 438	-35,6	3 001 899	-28,0
	June	1 579 357	-27,1	607 316	5,3	542 994	-8,9	2 729 667	-18,2
	July	2 170 690	7,5	593 246	-36,9	994 030	84,2	3 757 966	7,4
	August	1 815 925	-21,6	976 704	92,9	703 258	23,2	3 495 887	3,1
	September	2 244 936	-16,6	710 456	-24,1	758 880	29,7	3 714 272	-11,8
	October	2 074 692	-12,3	547 930	-52,5	657 505	-20,1	3 280 127	-24,5
	November	1 903 505	-28,2	1 463 224	16,5	593 327	-21,8	3 960 056	-15,1
	December	1 702 867	-30,3	1 146 443	158,0	596 362	-5,3	3 445 672	-2,0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>21 452 783</b>	<b>-20,1</b>	<b>9 129 031</b>	<b>-10,8</b>	<b>7 650 036</b>	<b>5,1</b>	<b>38 231 850</b>	<b>-13,8</b>
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	1 925 743	6,0	397 337	-59,3	408 657	-41,9	2 731 737	-21,9

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>3</sup>		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
<b>2024</b>	January	1 901 875	-19,9	547 246	23,1	599 707	-22,6	3 048 828	-15,2
	February	1 716 003	-9,8	343 613	-37,2	643 347	7,3	2 702 963	-11,3
	March	1 690 945	-1,5	288 309	-16,1	671 024	4,3	2 650 278	-1,9
	April	1 707 970	1,0	1 067 419	270,2	507 957	-24,3	3 283 346	23,9
	May	1 740 226	1,9	837 125	-21,6	398 425	-21,6	2 975 776	-9,4
	June	1 599 227	-8,1	607 316	-27,5	591 761	48,5	2 798 304	-6,0
	July	2 045 194	27,9	593 246	-2,3	893 142	50,9	3 531 582	26,2
	August	1 817 022	-11,2	976 704	64,6	674 600	-24,5	3 468 326	-1,8
	September	2 039 920	12,3	710 456	-27,3	747 940	10,9	3 498 316	0,9
	October	1 952 158	-4,3	547 930	-22,9	627 980	-16,0	3 128 068	-10,6
	November	1 587 958	-18,7	1 463 224	167,0	570 116	-9,2	3 621 298	15,8
	December	1 661 242	4,6	1 146 443	-21,6	690 304	21,1	3 497 989	-3,4
<b>2025</b>	January	1 300 966	-21,7	904 783	-21,1	351 202	-49,1	2 556 951	-26,9
	February	1 802 633	38,6	635 620	-29,7	384 256	9,4	2 822 509	10,4
	March	1 794 727	-0,4	406 183	-36,1	498 873	29,8	2 699 783	-4,3
	April	2 116 156	17,9	344 460	-15,2	572 799	14,8	3 033 415	12,4
	May	1 863 520	-11,9	884 387	156,7	770 014	34,4	3 517 921	16,0
	June	1 513 881	-18,8	789 628	-10,7	464 281	-39,7	2 767 790	-21,3
	July	2 260 166	49,3	862 306	9,2	776 625	67,3	3 899 097	40,9
	August	1 924 012	-14,9	397 337	-53,9	417 770	-46,2	2 739 119	-29,7
	<b>Mar – May 25</b>	<b>5 774 403</b>		<b>1 635 030</b>		<b>1 841 686</b>		<b>9 251 119</b>	
	<b>Jun – Aug 25 <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>5 698 059</b>	<b>-1,3</b>	<b>2 049 271</b>	<b>25,3</b>	<b>1 658 676</b>	<b>-9,9</b>	<b>9 406 006</b>	<b>1,7</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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**

			Aug 2024	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	617	624	791	3 901	4 539	16,4
		square metres	29 913	31 138	38 323	193 255	222 898	15,3
		R'000	227 591	248 289	284 492	1 491 420	1 670 482	12,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	939	1 017	1 012	7 451	7 558	1,4
		square metres	303 127	298 791	280 334	2 160 678	2 173 027	0,6
		R'000	2 635 090	2 549 028	2 417 225	18 334 280	18 548 996	1,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 475	1 144	1 503	11 144	9 121	-18,2
		square metres	150 054	115 567	158 968	1 099 690	925 470	-15,8
		R'000	1 393 662	1 061 450	1 479 636	10 891 491	9 010 285	-17,3
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	4 800	26 286	14 734	96 019	102 373	6,6
		R'000	38 119	217 830	111 478	877 841	926 901	5,6
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>4 294 462</b>	<b>4 076 597</b>	<b>4 292 831</b>	<b>31 595 032</b>	<b>30 156 664</b>	<b>-4,6</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	4 223	50 892	23 732	146 149	155 472	6,4
		R'000	24 958	562 454	233 038	1 445 016	1 656 533	14,6
	Shopping space	square metres	12 586	30 522	67 306	504 589	315 568	-37,5
		R'000	106 442	243 677	589 854	5 006 734	2 626 671	-47,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	251 072	122 078	101 455	1 053 448	978 535	-7,1
		R'000	1 737 043	824 044	706 620	7 741 289	7 230 952	-6,6
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	16 113	38 298	30 572	228 230	240 321	5,3
		R'000	136 582	353 073	264 322	1 909 201	2 058 765	7,8
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 005 025</b>	<b>1 983 248</b>	<b>1 793 834</b>	<b>16 102 240</b>	<b>13 572 921</b>	<b>-15,7</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	210 112	192 275	173 555	1 491 436	1 472 622	-1,3
		R'000	1 826 311	1 680 618	1 490 426	12 744 850	12 882 065	1,1
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	67 653	108 154	45 359	516 302	573 599	11,1
		R'000	752 033	1 223 369	520 348	5 590 523	6 545 672	17,1
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 578 344</b>	<b>2 903 987</b>	<b>2 010 774</b>	<b>18 335 373</b>	<b>19 427 737</b>	<b>6,0</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>8 877 831</b>	<b>8 963 832</b>	<b>8 097 439</b>	<b>66 032 645</b>	<b>63 157 322</b>	<b>-4,4</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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**

			Aug 2024	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	165	297	206	1 089	1 510	38,7	
		square metres	7 011	13 161	9 650	50 228	69 454	38,3	
		R'000	49 548	94 515	73 980	351 270	507 118	44,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	385	408	426	2 831	3 451	21,9	
		square metres	106 998	107 970	106 040	749 409	888 726	18,6	
		R'000	865 124	837 011	852 730	5 825 850	6 805 949	16,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	753	667	783	4 494	4 595	2,2	
		square metres	80 522	55 004	72 033	448 534	415 945	-7,3	
		R'000	716 392	500 299	639 870	4 273 039	3 783 937	-11,4	
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	1 847	20 020	8 272	20 000	48 479	142,4	
		R'000	15 599	160 010	63 359	165 599	418 931	153,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 646 663	1 591 835	1 629 939	10 615 758	11 515 935	8,5
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 062	24 732	13 422	36 900	69 860	89,3
R'000			8 281	211 044	125 967	311 134	641 002	106,0	
Shopping space		square metres	3 872	9 310	35 477	97 099	122 241	25,9	
		R'000	32 015	87 445	282 833	1 030 738	1 017 785	-1,3	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	62 947	4 467	30 423	225 162	216 492	-3,9	
		R'000	465 774	33 152	237 987	1 668 931	1 630 654	-2,3	
Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>		square metres	5 001	10 199	11 985	65 802	120 301	82,8	
		R'000	38 045	79 279	91 566	502 044	969 140	93,0	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	544 115	410 920	738 353	3 512 847	4 258 581	21,2	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	86 812	77 688	76 372	522 727	604 296	15,6	
		R'000	648 900	599 905	606 683	3 844 745	4 709 471	22,5	
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	24 166	22 262	20 180	160 226	181 361	13,2	
		R'000	311 318	311 321	263 826	2 037 162	2 545 756	25,0	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	960 218	911 226	870 509	5 881 907	7 255 227	23,3
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 150 996	2 913 981	3 238 801	20 010 512	23 029 743	15,1	

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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**

			Aug 2024	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	28	47	199	218	581	166,5
		square metres	1 402	2 463	8 316	9 550	25 146	163,3
		R'000	11 355	20 206	73 705	71 840	216 762	201,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	71	87	62	453	424	-6,4
		square metres	25 388	24 807	14 575	125 851	115 571	-8,2
		R'000	217 684	214 112	131 428	1 055 288	1 012 593	-4,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	10	45	16	185	204	10,3
		square metres	1 768	4 980	3 595	24 060	35 313	46,8
		R'000	14 877	41 097	32 405	195 108	288 557	47,9
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	439	1 660	439	-73,6
		R'000	0	0	3 804	15 256	3 804	-75,1
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>243 916</b>	<b>275 415</b>	<b>241 342</b>	<b>1 337 492</b>	<b>1 521 716</b>	<b>13,8</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	8 252	4 386	-46,8
		R'000	0	0	0	52 079	37 522	-28,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	3 177	0	4 594	6 870	49,5
		R'000	0	27 193	0	36 122	59 200	63,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	12 006	2 608	1 045	70 176	107 617	53,4
		R'000	102 431	21 951	9 057	580 546	932 446	60,6
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	1 192	2 494	98	11 275	12 175	8,0
		R'000	10 331	23 345	849	88 182	106 683	21,0
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>112 762</b>	<b>72 489</b>	<b>9 906</b>	<b>756 929</b>	<b>1 135 851</b>	<b>50,1</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 184	7 378	10 897	120 066	106 922	-10,9
		R'000	103 676	61 267	95 496	980 944	913 466	-6,9
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	10 740	7 895	5 226	69 714	53 962	-22,6
		R'000	92 909	69 532	51 931	605 990	495 909	-18,2
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>196 585</b>	<b>130 799</b>	<b>147 427</b>	<b>1 586 934</b>	<b>1 409 375</b>	<b>-11,2</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>553 263</b>	<b>478 703</b>	<b>398 675</b>	<b>3 681 355</b>	<b>4 066 942</b>	<b>10,5</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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**

			Aug 2024	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	4	2	205	70	-65,9
		square metres	63	182	101	8 436	2 939	-65,2
		R'000	623	1 530	996	79 524	28 801	-63,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	13	12	19	109	116	6,4
		square metres	2 088	2 017	5 417	21 242	25 117	18,2
		R'000	19 171	18 634	42 703	183 054	214 845	17,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	6	0	-100,0
		square metres	0	0	0	1 148	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	10 151	0	-100,0
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	409	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	3 850	0	-100,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>19 794</b>	<b>20 164</b>	<b>43 699</b>	<b>276 579</b>	<b>243 646</b>	<b>-11,9</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 977	83	-95,8
		R'000	0	0	0	16 104	821	-94,9
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	8 900	3 338	14 876	345,7
		R'000	0	0	57 850	31 411	107 415	242,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 400	0	2 470	23 739	3 742	-84,2
		R'000	33 636	0	24 436	225 087	37 020	-83,6
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	2 297	1 391	319	2 773	2 553	-7,9
		R'000	22 724	9 042	3 156	27 433	20 538	-25,1
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>56 360</b>	<b>9 042</b>	<b>85 442</b>	<b>300 035</b>	<b>165 794</b>	<b>-44,7</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 490	2 348	1 605	15 920	14 025	-11,9
		R'000	14 472	22 968	15 470	143 030	131 672	-7,9
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	281	991	499	3 167	7 765	145,2
		R'000	3 276	8 254	5 935	31 599	87 322	176,3
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>17 748</b>	<b>31 222</b>	<b>21 405</b>	<b>174 629</b>	<b>218 994</b>	<b>25,4</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>93 902</b>	<b>60 428</b>	<b>150 546</b>	<b>751 243</b>	<b>628 434</b>	<b>-16,3</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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**

			Aug 2024	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	31	48	24	214	335	56,5
		square metres	1 453	2 088	1 153	9 461	14 619	54,5
		R'000	9 170	12 135	8 668	55 340	96 099	73,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	47	33	40	288	301	4,5
		square metres	12 309	7 504	12 487	73 518	73 713	0,3
		R'000	103 950	64 669	109 991	633 121	633 120	0,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	4	3	88	110	25,0
		square metres	0	225	164	10 230	11 909	16,4
		R'000	0	2 275	1 658	98 423	114 095	15,9
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	3 969	1 807	1 092	9 393	760,2
		R'000	0	37 491	12 876	9 781	83 290	751,5
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>113 120</b>	<b>116 570</b>	<b>133 193</b>	<b>796 665</b>	<b>926 604</b>	<b>16,3</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	241	2 024	990	-51,1
		R'000	0	0	2 437	16 767	8 325	-50,3
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	523	16 684	9 327	-44,1
		R'000	0	0	4 382	106 447	77 957	-26,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 036	3 118	2 251	11 922	18 497	55,2
		R'000	8 681	21 694	18 861	92 265	133 933	45,2
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	300	254	12 367	5 335	-56,9
		R'000	0	3 034	2 568	90 153	53 947	-40,2
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>8 681</b>	<b>24 728</b>	<b>28 248</b>	<b>305 632</b>	<b>274 162</b>	<b>-10,3</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 447	4 833	3 837	45 688	41 248	-9,7
		R'000	67 764	43 646	34 065	390 343	362 378	-7,2
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	2 456	879	1 647	15 073	16 550	9,8
		R'000	22 743	14 599	13 432	128 392	151 247	17,8
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>90 507</b>	<b>58 245</b>	<b>47 497</b>	<b>518 735</b>	<b>513 625</b>	<b>-1,0</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>212 308</b>	<b>199 543</b>	<b>208 938</b>	<b>1 621 032</b>	<b>1 714 391</b>	<b>5,8</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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**

			Aug 2024	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	19	17	13	115	93	-19,1
		square metres	817	1 166	599	5 515	5 502	-0,2
		R'000	6 527	10 202	5 629	45 391	45 118	-0,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	83	95	90	653	608	-6,9
		square metres	23 117	43 663	31 268	210 104	240 630	14,5
		R'000	261 549	441 096	337 851	2 175 639	2 556 142	17,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	431	161	219	1 869	1 275	-31,8
		square metres	39 552	21 099	27 263	210 820	153 709	-27,1
		R'000	382 253	185 367	322 808	2 086 742	1 615 892	-22,6
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	770	1 494	518	31 607	25 866	-18,2
		R'000	6 930	14 237	4 144	384 704	285 128	-25,9
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>657 259</b>	<b>650 902</b>	<b>670 432</b>	<b>4 692 476</b>	<b>4 502 280</b>	<b>-4,1</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 580	0	8 847	24 668	14 889	-39,6
		R'000	12 900	0	97 317	241 913	159 704	-34,0
	Shopping space	square metres	3 152	1 996	1 163	110 971	17 532	-84,2
		R'000	27 008	16 997	12 793	1 164 648	162 148	-86,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	11 222	81 771	28 125	100 930	179 344	77,7
		R'000	69 734	501 058	167 275	655 873	1 158 758	76,7
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	1 645	382	7 825	38 129	29 188	-23,4
		R'000	17 399	4 202	86 075	409 195	310 667	-24,1
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>127 041</b>	<b>522 257</b>	<b>363 460</b>	<b>2 471 629</b>	<b>1 791 277</b>	<b>-27,5</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	28 374	24 283	18 799	190 674	188 402	-1,2
		R'000	303 628	268 294	193 003	2 041 213	2 044 796	0,2
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	5 773	29 148	5 472	76 391	87 846	15,0
		R'000	82 292	349 525	75 003	978 250	1 093 637	11,8
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>385 920</b>	<b>617 819</b>	<b>268 006</b>	<b>3 019 463</b>	<b>3 138 433</b>	<b>3,9</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 170 220</b>	<b>1 790 978</b>	<b>1 301 898</b>	<b>10 183 568</b>	<b>9 431 990</b>	<b>-7,4</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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**

			Aug 2024	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	7	3	3	51	33	-35,3
		square metres	363	202	177	2 806	1 955	-30,3
		R'000	2 515	1 399	1 196	19 647	13 169	-33,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	43	79	39	409	350	-14,4
		square metres	15 508	21 479	10 707	115 242	93 594	-18,8
		R'000	109 523	160 244	72 359	847 466	691 073	-18,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	42	57	125	166	321	93,4
		square metres	1 428	9 219	18 286	10 613	44 211	316,6
		R'000	9 282	73 979	142 128	77 044	341 192	342,9
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	1 135	0	0	29 467	364	-98,8
		R'000	6 559	0	0	210 138	2 366	-98,9
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>127 879</b>	<b>235 622</b>	<b>215 683</b>	<b>1 154 295</b>	<b>1 047 800</b>	<b>-9,2</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	581	0	954	1 774	2 387	34,6
		R'000	3 777	0	5 304	11 746	15 035	28,0
	Shopping space	square metres	1 343	1 778	2 036	83 656	18 783	-77,5
		R'000	7 761	12 314	13 598	683 154	127 381	-81,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 812	543	577	24 515	33 437	36,4
		R'000	40 377	3 560	3 751	184 878	222 809	20,5
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	0	367	12 068	1 802	-85,1
		R'000	0	0	2 386	96 898	11 717	-87,9
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>51 915</b>	<b>15 874</b>	<b>25 039</b>	<b>976 676</b>	<b>376 942</b>	<b>-61,4</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 906	9 154	8 080	61 947	48 730	-21,3
		R'000	58 061	64 437	53 245	433 066	330 889	-23,6
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	4 949	6 196	3 631	14 206	31 565	122,2
		R'000	41 979	68 848	37 142	177 955	464 653	161,1
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>100 040</b>	<b>133 285</b>	<b>90 387</b>	<b>611 021</b>	<b>795 542</b>	<b>30,2</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>279 834</b>	<b>384 781</b>	<b>331 109</b>	<b>2 741 992</b>	<b>2 220 284</b>	<b>-19,0</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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**

			Aug 2024	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	334	200	326	1 894	1 800	-5,0
		square metres	16 758	11 367	17 244	99 999	96 246	-3,8
		R'000	129 671	104 259	111 642	812 649	704 641	-13,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	196	201	210	1 837	1 585	-13,7
		square metres	69 161	53 066	55 648	555 278	477 779	-14,0
		R'000	688 912	515 223	535 300	5 382 786	4 659 209	-13,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	234	139	243	4 008	2 326	-42,0
		square metres	24 689	16 969	18 883	363 445	220 575	-39,3
		R'000	255 726	188 725	206 723	3 931 931	2 550 404	-35,1
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	1 048	418	1 518	4 794	8 497	77,2
		R'000	9 031	3 200	12 928	43 134	68 622	59,1
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 083 340</b>	<b>811 407</b>	<b>866 593</b>	<b>10 170 500</b>	<b>7 982 876</b>	<b>-21,5</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	25 645	0	52 836	58 932	11,5
		R'000	0	346 570	0	675 839	765 826	13,3
	Shopping space	square metres	2 406	946	18 282	140 630	51 026	-63,7
		R'000	27 646	10 432	212 385	1 617 892	564 108	-65,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	142 055	22 710	31 124	469 593	327 294	-30,3
		R'000	933 938	184 424	204 607	3 486 313	2 427 965	-30,4
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	2 330	11 568	5 049	61 845	26 147	-57,7
		R'000	24 371	127 299	41 883	535 010	260 143	-51,4
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>985 955</b>	<b>668 725</b>	<b>458 875</b>	<b>6 315 054</b>	<b>4 018 042</b>	<b>-36,4</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	47 343	46 023	37 228	409 906	343 918	-16,1
		R'000	496 821	465 625	373 664	4 049 391	3 484 736	-13,9
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	16 012	27 624	3 907	144 947	125 502	-13,4
		R'000	164 837	309 656	40 329	1 346 020	1 180 012	-12,3
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>661 658</b>	<b>775 281</b>	<b>413 993</b>	<b>5 395 411</b>	<b>4 664 748</b>	<b>-13,5</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 730 953</b>	<b>2 255 413</b>	<b>1 739 461</b>	<b>21 880 965</b>	<b>16 665 666</b>	<b>-23,8</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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**

			Aug 2024	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	30	7	15	95	90	-5,3
		square metres	1 909	433	852	6 009	5 352	-10,9
		R'000	17 192	3 472	7 007	47 365	46 325	-2,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	68	76	83	589	474	-19,5
		square metres	34 942	29 484	27 241	203 078	166 069	-18,2
		R'000	272 099	234 421	208 763	1 471 514	1 300 344	-11,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	55	6	191	136	-28,8
		square metres	0	5 966	1 488	14 617	20 443	39,9
		R'000	0	55 240	9 404	102 483	150 618	47,0
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	2 180	6 252	7 451	19,2
		R'000	0	0	14 367	40 582	52 125	28,4
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>289 291</b>	<b>293 133</b>	<b>239 541</b>	<b>1 661 944</b>	<b>1 549 412</b>	<b>-6,8</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	515	0	7 639	2 918	-61,8
		R'000	0	4 840	0	50 085	20 803	-58,5
	Shopping space	square metres	1 813	10 514	925	36 349	62 540	72,1
		R'000	12 012	69 064	6 013	255 185	420 087	64,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	12 594	5 200	0	112 536	68 583	-39,1
		R'000	82 472	46 782	0	744 916	515 889	-30,7
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	3 648	11 964	0	9 464	15 149	60,1
		R'000	23 712	106 872	0	63 568	128 023	101,4
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>118 196</b>	<b>227 558</b>	<b>6 013</b>	<b>1 113 754</b>	<b>1 084 802</b>	<b>-2,6</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 785	16 580	15 577	102 191	107 500	5,2
		R'000	105 917	125 541	110 231	704 368	778 699	10,6
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	3 017	8 202	4 664	21 548	51 284	138,0
		R'000	29 808	54 470	31 789	191 573	388 101	102,6
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>135 725</b>	<b>180 011</b>	<b>142 020</b>	<b>895 941</b>	<b>1 166 800</b>	<b>30,2</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>543 212</b>	<b>700 702</b>	<b>387 574</b>	<b>3 671 639</b>	<b>3 801 014</b>	<b>3,5</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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**

			Aug 2024	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	1	3	20	27	35,0
		square metres	137	76	231	1 251	1 685	34,7
		R'000	990	571	1 669	8 394	12 449	48,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	33	26	43	282	249	-11,7
		square metres	13 616	8 801	16 951	106 956	91 828	-14,1
		R'000	97 078	63 618	126 100	759 562	675 721	-11,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	5	16	108	137	154	12,4
		square metres	2 095	2 105	17 256	16 223	23 365	44,0
		R'000	15 132	14 468	124 640	116 570	165 590	42,1
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	385	0	738	1 884	155,3
		R'000	0	2 892	0	4 797	12 635	163,4
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>113 200</b>	<b>81 549</b>	<b>252 409</b>	<b>889 323</b>	<b>866 395</b>	<b>-2,6</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	268	10 079	1 027	-89,8
		R'000	0	0	2 013	69 349	7 495	-89,2
	Shopping space	square metres	0	2 801	0	11 268	12 373	9,8
		R'000	0	20 232	0	81 137	90 590	11,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	1 661	5 440	14 875	23 529	58,2
		R'000	0	11 423	40 646	102 480	171 478	67,3
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	0	4 675	14 507	27 671	90,7
		R'000	0	0	35 839	96 718	197 907	104,6
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31 655</b>	<b>78 498</b>	<b>349 684</b>	<b>467 470</b>	<b>33,7</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 771	3 988	1 160	22 317	17 581	-21,2
		R'000	27 072	28 935	8 569	157 750	125 958	-20,2
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	259	4 957	133	11 030	17 764	61,1
		R'000	2 871	37 164	961	93 582	139 035	48,6
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>29 943</b>	<b>66 099</b>	<b>9 530</b>	<b>251 332</b>	<b>264 993</b>	<b>5,4</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>143 143</b>	<b>179 303</b>	<b>340 437</b>	<b>1 490 339</b>	<b>1 598 858</b>	<b>7,3</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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**

			Aug 2024	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	445	411	675	3 274	3 305	0,9
		square metres	23 400	21 373	31 695	170 255	160 855	-5,5
		R'000	191 666	170 205	218 355	1 225 536	1 172 574	-4,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	650	655	582	4 888	4 258	-12,9
		square metres	166 715	177 414	162 650	1 270 386	1 141 555	-10,1
		R'000	1 449 778	1 596 809	1 396 639	10 990 522	10 046 477	-8,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	962	1 849	985	6 821	8 306	21,8
		square metres	86 999	168 439	108 826	639 216	814 324	27,4
		R'000	835 705	1 502 607	1 092 745	6 079 173	7 795 866	28,2
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	3 330	10 054	262	27 324	66 475	143,3
		R'000	23 380	115 202	1 781	215 401	601 091	179,1
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 500 529</b>	<b>3 384 823</b>	<b>2 709 520</b>	<b>18 510 632</b>	<b>19 616 008</b>	<b>6,0</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	3 716	2 475	1 439	79 467	86 418	8,7
		R'000	26 406	19 457	13 587	815 292	912 597	11,9
	Shopping space	square metres	45 912	71 482	9 082	196 332	222 269	13,2
		R'000	516 031	699 563	69 687	2 043 637	1 862 507	-8,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	101 121	60 042	65 221	514 315	557 747	8,4
		R'000	779 326	423 349	464 271	3 806 005	3 899 761	2,5
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	2 830	8 200	1 394	69 726	73 370	5,2
		R'000	23 158	70 896	11 508	541 454	602 063	11,2
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 344 921</b>	<b>1 213 265</b>	<b>559 053</b>	<b>7 206 388</b>	<b>7 276 928</b>	<b>1,0</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	60 513	93 102	48 188	468 261	397 883	-15,0
		R'000	538 419	818 655	411 089	4 014 564	3 498 519	-12,9
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	46 624	45 756	11 353	265 648	216 892	-18,4
		R'000	429 967	444 314	163 891	2 885 952	2 534 683	-12,2
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>968 386</b>	<b>1 262 969</b>	<b>574 980</b>	<b>6 900 516</b>	<b>6 033 202</b>	<b>-12,6</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>4 813 836</b>	<b>5 861 057</b>	<b>3 843 553</b>	<b>32 617 536</b>	<b>32 926 138</b>	<b>0,9</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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**

			Aug 2024	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	149	129	206	1 076	758	-29,6
		square metres	6 462	5 739	9 149	48 861	34 864	-28,6
		R'000	42 922	47 708	70 140	317 055	247 060	-22,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	253	218	252	1 832	1 638	-10,6
		square metres	62 045	57 065	78 364	459 798	442 645	-3,7
		R'000	464 432	430 289	586 621	3 424 228	3 382 647	-1,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	310	888	357	2 214	3 850	73,9
		square metres	26 486	91 232	44 198	243 486	396 476	62,8
		R'000	240 245	753 571	382 554	2 085 128	3 447 138	65,3
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	2 669	326	76	18 723	45 332	142,1
		R'000	16 626	2 477	572	129 751	390 943	201,3
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>764 225</b>	<b>1 234 045</b>	<b>1 039 887</b>	<b>5 956 162</b>	<b>7 467 788</b>	<b>25,4</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	12 021	15 343	27,6
		R'000	0	0	0	109 603	114 137	4,1
	Shopping space	square metres	2 232	36 131	3 145	20 027	40 843	103,9
		R'000	16 122	324 941	26 760	154 786	365 471	136,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	49 390	0	18 980	110 904	121 298	9,4
		R'000	355 557	0	149 433	816 100	897 677	10,0
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	1 305	5 731	794	44 526	27 215	-38,9
		R'000	9 651	43 953	7 193	289 868	204 773	-29,4
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>381 330</b>	<b>368 894</b>	<b>183 386</b>	<b>1 370 357</b>	<b>1 582 058</b>	<b>15,4</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	17 280	18 702	20 360	135 837	122 081	-10,1
		R'000	125 036	141 034	151 014	992 364	915 010	-7,8
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	26 850	15 504	7 780	99 314	72 697	-26,8
		R'000	215 721	166 684	108 820	974 920	940 256	-3,6
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>340 757</b>	<b>307 718</b>	<b>259 834</b>	<b>1 967 284</b>	<b>1 855 266</b>	<b>-5,7</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 486 312</b>	<b>1 910 657</b>	<b>1 483 107</b>	<b>9 293 803</b>	<b>10 905 112</b>	<b>17,3</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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**

			Aug 2024	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	62	9	24	213	292	37,1
		square metres	2 783	485	1 220	10 834	12 023	11,0
		R'000	24 080	3 894	10 573	89 640	94 091	5,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	38	70	23	318	203	-36,2
		square metres	7 606	16 661	4 824	79 142	51 103	-35,4
		R'000	65 487	146 279	46 877	661 598	450 073	-32,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1	87	23	375	132	-64,8
		square metres	107	6 389	2 984	23 753	11 952	-49,7
		R'000	927	56 473	26 694	191 226	106 215	-44,5
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	398	0	0	5 129	..
		R'000	0	3 449	0	0	45 175	..
	Total residential buildings		R'000	90 494	210 095	84 144	942 464	695 554
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 554	1 670	7,5
		R'000	0	0	0	12 816	14 408	12,4
	Shopping space	square metres	7 157	0	0	8 032	13 028	62,2
		R'000	60 110	0	0	67 458	109 207	61,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 843	2 572	0	8 567	4 791	-44,1
		R'000	41 974	22 292	0	71 762	41 523	-42,1
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	2 654	3 582	35,0
		R'000	0	0	0	21 132	32 764	55,0
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	102 084	22 292	0	173 168	197 902	14,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 447	42 741	7 845	91 794	87 673	-4,5
		R'000	81 580	367 149	69 210	764 222	752 009	-1,6
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	3 009	12 181	1 284	36 902	38 743	5,0
		R'000	28 404	117 037	15 139	350 722	369 232	5,3
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	109 984	484 186	84 349	1 114 944	1 121 241
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	302 562	716 573	168 493	2 230 576	2 014 697	-9,7

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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**

			Aug 2024	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	0	0	5	2	-60,0
		square metres	71	0	0	278	123	-55,8
		R'000	702	0	0	2 670	1 217	-54,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	3	2	3	32	20	-37,5
		square metres	621	460	495	5 813	3 756	-35,4
		R'000	4 033	4 551	4 897	53 118	37 158	-30,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	0	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	1 164	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	10 957	0	-100,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>4 735</b>	<b>4 551</b>	<b>4 897</b>	<b>66 745</b>	<b>38 375</b>	<b>-42,5</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	584	1 074	584	-45,6
		R'000	0	0	5 778	10 109	5 778	-42,8
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	578	3 585	869	-75,8
		R'000	0	0	5 718	33 746	8 597	-74,5
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	193	59	-69,4
		R'000	0	0	0	1 817	584	-67,9
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11 496</b>	<b>45 672</b>	<b>14 959</b>	<b>-67,2</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 948	1 238	522	10 943	6 205	-43,3
		R'000	19 272	12 248	5 164	104 921	60 177	-42,6
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	66	1 471	68	2 785	2 615	-6,1
		R'000	973	14 823	743	27 922	26 620	-4,7
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>20 245</b>	<b>27 071</b>	<b>5 907</b>	<b>132 843</b>	<b>86 797</b>	<b>-34,7</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>24 980</b>	<b>31 622</b>	<b>22 300</b>	<b>245 260</b>	<b>140 131</b>	<b>-42,9</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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**

			Aug 2024	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	1	7	6	14	133,3
		square metres	228	72	382	392	810	106,6
		R'000	2 306	728	3 863	3 884	8 191	110,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	11	7	6	67	51	-23,9
		square metres	3 206	1 608	1 101	15 259	11 332	-25,7
		R'000	28 670	15 950	9 659	127 722	104 294	-18,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	20	0	43	50	16,3
		square metres	0	3 155	0	7 178	5 840	-18,6
		R'000	0	31 903	0	72 605	59 054	-18,7
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	991	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	7 654	0	-100,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>30 976</b>	<b>48 581</b>	<b>13 522</b>	<b>211 865</b>	<b>171 539</b>	<b>-19,0</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	277	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	2 665	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	361	0	1 017	361	-64,5
		R'000	0	2 347	0	9 287	2 347	-74,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	107	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	1 082	0	-100,0
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2 347</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13 034</b>	<b>2 347</b>	<b>-82,0</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	171	129	511	10 489	1 599	-84,8
		R'000	1 084	1 147	3 493	74 113	11 224	-84,9
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	0	233	0	276	233	-15,6
		R'000	1 500	1 450	0	8 085	1 450	-82,1
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 584</b>	<b>2 597</b>	<b>3 493</b>	<b>82 198</b>	<b>12 674</b>	<b>-84,6</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>33 560</b>	<b>53 525</b>	<b>17 015</b>	<b>307 097</b>	<b>186 560</b>	<b>-39,3</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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**

			Aug 2024	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	24	12	6	97	101	4,1
		square metres	1 345	746	348	5 547	5 499	-0,9
		R'000	15 752	7 597	3 911	57 852	57 748	-0,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	50	65	61	398	447	12,3
		square metres	13 808	23 367	18 225	118 918	143 222	20,4
		R'000	160 994	265 693	209 862	1 306 304	1 651 736	26,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	86	183	62	573	647	12,9
		square metres	8 698	25 171	6 574	65 513	85 973	31,2
		R'000	75 990	303 404	67 451	662 448	954 157	44,0
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	1 208	0	381	1 208	217,1
		R'000	0	14 883	0	3 050	14 883	388,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>252 736</b>	<b>591 577</b>	<b>281 224</b>	<b>2 029 654</b>	<b>2 678 524</b>	<b>32,0</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	285	378	1 732	17 312	899,5
		R'000	0	3 135	4 158	15 260	190 432	1 147,9
	Shopping space	square metres	284	31 295	3 143	67 820	66 448	-2,0
		R'000	2 499	344 245	24 602	734 441	693 386	-5,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 021	2 401	11 032	73 272	72 648	-0,9
		R'000	24 140	28 229	82 774	499 036	486 153	-2,6
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	1 023	753	0	7 887	7 903	0,2
		R'000	7 673	8 283	0	80 866	68 839	-14,9
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>34 312</b>	<b>383 892</b>	<b>111 534</b>	<b>1 329 603</b>	<b>1 438 810</b>	<b>8,2</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 269	8 773	6 090	61 962	58 595	-5,4
		R'000	114 526	100 058	65 295	700 622	657 087	-6,2
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	8 423	5 521	1 305	45 115	26 985	-40,2
		R'000	101 201	61 794	22 168	710 983	318 508	-55,2
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>215 727</b>	<b>161 852</b>	<b>87 463</b>	<b>1 411 605</b>	<b>975 595</b>	<b>-30,9</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>502 775</b>	<b>1 137 321</b>	<b>480 221</b>	<b>4 770 862</b>	<b>5 092 929</b>	<b>6,8</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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**

			Aug 2024	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	8	15	17	139	115	-17,3
		square metres	513	870	966	7 924	6 615	-16,5
		R'000	3 403	5 078	5 673	55 861	39 034	-30,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	72	49	46	365	394	7,9
		square metres	17 782	10 137	8 837	82 265	84 338	2,5
		R'000	128 782	71 065	63 133	594 593	601 552	1,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	30	5	7	111	83	-25,2
		square metres	2 398	606	795	10 161	8 374	-17,6
		R'000	13 868	3 939	5 222	67 208	53 836	-19,9
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	186	2 101	1 618	-23,0
		R'000	0	0	1 209	15 127	10 698	-29,3
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>146 053</b>	<b>80 082</b>	<b>75 237</b>	<b>732 789</b>	<b>705 120</b>	<b>-3,8</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	301	587	0	3 099	2 699	-12,9
		R'000	1 739	4 525	0	20 016	17 262	-13,8
	Shopping space	square metres	92	2 874	2 794	5 210	63 362	1 116,2
		R'000	637	18 275	18 325	37 458	417 428	1 014,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	465	0	10 378	8 088	-22,1
		R'000	0	3 221	0	72 872	53 666	-26,4
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	0	376	284	13 408	4 621,1
		R'000	0	0	2 444	1 757	103 567	5 794,5
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 376</b>	<b>26 021</b>	<b>20 769</b>	<b>132 103</b>	<b>591 923</b>	<b>348,1</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 953	2 853	2 824	37 354	31 077	-16,8
		R'000	32 470	18 593	18 400	238 890	202 755	-15,1
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	0	1 287	286	12 074	8 318	-31,1
		R'000	3 601	16 440	2 784	154 520	150 372	-2,7
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>36 071</b>	<b>35 033</b>	<b>21 184</b>	<b>393 410</b>	<b>353 127</b>	<b>-10,2</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>184 500</b>	<b>141 136</b>	<b>117 190</b>	<b>1 258 302</b>	<b>1 650 170</b>	<b>31,1</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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**

			Aug 2024	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	192	244	413	1 699	1 989	17,1
		square metres	11 618	13 401	19 500	93 957	98 669	5,0
		R'000	99 848	104 636	122 973	681 797	708 080	3,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	187	212	161	1 559	1 245	-20,1
		square metres	52 174	53 527	39 545	426 414	318 845	-25,2
		R'000	523 327	546 262	386 764	4 215 629	3 147 009	-25,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	506	168	503	3 304	2 923	-11,5
		square metres	47 806	17 419	50 497	270 664	268 502	-0,8
		R'000	493 812	176 779	576 466	2 876 296	2 901 282	0,9
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	661	8 122	0	3 964	11 990	202,5
		R'000	6 754	94 393	0	48 862	131 605	169,3
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 123 741</b>	<b>922 070</b>	<b>1 086 203</b>	<b>7 822 584</b>	<b>6 887 976</b>	<b>-11,9</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	3 415	1 253	477	40 369	47 469	17,6
		R'000	24 667	8 508	3 651	493 192	560 133	13,6
	Shopping space	square metres	36 147	606	0	89 492	28 147	-68,5
		R'000	436 663	7 734	0	1 006 743	201 529	-80,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	42 867	51 605	31 852	277 130	340 013	22,7
		R'000	357 655	347 945	206 273	2 084 952	2 337 835	12,1
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	502	1 716	224	11 157	21 203	90,0
		R'000	5 834	18 660	1 871	126 751	191 536	51,1
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>824 819</b>	<b>382 847</b>	<b>211 795</b>	<b>3 711 638</b>	<b>3 291 033</b>	<b>-11,3</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 795	13 747	8 166	97 954	74 936	-23,5
		R'000	144 245	143 256	84 316	981 187	777 434	-20,8
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	8 110	9 027	630	66 516	63 140	-5,1
		R'000	77 368	59 877	8 358	610 860	665 166	8,9
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>221 613</b>	<b>203 133</b>	<b>92 674</b>	<b>1 592 047</b>	<b>1 442 600</b>	<b>-9,4</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 170 173</b>	<b>1 508 050</b>	<b>1 390 672</b>	<b>13 126 269</b>	<b>11 621 609</b>	<b>-11,5</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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**

			Aug 2024	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	1	2	12	23	91,7
		square metres	0	60	130	757	1 513	99,9
		R'000	0	564	1 222	5 122	11 742	129,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	19	19	13	176	118	-33,0
		square metres	5 404	7 559	3 139	43 581	32 738	-24,9
		R'000	45 362	66 789	29 505	332 677	288 713	-13,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	2	33	154	42	-72,7
		square metres	0	323	3 778	14 251	6 599	-53,7
		R'000	0	2 146	34 358	94 801	53 102	-44,0
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	1 198	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	7 787	..
	Total residential buildings		R'000	45 362	69 499	65 085	432 600	361 344
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	350	0	9 748	350	-96,4
		R'000	0	3 289	0	84 480	3 289	-96,1
	Shopping space	square metres	0	215	0	0	2 030	..
		R'000	0	2 021	0	0	13 942	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	21 632	1 822	-91,6
		R'000	0	0	0	168 259	17 125	-89,8
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	3 025	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	19 263	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	0	5 310	0	272 002	34 356
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 407	3 747	1 688	16 885	13 297	-21,2
		R'000	18 451	26 705	12 882	123 737	105 345	-14,9
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	1 419	3 467	144,3
		R'000	0	1 366	5 724	32 151	53 593	66,7
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	18 451	28 071	18 606	155 888	158 938
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	63 813	102 880	83 691	860 490	554 638	-35,5

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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**

			Aug 2024	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	0	0	27	11	-59,3
		square metres	380	0	0	1 705	739	-56,7
		R'000	2 653	0	0	11 655	5 411	-53,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	17	13	17	141	142	0,7
		square metres	4 069	7 030	8 120	39 196	53 576	36,7
		R'000	28 691	49 931	59 321	274 653	383 295	39,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	29	496	0	47	579	1 131,9
		square metres	1 504	24 144	0	4 210	30 608	627,0
		R'000	10 863	174 392	0	29 461	221 082	650,4
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>42 207</b>	<b>224 323</b>	<b>59 321</b>	<b>315 769</b>	<b>609 788</b>	<b>93,1</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	9 593	991	-89,7
		R'000	0	0	0	67 151	7 158	-89,3
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	4 734	8 050	70,0
		R'000	0	0	0	33 464	59 197	76,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	2 999	2 779	8 740	8 218	-6,0
		R'000	0	21 662	20 073	58 196	57 185	-1,7
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21 662</b>	<b>20 073</b>	<b>158 811</b>	<b>123 540</b>	<b>-22,2</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	243	1 172	182	5 043	2 420	-52,0
		R'000	1 755	8 465	1 315	34 508	17 478	-49,4
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	166	532	0	1 247	694	-44,3
		R'000	1 199	4 843	155	15 789	9 486	-39,9
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 954</b>	<b>13 308</b>	<b>1 470</b>	<b>50 297</b>	<b>26 964</b>	<b>-46,4</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>45 161</b>	<b>259 293</b>	<b>80 864</b>	<b>524 877</b>	<b>760 292</b>	<b>44,9</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

## Explanatory notes

<b>Introduction</b>	<b>1</b>	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.
<b>Purpose of the survey</b>	<b>2</b>	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.
<b>Scope of the survey</b>	<b>3</b>	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• passing of building plans; and</li> <li>• final inspection of completed buildings.</li> </ul>
<b>Classification</b>	<b>4</b>	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.
<b>Collection rate</b>	<b>5</b>	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for August 2025 was 88,2%. The revised collection rate for July 2025 was 96,4%.
<b>Statistical unit</b>	<b>6</b>	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
<b>Survey methodology and design</b>	<b>7</b>	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.
<b>Constant prices</b>	<b>8</b>	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
Aug-25	Additional information from respondents	Aug-23 - Jul-25
Sep-25	Additional information from respondents	Sep-23 - Aug-25
Oct-25	Additional information from respondents	Oct-23 - Sep-25
Nov-25	Additional information from respondents	Nov-23 - Oct-25
Dec-25	Additional information from respondents	Dec-23 - Nov-25
Jan-26	Additional information from respondents	Jan-24 - Dec-25
Feb-26	Additional information from respondents	Feb-24 - Jan-26
Mar-26	Additional information from respondents	Mar-24 - Feb-26
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
New base year in 2027/28 – 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

<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Extensions to existing buildings as well as internal and external alterations of existing buildings.
<b>Blocks of flats</b>	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.
<b>Dwelling-house</b>	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.
<b>Local government institutions</b>	<p>Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• district municipalities;</li> <li>• metropolitan municipalities; and</li> <li>• local municipalities.</li> </ul>
<b>Municipality</b>	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).
<b>District municipality</b>	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)).
<b>Metropolitan municipality</b>	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)).
<b>Local municipality</b>	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.
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	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.
<b>Other residential buildings</b>	Institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, old people’s homes, hostels, hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation, entertainment centres and casinos.
<b>Percentage change</b>	<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>



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