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Key findings for January to August 2026

Building plans passed at current prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2026	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2025 and Jan – Aug 2026	% change between Jan – Aug 2025 and Jan – Aug 2026
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	30 288 533	32 137 606	1 849 073	6,1
-Dwelling-houses	20 278 400	19 691 973	-586 427	-2,9
-Flats and townhouses	9 065 450	10 666 866	1 601 416	17,7
-Other residential buildings	944 683	1 778 767	834 084	88,3
Non-residential buildings	14 386 464	15 473 557	1 087 093	7,6
Additions and alterations	19 689 671	19 808 449	118 778	0,6
Total	64 364 668	67 419 612	3 054 944	4,7

The value of building plans passed (at current prices) increased by 4,7% (R3 054,9 million) during January to August 2026 compared with January to August 2025. Increases were reported for residential buildings (R1 849,1 million), non-residential buildings (R1 087,1 million) and additions and alterations (R118,8 million) – see Table A.

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

Province	Jan – Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2026	Weight Jan – Aug 2025	% change between Jan – Aug 2025 and Jan – Aug 2026	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Aug 2025 and Jan – Aug 2026 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2025 and Jan – Aug 2026
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	23 029 743	24 600 696	35,8	6,8	2,4	1 570 953
Eastern Cape	4 306 577	4 108 234	6,7	-4,6	-0,3	-198 343
Northern Cape	628 434	667 843	1,0	6,3	0,1	39 409
Free State	1 714 391	1 932 216	2,7	12,7	0,3	217 825
KwaZulu-Natal	9 431 990	10 892 119	14,7	15,5	2,3	1 460 129
North West	2 220 284	2 387 400	3,4	7,5	0,3	167 116
Gauteng	17 633 377	17 293 229	27,4	-1,9	-0,5	-340 148
Mpumalanga	3 801 014	3 687 882	5,9	-3,0	-0,2	-113 132
Limpopo	1 598 858	1 849 993	2,5	15,7	0,4	251 135
Total	64 364 668	67 419 612	100,0	4,7	4,7	3 054 944

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

The largest positive contributors to the total increase of 4,7% (R3 054,9 million) were Western Cape (contributing 2,4 percentage points or R1 571,0 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 2,3 percentage points or R1 460,1 million).

The largest negative contributors were Gauteng (contributing -0,5 of a percentage point or -R340,1 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing -0,3 of a percentage point or -R198,3 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 2025	Jan – Aug 2026	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2025 and Jan – Aug 2026	% change between Jan – Aug 2025 and Jan – Aug 2026
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	21 709 362	21 916 318	206 956	1,0
Non-residential buildings	10 306 013	10 528 336	222 323	2,2
Additions and alterations	14 113 242	13 490 450	-622 792	-4,4
Total	46 128 617	45 935 104	-193 513	-0,4

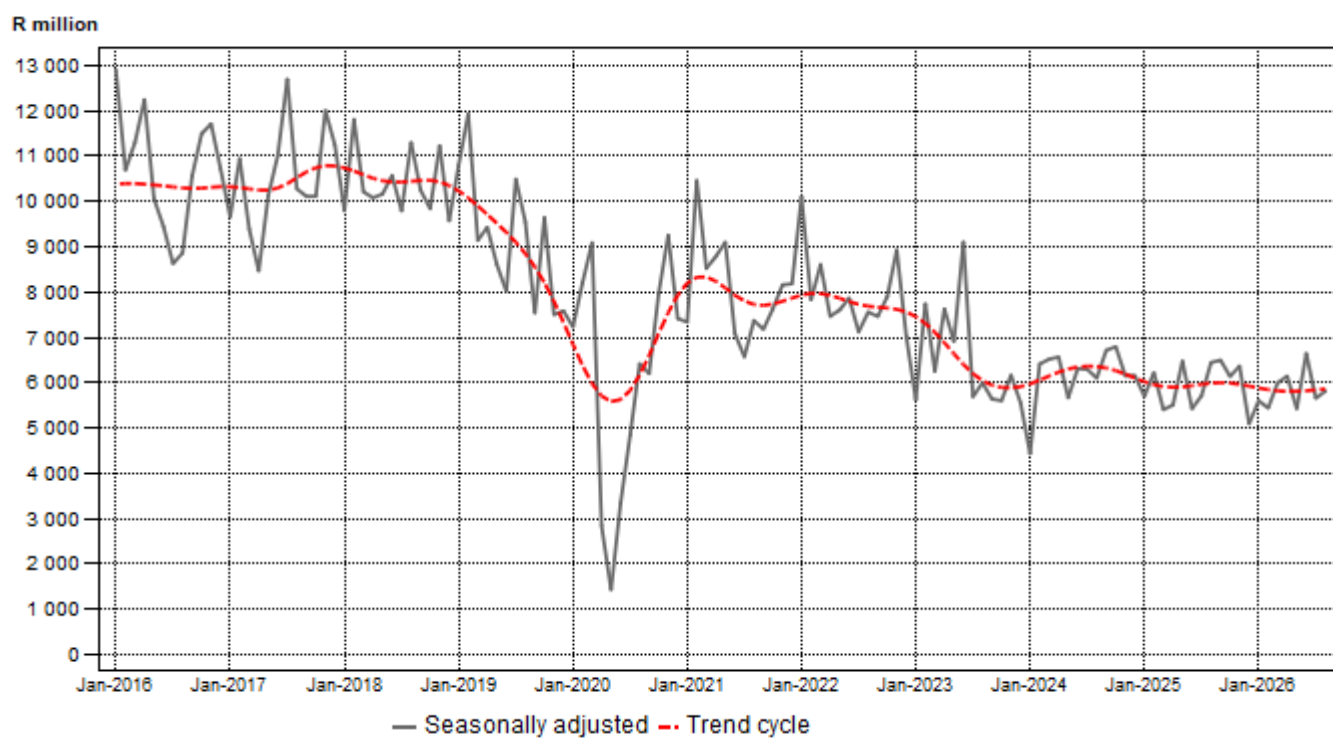
The real value of building plans passed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 0,4% (-R193,5 million) during January to August 2026 compared with January to August 2025. A decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-R622,8 million). Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (R222,3 million) and residential buildings (R207,0 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 2026	Jun – Aug 2026	% change between Mar – May 2026 and Jun – Aug 2026
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 588 542	8 055 895	-6,2
Non-residential buildings ¹	3 678 626	4 821 925	31,1
Additions and alterations	5 290 038	5 225 911	-1,2
Total	17 557 206	18 103 731	3,1

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of building plans passed increased by 3,1% in the three months ended August 2026 compared with the previous three months. Non-residential buildings rose by 31,1%. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-6,2%) and additions and alterations (-1,2%) – 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 2025	Jan – Aug 2026	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2025 and Jan – Aug 2026	% change between Jan – Aug 2025 and Jan – Aug 2026
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	19 936 226	18 003 249	-1 932 977	-9,7
-Dwelling-houses	11 405 213	11 682 794	277 581	2,4
-Flats and townhouses	7 929 922	5 976 160	-1 953 762	-24,6
-Other residential buildings	601 091	344 295	-256 796	-42,7
Non-residential buildings	7 276 928	6 196 532	-1 080 396	-14,8
Additions and alterations	6 219 594	5 973 190	-246 404	-4,0
Total	33 432 748	30 172 971	-3 259 777	-9,8

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 9,8% (-R3 259,8 million) during January to August 2026 compared with January to August 2025. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-R1 933,0 million), non-residential buildings (-R1 080,4 million) and additions and alterations (-R246,4 million) – see Table E.

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

Province	Jan – Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2026	Weight Jan – Aug 2025	% change between Jan – Aug 2025 and Jan – Aug 2026	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Aug 2025 and Jan – Aug 2026 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2025 and Jan – Aug 2026
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	10 905 112	11 659 285	32,6	6,9	2,3	754 173
Eastern Cape	2 079 809	1 592 957	6,2	-23,4	-1,5	-486 852
Northern Cape	140 131	235 661	0,4	68,2	0,3	95 530
Free State	186 560	179 705	0,6	-3,7	0,0	-6 855
KwaZulu-Natal	5 092 929	4 185 128	15,2	-17,8	-2,7	-907 801
North West	1 650 170	994 950	4,9	-39,7	-2,0	-655 220
Gauteng	12 063 107	9 745 031	36,1	-19,2	-6,9	-2 318 076
Mpumalanga	554 638	1 009 868	1,7	82,1	1,4	455 230
Limpopo	760 292	570 386	2,3	-25,0	-0,6	-189 906
Total	33 432 748	30 172 971	100,0	-9,8	-9,8	-3 259 777

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

Six of the nine provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed during January to August 2026. The largest negative contributors were Gauteng (contributing -6,9 percentage points or -R2 318,1 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -2,7 percentage points or -R907,8 million) and North West (contributing -2,0 percentage points or -R655,2 million).

The largest positive contributors were Western Cape (contributing 2,3 percentage points or R754,2 million) and Mpumalanga (contributing 1,4 percentage points or R455,2 million) – see Table F.

Buildings reported as completed at constant 2019 prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2026	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2025 and Jan – Aug 2026	% change between Jan – Aug 2025 and Jan – Aug 2026
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	14 273 194	12 292 935	-1 980 259	-13,9
Non-residential buildings	5 224 704	4 222 345	-1 002 359	-19,2
Additions and alterations	4 453 508	4 078 163	-375 345	-8,4
Total	23 951 406	20 593 443	-3 357 963	-14,0

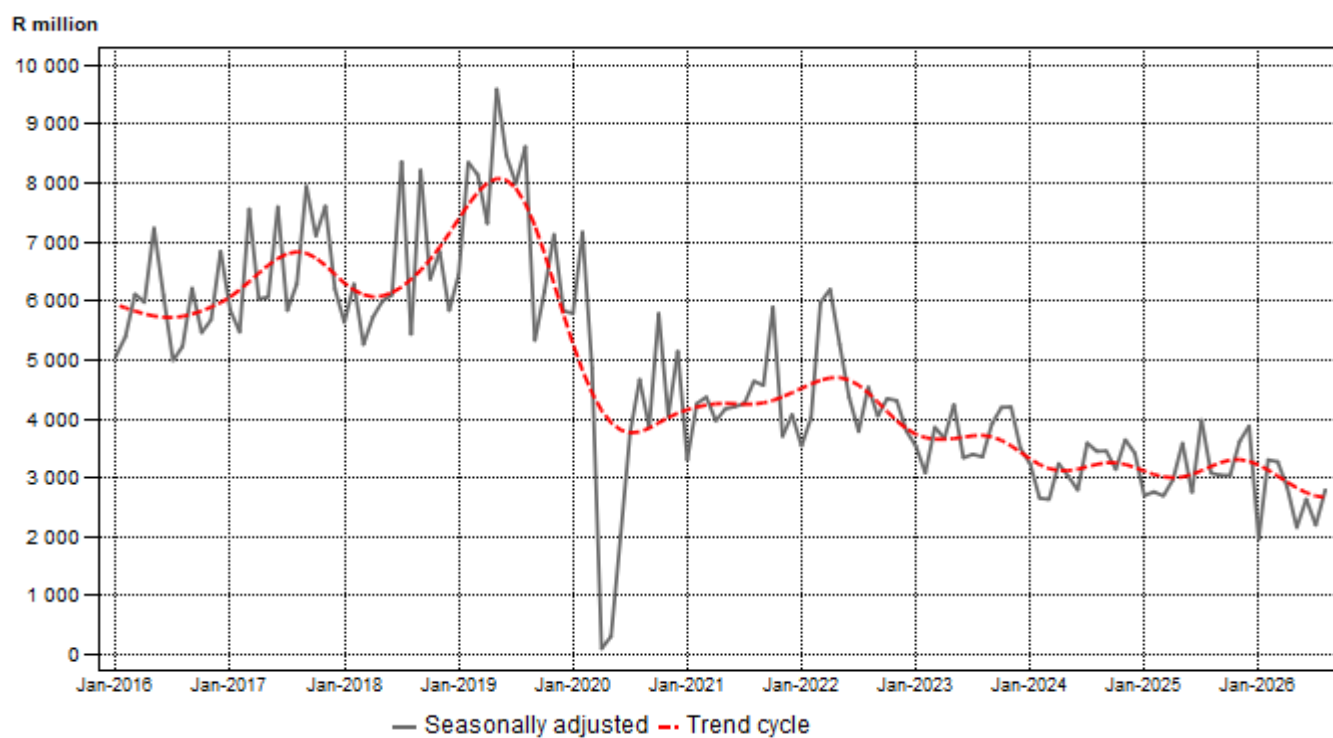
The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 14,0% (-R3 358,0 million) during January to August 2026 compared with January to August 2025. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-R1 980,3 million), non-residential buildings (-R1 002,4 million) and additions and alterations (-R375,3 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 2026	Jun – Aug 2026	% change between Mar – May 2026 and Jun – Aug 2026
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	4 740 357	4 453 288	-6,1
Non-residential buildings ¹	1 916 992	1 705 246	-11,0
Additions and alterations	1 605 949	1 463 313	-8,9
Total	8 263 298	7 621 847	-7,8

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased by 7,8% in the three months ended August 2026 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-11,0%), additions and alterations (-8,9%) and residential buildings (-6,1%) – see Table H.

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


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Tables

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2025	January	3 186 144	20,6	1 206 164	86,6	1 871 867	34,4	6 264 175	33,8
	February	3 404 090	-31,7	2 395 437	44,7	2 505 413	6,2	8 304 940	-7,7
	March	3 635 173	2,6	1 385 314	-27,3	2 431 589	-6,4	7 452 076	-7,4
	April	3 412 504	-19,6	1 531 377	-42,4	2 341 150	2,6	7 285 031	-20,7
	May	4 284 380	3,5	1 964 424	-3,7	2 979 174	52,3	9 227 978	13,4
	June	3 864 945	2,5	1 313 123	-48,3	2 383 783	2,1	7 561 851	-12,5
	July	4 076 597	2,5	1 983 248	-25,4	2 903 987	2,4	8 963 832	-5,4
	August	4 424 700	3,0	2 607 377	30,0	2 272 708	-11,9	9 304 785	4,8
	September	4 326 400	-11,6	2 535 922	22,5	2 953 505	11,0	9 815 827	2,0
	October	4 288 939	-7,8	2 417 842	-16,4	2 857 339	4,2	9 564 120	-7,0
	November	4 991 149	14,7	1 594 033	-16,5	2 733 447	6,9	9 318 629	5,7
	December	3 054 985	3,7	970 890	-46,0	1 974 604	-12,5	6 000 479	-14,3
	Total	46 950 006	-3,1	21 905 151	-11,6	30 208 566	5,8	99 063 723	-2,7
2026	January	3 218 625	1,0	1 540 679	27,7	1 582 114	-15,5	6 341 418	1,2
	February	3 688 846	8,4	1 351 616	-43,6	2 353 183	-6,1	7 393 645	-11,0
	March	4 627 380	27,3	1 431 153	3,3	2 678 883	10,2	8 737 416	17,2
	April	4 027 000	18,0	2 197 929	43,5	2 288 537	-2,2	8 513 466	16,9
	May	3 727 762	-13,0	1 757 215	-10,5	2 555 599	-14,2	8 040 576	-12,9
	June	4 174 831	8,0	3 337 866	154,2	2 641 721	10,8	10 154 418	34,3
	July	4 571 812	12,1	1 874 529	-5,5	2 886 400	-0,6	9 332 741	4,1
	August	4 101 350	-7,3	1 982 570	-24,0	2 822 012	24,2	8 905 932	-4,3

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2025	January	4 170 783	6,0	1 206 164	-32,9	2 550 855	-7,7	7 927 802	-6,7
	February	3 659 139	-12,3	2 395 437	98,6	2 569 007	0,7	8 623 583	8,8
	March	3 666 469	0,2	1 385 314	-42,2	2 490 872	-3,0	7 542 655	-12,5
	April	3 591 002	-2,1	1 531 377	10,5	2 544 662	2,2	7 667 041	1,6
	May	4 142 334	15,4	1 964 424	28,3	2 840 395	11,6	8 947 153	16,7
	June	3 791 999	-8,5	1 313 123	-33,2	2 389 914	-15,9	7 495 036	-16,2
	July	3 508 499	-7,5	1 983 248	51,0	2 500 210	4,6	7 991 957	6,6
	August	4 209 111	20,0	2 607 377	31,5	2 249 043	-10,0	9 065 531	13,4
	September	4 049 003	-3,8	2 535 922	-2,7	2 577 371	14,6	9 162 296	1,1
	October	3 782 458	-6,6	2 417 842	-4,7	2 485 627	-3,6	8 685 927	-5,2
	November	4 815 139	27,3	1 594 033	-34,1	2 662 783	7,1	9 071 955	4,4
	December	3 990 618	-17,1	970 890	-39,1	2 307 223	-13,4	7 268 731	-19,9
2026	January	4 307 498	7,9	1 540 679	58,7	2 208 297	-4,3	8 056 474	10,8
	February	3 982 674	-7,5	1 351 616	-12,3	2 414 381	9,3	7 748 671	-3,8
	March	4 482 420	12,5	1 431 153	5,9	2 675 085	10,8	8 588 658	10,8
	April	4 254 345	-5,1	2 197 929	53,6	2 485 768	-7,1	8 938 042	4,1
	May	3 718 455	-12,6	1 757 215	-20,1	2 557 348	2,9	8 033 018	-10,1
	June	3 971 492	6,8	3 337 866	90,0	2 521 664	-1,4	9 831 022	22,4
	July	4 047 304	1,9	1 874 529	-43,8	2 493 717	-1,1	8 415 550	-14,4
	August	3 973 543	-1,8	1 982 570	5,8	2 746 010	10,1	8 702 123	3,4
	Mar – May 26	12 455 220		5 386 297		7 718 201		25 559 718	
	Jun – Aug 26 ²	11 992 339	-3,7	7 194 965	33,6	7 761 391	0,6	26 948 695	5,4

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

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

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

Table 3 – Value and percentage change of building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2025	January	2 315 512	18,3	876 573	82,9	1 360 368	31,7	4 552 453	31,2
	February	2 447 225	-33,6	1 722 097	40,8	1 801 160	3,3	5 970 482	-10,3
	March	2 594 699	-0,3	988 804	-29,4	1 735 610	-9,0	5 319 113	-10,0
	April	2 442 737	-21,2	1 096 190	-43,6	1 675 841	0,5	5 214 768	-22,3
	May	3 084 507	2,6	1 414 272	-4,6	2 144 834	51,0	6 643 613	12,5
	June	2 782 538	1,3	945 373	-48,9	1 716 186	0,9	5 444 097	-13,6
	July	2 897 368	0,5	1 409 558	-26,8	2 063 957	0,4	6 370 883	-7,2
	August	3 144 776	0,8	1 853 146	27,3	1 615 286	-13,7	6 613 208	2,6
	September	3 074 911	-13,5	1 802 361	19,8	2 099 151	8,5	6 976 423	-0,3
	October	3 031 052	-11,2	1 708 722	-19,5	2 019 321	0,3	6 759 095	-10,5
	November	3 534 808	11,3	1 128 919	-19,1	1 935 869	3,6	6 599 596	2,5
	December	2 157 475	0,3	685 657	-47,8	1 394 494	-15,4	4 237 626	-17,1
	Total	33 507 608	-5,3	15 631 672	-13,6	21 562 077	3,3	70 701 357	-4,9
2026	January	2 260 270	-2,4	1 081 938	23,4	1 111 035	-18,3	4 453 243	-2,2
	February	2 581 418	5,5	945 847	-45,1	1 646 734	-8,6	5 173 999	-13,3
	March	3 213 458	23,8	993 856	0,5	1 860 335	7,2	6 067 649	14,1
	April	2 758 219	12,9	1 505 431	37,3	1 567 491	-6,5	5 831 141	11,8
	May	2 501 854	-18,9	1 179 339	-16,6	1 715 167	-20,0	5 396 360	-18,8
	June	2 809 442	1,0	2 246 209	137,6	1 777 740	3,6	6 833 391	25,5
	July	3 051 944	5,3	1 251 354	-11,2	1 926 836	-6,6	6 230 134	-2,2
	August	2 739 713	-12,9	1 324 362	-28,5	1 885 112	16,7	5 949 187	-10,0

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

Table 4 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2025	January	2 986 166	5,3	876 573	-33,3	1 836 958	-8,4	5 699 697	-7,4
	February	2 653 499	-11,1	1 722 097	96,5	1 838 816	0,1	6 214 412	9,0
	March	2 631 984	-0,8	988 804	-42,6	1 784 151	-3,0	5 404 939	-13,0
	April	2 587 387	-1,7	1 096 190	10,9	1 818 456	1,9	5 502 033	1,8
	May	3 008 740	16,3	1 414 272	29,0	2 052 827	12,9	6 475 839	17,7
	June	2 752 059	-8,5	945 373	-33,2	1 724 746	-16,0	5 422 178	-16,3
	July	2 511 595	-8,7	1 409 558	49,1	1 786 731	3,6	5 707 884	5,3
	August	2 978 485	18,6	1 853 146	31,5	1 609 785	-9,9	6 441 416	12,9
	September	2 867 212	-3,7	1 802 361	-2,7	1 824 128	13,3	6 493 701	0,8
	October	2 668 819	-6,9	1 708 722	-5,2	1 757 947	-3,6	6 135 488	-5,5
	November	3 347 812	25,4	1 128 919	-33,9	1 884 878	7,2	6 361 609	3,7
	December	2 788 977	-16,7	685 657	-39,3	1 616 086	-14,3	5 090 720	-20,0
2026	January	2 983 074	7,0	1 081 938	57,8	1 533 010	-5,1	5 598 022	10,0
	February	2 810 769	-5,8	945 847	-12,6	1 680 973	9,7	5 437 589	-2,9
	March	3 136 543	11,6	993 856	5,1	1 866 290	11,0	5 996 689	10,3
	April	2 933 983	-6,5	1 505 431	51,5	1 700 254	-8,9	6 139 668	2,4
	May	2 518 016	-14,2	1 179 339	-21,7	1 723 494	1,4	5 420 849	-11,7
	June	2 693 482	7,0	2 246 209	90,5	1 701 326	-1,3	6 641 017	22,5
	July	2 725 097	1,2	1 251 354	-44,3	1 677 461	-1,4	5 653 912	-14,9
	August	2 637 316	-3,2	1 324 362	5,8	1 847 124	10,1	5 808 802	2,7
	Mar – May 26	8 588 542		3 678 626		5 290 038		17 557 206	
	Jun – Aug 26 ²	8 055 895	-6,2	4 821 925	31,1	5 225 911	-1,2	18 103 731	3,1

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2025	January	1 276 232	-30,4	1 244 982	68,6	401 356	-39,4	2 922 570	-9,7
	February	2 263 890	8,0	884 148	90,2	550 009	-41,0	3 698 047	5,8
	March	2 505 920	16,6	569 063	45,0	772 015	-15,3	3 846 998	11,4
	April	2 799 975	18,5	481 210	-67,1	726 757	-0,5	4 007 942	-12,0
	May	2 598 855	8,1	1 228 414	6,6	1 127 334	95,2	4 954 603	19,9
	June	2 076 793	-4,2	1 096 793	31,6	617 782	-17,1	3 791 368	1,2
	July	3 384 823	13,0	1 213 265	48,2	1 262 969	-7,9	5 861 057	13,0
	August	3 029 738	21,2	559 053	-58,4	761 372	-21,4	4 350 163	-9,6
	September	2 759 745	-10,7	1 153 612	18,0	719 069	-31,1	4 632 426	-9,4
	October	2 333 864	-17,4	1 373 530	84,0	739 247	-17,5	4 446 641	-0,5
	November	3 359 954	28,9	1 428 347	-28,7	827 015	1,8	5 615 316	3,6
	December	3 622 634	55,4	993 758	-36,7	942 446	15,4	5 558 838	17,8
	Total	32 012 423	9,0	12 226 175	-2,2	9 447 371	-9,8	53 685 969	2,6
2026	January	1 158 252	-9,2	372 511	-70,1	493 085	22,9	2 023 848	-30,8
	February	3 215 378	42,0	483 733	-45,3	821 320	49,3	4 520 431	22,2
	March	2 503 681	-0,1	1 256 256	120,8	1 084 038	40,4	4 843 975	25,9
	April	2 374 978	-15,2	1 016 212	111,2	679 614	-6,5	4 070 804	1,6
	May	1 936 987	-25,5	519 348	-57,7	695 410	-38,3	3 151 745	-36,4
	June	2 704 799	30,2	617 365	-43,7	614 057	-0,6	3 936 221	3,8
	July	2 277 983	-32,7	430 719	-64,5	729 207	-42,3	3 437 909	-41,3
	August	1 831 191	-39,6	1 500 388	168,4	856 459	12,5	4 188 038	-3,7

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2025	January	1 982 885	-11,1	1 244 982	-20,7	508 616	-42,5	3 736 483	-20,2
	February	2 421 124	22,1	884 148	-29,0	537 410	5,7	3 842 682	2,8
	March	2 522 077	4,2	569 063	-35,6	681 192	26,8	3 772 332	-1,8
	April	2 849 876	13,0	481 210	-15,4	784 670	15,2	4 115 756	9,1
	May	2 682 807	-5,9	1 228 414	155,3	1 080 728	37,7	4 991 949	21,3
	June	2 034 917	-24,1	1 096 793	-10,7	696 523	-35,6	3 828 233	-23,3
	July	3 226 860	58,6	1 213 265	10,6	1 125 752	61,6	5 565 877	45,4
	August	2 980 542	-7,6	559 053	-53,9	740 538	-34,2	4 280 133	-23,1
	September	2 492 889	-16,4	1 153 612	106,4	645 672	-12,8	4 292 173	0,3
	October	2 193 079	-12,0	1 373 530	19,1	737 890	14,3	4 304 499	0,3
	November	2 853 981	30,1	1 428 347	4,0	839 175	13,7	5 121 503	19,0
	December	3 481 191	22,0	993 758	-30,4	1 029 004	22,6	5 503 953	7,5
2026	January	1 814 627	-47,9	372 511	-62,5	631 291	-38,7	2 818 429	-48,8
	February	3 436 753	89,4	483 733	29,9	802 696	27,2	4 723 182	67,6
	March	2 519 767	-26,7	1 256 256	159,7	890 524	10,9	4 666 547	-1,2
	April	2 406 605	-4,5	1 016 212	-19,1	727 400	-18,3	4 150 217	-11,1
	May	2 001 695	-16,8	519 348	-48,9	702 636	-3,4	3 223 679	-22,3
	June	2 643 245	32,1	617 365	18,9	664 363	-5,4	3 924 973	21,8
	July	2 173 149	-17,8	430 719	-30,2	658 765	-0,8	3 262 633	-16,9
	August	1 792 191	-17,5	1 500 388	248,3	844 747	28,2	4 137 326	26,8
	Mar – May 26	6 928 067		2 791 816		2 320 560		12 040 443	
	Jun – Aug 26 ²	6 608 585	-4,6	2 548 472	-8,7	2 167 875	-6,6	11 324 932	-5,9

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Table 7 – Value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2025	January	927 494	-31,8	904 783	65,3	291 683	-40,6	2 123 960	-11,4
	February	1 627 527	5,0	635 620	85,0	395 405	-42,7	2 658 552	2,9
	March	1 788 665	13,2	406 183	40,9	551 046	-17,8	2 745 894	8,2
	April	2 004 277	16,1	344 460	-67,7	520 227	-2,5	2 868 964	-13,8
	May	1 871 026	7,2	884 387	5,6	811 616	93,5	3 567 029	18,8
	June	1 495 171	-5,3	789 628	30,0	444 767	-18,1	2 729 566	0,0
	July	2 405 702	10,8	862 306	45,4	897 633	-9,7	4 165 641	10,8
	August	2 153 332	18,6	397 337	-59,3	541 131	-23,1	3 091 800	-11,6
	September	1 961 439	-12,6	819 909	15,4	511 065	-32,7	3 292 413	-11,4
	October	1 649 374	-20,5	970 693	77,2	522 436	-20,5	3 142 503	-4,2
	November	2 379 571	25,0	1 011 577	-30,9	585 705	-1,3	3 976 853	0,4
	December	2 558 357	50,2	701 806	-38,8	665 569	11,6	3 925 732	13,9
	Total	22 821 935	6,4	8 728 689	-4,4	6 738 283	-11,9	38 288 907	0,1
2026	January	813 379	-12,3	261 595	-71,1	346 268	18,7	1 421 242	-33,1
	February	2 250 090	38,3	338 512	-46,7	574 752	45,4	3 163 354	19,0
	March	1 738 667	-2,8	872 400	114,8	752 804	36,6	3 363 871	22,5
	April	1 626 697	-18,8	696 036	102,1	465 489	-10,5	2 788 222	-2,8
	May	1 299 991	-30,5	348 556	-60,6	466 718	-42,5	2 115 265	-40,7
	June	1 820 188	21,7	415 454	-47,4	413 228	-7,1	2 648 870	-3,0
	July	1 520 683	-36,8	287 529	-66,7	486 787	-45,8	2 294 999	-44,9
	August	1 223 240	-43,2	1 002 263	152,2	572 117	5,7	2 797 620	-9,5

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

Table 8 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2025	January	1 426 593	-12,1	904 783	-21,1	364 614	-43,6	2 695 990	-21,1
	February	1 742 758	22,2	635 620	-29,7	381 934	4,8	2 760 312	2,4
	March	1 801 402	3,4	406 183	-36,1	483 886	26,7	2 691 471	-2,5
	April	2 051 300	13,9	344 460	-15,2	570 903	18,0	2 966 663	10,2
	May	1 915 817	-6,6	884 387	156,7	786 160	37,7	3 586 364	20,9
	June	1 462 000	-23,7	789 628	-10,7	500 621	-36,3	2 752 249	-23,3
	July	2 312 690	58,2	862 306	9,2	804 393	60,7	3 979 389	44,6
	August	2 147 102	-7,2	397 337	-53,9	533 527	-33,7	3 077 966	-22,7
	September	1 765 325	-17,8	819 909	106,4	455 180	-14,7	3 040 414	-1,2
	October	1 547 471	-12,3	970 693	18,4	520 753	14,4	3 038 917	0,0
	November	2 016 039	30,3	1 011 577	4,2	587 632	12,8	3 615 248	19,0
	December	2 448 339	21,4	701 806	-30,6	727 746	23,8	3 877 891	7,3
2026	January	1 260 710	-48,5	261 595	-62,7	436 887	-40,0	1 959 192	-49,5
	February	2 408 532	91,0	338 512	29,4	554 779	27,0	3 301 823	68,5
	March	1 751 555	-27,3	872 400	157,7	647 492	16,7	3 271 447	-0,9
	April	1 658 285	-5,3	696 036	-20,2	482 276	-25,5	2 836 597	-13,3
	May	1 330 517	-19,8	348 556	-49,9	476 181	-1,3	2 155 254	-24,0
	June	1 774 477	33,4	415 454	19,2	445 818	-6,4	2 635 749	22,3
	July	1 463 907	-17,5	287 529	-30,8	445 608	0,0	2 197 044	-16,6
	August	1 214 904	-17,0	1 002 263	248,6	571 887	28,3	2 789 054	26,9
	Mar – May 26	4 740 357		1 916 992		1 605 949		8 263 298	
	Jun – Aug 26 ²	4 453 288	-6,1	1 705 246	-11,0	1 463 313	-8,9	7 621 847	-7,8

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

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

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

			Aug 2025	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Jan – Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	735	711	583	4 483	5 511	22,9
		square metres	34 997	32 762	27 116	219 572	257 102	17,1
		R'000	268 772	235 266	206 329	1 654 762	1 780 418	7,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 023	1 008	931	7 569	7 176	-5,2
		square metres	286 580	268 905	250 782	2 179 273	2 015 191	-7,5
		R'000	2 491 867	2 433 927	2 305 823	18 623 638	17 911 555	-3,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 571	1 512	2 148	9 175	12 241	33,4
		square metres	166 189	181 371	164 761	931 161	1 148 527	23,3
		R'000	1 552 583	1 650 388	1 567 667	9 065 450	10 666 866	17,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	14 734	29 035	2 890	103 903	203 229	95,6
		R'000	111 478	252 231	21 531	944 683	1 778 767	88,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	4 424 700	4 571 812	4 101 350	30 288 533	32 137 606	6,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	85 230	50 455	11 248	216 970	193 998	-10,6
		R'000	1 025 378	534 478	103 186	2 448 873	1 920 100	-21,6
	Shopping space	square metres	67 306	37 378	74 483	330 137	512 115	55,1
		R'000	589 854	325 069	838 367	2 786 930	4 718 528	69,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	103 901	117 692	100 960	980 981	876 021	-10,7
		R'000	727 823	896 142	790 205	7 252 155	6 711 495	-7,5
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	30 572	13 389	31 907	225 752	235 956	4,5
		R'000	264 322	118 840	250 812	1 898 506	2 123 434	11,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 607 377	1 874 529	1 982 570	14 386 464	15 473 557	7,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	185 670	210 546	180 541	1 484 737	1 402 703	-5,5
		R'000	1 602 828	1 863 311	1 665 989	12 994 467	12 385 249	-4,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	53 312	90 916	85 091	581 552	653 171	12,3
		R'000	669 880	1 023 089	1 156 023	6 695 204	7 423 200	10,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 272 708	2 886 400	2 822 012	19 689 671	19 808 449	0,6
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	9 304 785	9 332 741	8 905 932	64 364 668	67 419 612	4,7

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Aug 2025	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Jan – Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	206	237	367	1 510	1 511	0,1	
		square metres	9 650	9 822	16 158	69 454	66 953	-3,6	
		R'000	73 980	70 972	124 083	507 118	477 288	-5,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	426	466	400	3 451	3 118	-9,6	
		square metres	106 040	108 425	98 342	888 726	793 896	-10,7	
		R'000	852 730	932 780	825 600	6 805 949	6 471 259	-4,9	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	783	552	1 229	4 595	6 812	48,2	
		square metres	72 033	45 187	86 786	415 945	618 564	48,7	
		R'000	639 870	399 845	778 418	3 783 937	5 294 231	39,9	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	8 272	22 750	2 802	48 479	61 709	27,3	
		R'000	63 359	209 818	20 599	418 931	515 800	23,1	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 629 939	1 613 415	1 748 700	11 515 935	12 758 578	10,8
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	13 422	14 554	0	69 860	68 272	-2,3
R'000			125 967	129 406	0	641 002	620 279	-3,2	
Shopping space		square metres	35 477	29 752	8 933	136 810	140 559	2,7	
		R'000	282 833	262 656	72 522	1 178 044	1 201 430	2,0	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	30 423	37 193	33 306	216 492	214 213	-1,1	
		R'000	237 987	295 268	271 884	1 630 654	1 705 983	4,6	
Other non-residential buildings ³		square metres	11 985	5 729	13 162	105 732	81 438	-23,0	
		R'000	91 566	47 483	95 211	808 881	632 277	-21,8	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	738 353	734 813	439 617	4 258 581	4 159 969	-2,3	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	76 372	77 409	80 271	604 296	553 726	-8,4	
		R'000	606 683	610 054	685 188	4 709 471	4 335 303	-7,9	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	20 180	29 777	31 916	181 361	263 739	45,4	
		R'000	263 826	338 555	612 420	2 545 756	3 346 846	31,5	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	870 509	948 609	1 297 608	7 255 227	7 682 149	5,9
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 238 801	3 296 837	3 485 925	23 029 743	24 600 696	6,8	

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Aug 2025	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Jan – Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	196	62	11	578	454	-21,5
		square metres	8 421	3 537	640	25 251	21 381	-15,3
		R'000	74 727	32 398	5 035	217 784	189 348	-13,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	63	38	47	425	314	-26,1
		square metres	15 057	12 066	10 330	116 053	81 404	-29,9
		R'000	133 728	106 251	95 693	1 014 893	736 321	-27,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	16	70	41	204	258	26,5
		square metres	3 595	6 081	4 260	35 313	30 181	-14,5
		R'000	32 405	47 952	38 741	288 557	262 289	-9,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	439	0	0	439	26 559	5 949,9
		R'000	3 804	0	0	3 804	237 092	6 132,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	244 664	186 601	139 469	1 525 038	1 425 050	-6,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	5 936	4 386	10 247	133,6
		R'000	0	0	55 115	37 522	93 057	148,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	2 009	3 155	6 870	50 912	641,1
		R'000	0	16 475	29 294	59 200	441 581	645,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 728	2 662	0	109 300	37 807	-65,4
		R'000	23 157	21 978	0	946 546	337 207	-64,4
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	98	1 023	231	12 175	10 016	-17,7
		R'000	849	9 036	2 145	106 683	94 704	-11,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	24 006	47 489	86 554	1 149 951	966 549	-15,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	20 032	16 492	12 703	116 057	118 543	2,1
		R'000	171 196	144 214	115 213	989 166	1 044 367	5,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	12 906	11 639	12 967	61 642	72 597	17,8
		R'000	198 444	103 528	128 073	642 422	672 268	4,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	369 640	247 742	243 286	1 631 588	1 716 635	5,2
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	638 310	481 832	469 309	4 306 577	4 108 234	-4,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Aug 2025	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Jan – Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	1	0	70	10	-85,7
		square metres	101	42	0	2 939	472	-83,9
		R'000	996	428	0	28 801	4 756	-83,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	19	12	11	116	94	-19,0
		square metres	5 417	2 877	2 836	25 117	21 181	-15,7
		R'000	42 703	26 231	26 213	214 845	188 311	-12,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	0	1	..
		square metres	0	0	0	0	197	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	1 683	..
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	88	0	7 475	..
		R'000	0	0	932	0	76 206	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	43 699	26 659	27 145	243 646	270 956	11,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	83	237	185,5
		R'000	0	0	0	821	2 415	194,2
	Shopping space	square metres	8 900	0	0	14 876	1 949	-86,9
		R'000	57 850	0	0	107 415	16 642	-84,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 470	2 768	7 161	3 742	13 514	261,1
		R'000	24 436	23 647	75 885	37 020	136 059	267,5
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	319	0	0	2 553	860	-66,3
		R'000	3 156	0	0	20 538	8 763	-57,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	85 442	23 647	75 885	165 794	163 879	-1,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 605	4 079	1 122	14 025	16 689	19,0
		R'000	15 470	41 415	11 458	131 672	167 139	26,9
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	499	43	601	7 765	5 010	-35,5
		R'000	5 935	2 288	7 769	87 322	65 869	-24,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	21 405	43 703	19 227	218 994	233 008	6,4
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	150 546	94 009	122 257	628 434	667 843	6,3

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Aug 2025	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Jan – Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	24	29	49	335	664	98,2
		square metres	1 153	1 429	1 987	14 619	27 813	90,3
		R'000	8 668	9 914	14 449	96 099	152 359	58,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	40	27	43	301	344	14,3
		square metres	12 487	7 268	9 700	73 713	84 927	15,2
		R'000	109 991	61 848	87 000	633 120	779 818	23,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	3	1	1	110	46	-58,2
		square metres	164	100	99	11 909	6 794	-43,0
		R'000	1 658	863	889	114 095	69 339	-39,2
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 807	2 066	0	9 393	9 771	4,0
		R'000	12 876	13 989	0	83 290	76 898	-7,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	133 193	86 614	102 338	926 604	1 078 414	16,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	241	0	62	990	6 885	595,5
		R'000	2 437	0	473	8 325	71 535	759,3
	Shopping space	square metres	523	338	205	9 327	3 431	-63,2
		R'000	4 382	2 293	1 565	77 957	28 680	-63,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 251	1 275	0	18 497	29 057	57,1
		R'000	18 861	11 002	0	133 933	247 274	84,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	254	0	0	5 335	2 627	-50,8
		R'000	2 568	0	0	53 947	23 209	-57,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	28 248	13 295	2 038	274 162	370 698	35,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 837	7 269	2 511	41 248	43 162	4,6
		R'000	34 065	69 694	20 449	362 378	396 270	9,4
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	1 647	0	326	16 550	6 250	-62,2
		R'000	13 432	0	2 270	151 247	86 834	-42,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	47 497	69 694	22 719	513 625	483 104	-5,9
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	208 938	169 603	127 095	1 714 391	1 932 216	12,7

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Aug 2025	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Jan – Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	13	20	8	93	66	-29,0
		square metres	599	1 173	475	5 502	3 523	-36,0
		R'000	5 629	11 243	4 290	45 118	32 199	-28,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	90	101	87	608	634	4,3
		square metres	31 268	31 329	31 013	240 630	215 031	-10,6
		R'000	337 851	345 809	335 965	2 556 142	2 295 295	-10,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	219	267	100	1 275	1 504	18,0
		square metres	27 263	40 529	17 601	153 709	167 246	8,8
		R'000	322 808	444 469	152 520	1 615 892	1 757 401	8,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	518	136	0	25 866	27 020	4,5
		R'000	4 144	1 088	0	285 128	253 532	-11,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	670 432	802 609	492 775	4 502 280	4 338 427	-3,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	8 847	25 535	4 787	14 889	85 930	477,1
		R'000	97 317	280 885	44 231	159 704	915 204	473,1
	Shopping space	square metres	1 163	3 552	4 966	17 532	100 415	472,8
		R'000	12 793	30 924	39 170	162 148	788 950	386,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	28 125	14 409	11 869	179 344	151 675	-15,4
		R'000	167 275	112 531	96 871	1 158 758	1 061 302	-8,4
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	7 825	880	3 977	29 188	74 891	156,6
		R'000	86 075	9 680	32 210	310 667	773 087	148,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	363 460	434 020	212 482	1 791 277	3 538 543	97,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	18 799	26 277	25 543	188 402	174 060	-7,6
		R'000	193 003	270 995	263 624	2 044 796	1 764 980	-13,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	5 472	14 485	9 300	87 846	98 525	12,2
		R'000	75 003	204 803	104 403	1 093 637	1 250 169	14,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	268 006	475 798	368 027	3 138 433	3 015 149	-3,9
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 301 898	1 712 427	1 073 284	9 431 990	10 892 119	15,5

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Aug 2025	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Jan – Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	8	3	33	175	430,3
		square metres	177	445	135	1 955	8 522	335,9
		R'000	1 196	3 090	1 002	13 169	51 152	288,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	39	97	49	350	435	24,3
		square metres	10 707	22 680	11 116	93 594	113 654	21,4
		R'000	72 359	178 834	90 570	691 073	884 435	28,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	125	186	26	321	345	7,5
		square metres	18 286	40 744	3 163	44 211	53 625	21,3
		R'000	142 128	268 488	28 453	341 192	371 524	8,9
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	364	399	9,6
		R'000	0	0	0	2 366	2 671	12,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	215 683	450 412	120 025	1 047 800	1 309 782	25,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	954	320	0	2 387	1 273	-46,7
		R'000	5 304	2 142	0	15 035	8 522	-43,3
	Shopping space	square metres	2 036	1 407	1 484	18 783	28 629	52,4
		R'000	13 598	9 713	9 579	127 381	191 434	50,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	577	536	1 278	33 437	20 837	-37,7
		R'000	3 751	3 589	8 899	222 809	160 674	-27,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	367	4 185	880	1 802	8 596	377,0
		R'000	2 386	41 126	5 447	11 717	72 386	517,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	25 039	56 570	23 925	376 942	433 016	14,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 080	7 262	7 576	48 730	51 289	5,3
		R'000	53 245	52 572	56 817	330 889	363 932	10,0
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	3 631	3 117	7 520	31 565	26 507	-16,0
		R'000	37 142	23 678	71 243	464 653	280 670	-39,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	90 387	76 250	128 060	795 542	644 602	-19,0
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	331 109	583 232	272 010	2 220 284	2 387 400	7,5

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Aug 2025	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Jan – Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	273	330	129	1 747	2 512	43,8
		square metres	13 813	14 856	6 851	92 815	121 511	30,9
		R'000	94 900	96 587	50 206	687 899	820 571	19,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	220	152	187	1 595	1 399	-12,3
		square metres	61 412	49 594	57 221	483 543	425 667	-12,0
		R'000	607 642	503 588	596 696	4 731 551	4 321 392	-8,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	311	422	716	2 380	2 861	20,2
		square metres	26 104	46 671	47 113	226 266	229 362	1,4
		R'000	279 670	473 564	524 703	2 605 569	2 604 803	0,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 518	0	0	10 027	37 539	274,4
		R'000	12 928	0	0	86 404	385 553	346,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	995 140	1 073 739	1 171 605	8 111 423	8 132 319	0,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	61 498	7 606	463	120 430	9 091	-92,5
		R'000	792 340	105 709	3 367	1 558 166	123 488	-92,1
	Shopping space	square metres	18 282	0	55 740	51 026	139 732	173,8
		R'000	212 385	0	686 237	564 108	1 703 886	202,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	31 887	49 333	47 346	328 057	287 771	-12,3
		R'000	211 710	363 418	336 666	2 435 068	2 039 358	-16,3
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	5 049	1 056	10 447	26 147	36 088	38,0
		R'000	41 883	8 061	93 448	260 143	362 678	39,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 258 318	477 188	1 119 718	4 817 485	4 229 410	-12,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	40 208	52 361	42 356	346 898	341 832	-1,5
		R'000	410 366	528 940	450 615	3 521 438	3 555 981	1,0
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	4 180	31 749	15 362	125 775	142 810	13,5
		R'000	43 348	324 243	168 863	1 183 031	1 375 519	16,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	453 714	853 183	619 478	4 704 469	4 931 500	4,8
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 707 172	2 404 110	2 910 801	17 633 377	17 293 229	-1,9

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Aug 2025	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Jan – Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	19	8	90	94	4,4
		square metres	852	1 067	397	5 352	5 296	-1,0
		R'000	7 007	8 679	3 512	46 325	41 471	-10,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	83	70	80	474	559	17,9
		square metres	27 241	22 921	21 038	166 069	190 333	14,6
		R'000	208 763	187 405	173 347	1 300 344	1 553 766	19,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	6	3	4	136	128	-5,9
		square metres	1 488	151	742	20 443	17 859	-12,6
		R'000	9 404	1 011	5 281	150 618	121 974	-19,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	2 180	3 322	0	7 451	17 683	137,3
		R'000	14 367	22 241	0	52 125	119 046	128,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	239 541	219 336	182 140	1 549 412	1 836 257	18,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	2 440	0	2 918	5 220	78,9
		R'000	0	16 336	0	20 803	35 909	72,6
	Shopping space	square metres	925	320	0	62 540	7 709	-87,7
		R'000	6 013	3 008	0	420 087	55 899	-86,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	8 566	0	68 583	90 104	31,4
		R'000	0	57 641	0	515 889	801 769	55,4
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	75	2 128	15 149	16 104	6,3
		R'000	0	502	14 817	128 023	121 656	-5,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	6 013	77 487	14 817	1 084 802	1 015 233	-6,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	15 577	14 555	5 285	107 500	82 789	-23,0
		R'000	110 231	109 080	38 238	778 699	602 308	-22,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	4 664	106	6 334	51 284	27 759	-45,9
		R'000	31 789	2 239	52 966	388 101	234 084	-39,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	142 020	111 319	91 204	1 166 800	836 392	-28,3
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	387 574	408 142	288 161	3 801 014	3 687 882	-3,0

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Aug 2025	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Jan – Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	5	8	27	25	-7,4
		square metres	231	391	473	1 685	1 631	-3,2
		R'000	1 669	1 955	3 752	12 449	11 274	-9,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	43	45	27	249	279	12,0
		square metres	16 951	11 745	9 186	91 828	89 098	-3,0
		R'000	126 100	91 181	74 739	675 721	680 958	0,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	108	11	31	154	286	85,7
		square metres	17 256	1 908	4 997	23 365	24 699	5,7
		R'000	124 640	14 196	38 662	165 590	183 622	10,9
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	761	0	1 884	15 074	700,1
		R'000	0	5 095	0	12 635	111 969	786,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	252 409	112 427	117 153	866 395	987 823	14,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	268	0	0	1 027	6 843	566,3
		R'000	2 013	0	0	7 495	49 691	563,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	12 373	38 779	213,4
		R'000	0	0	0	90 590	290 026	220,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 440	950	0	23 529	31 043	31,9
		R'000	40 646	7 068	0	171 478	221 869	29,4
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	4 675	441	1 082	27 671	5 336	-80,7
		R'000	35 839	2 952	7 534	197 907	34 674	-82,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	78 498	10 020	7 534	467 470	596 260	27,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 160	4 842	3 174	17 581	20 613	17,2
		R'000	8 569	36 347	24 387	125 958	154 969	23,0
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	133	0	765	17 764	9 974	-43,9
		R'000	961	23 755	8 016	139 035	110 941	-20,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	9 530	60 102	32 403	264 993	265 910	0,3
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	340 437	182 549	157 090	1 598 858	1 849 993	15,7

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Aug 2025	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Jan – Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	644	503	503	3 274	3 903	19,2
		square metres	29 980	23 074	23 859	159 140	186 489	17,2
		R'000	209 609	176 960	178 619	1 163 828	1 386 295	19,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	610	675	623	4 286	4 520	5,5
		square metres	181 139	164 320	151 038	1 160 044	1 155 350	-0,4
		R'000	1 591 547	1 471 333	1 407 371	10 241 385	10 296 499	0,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 093	559	196	8 414	6 958	-17,3
		square metres	123 063	64 136	21 537	828 561	578 568	-30,2
		R'000	1 226 801	613 510	217 555	7 929 922	5 976 160	-24,6
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	262	2 325	3 408	66 475	33 116	-50,2
		R'000	1 781	16 180	27 646	601 091	344 295	-42,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	3 029 738	2 277 983	1 831 191	19 936 226	18 003 249	-9,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 439	387	17 651	86 418	41 436	-52,1
		R'000	13 587	4 257	153 514	912 597	373 666	-59,1
	Shopping space	square metres	9 082	7 938	74 140	222 269	233 904	5,2
		R'000	69 687	75 794	709 316	1 862 507	2 230 199	19,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	65 221	41 987	80 557	557 747	330 346	-40,8
		R'000	464 271	324 581	590 533	3 899 761	2 552 944	-34,5
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 394	3 124	5 867	73 370	101 864	38,8
		R'000	11 508	26 087	47 025	602 063	1 039 723	72,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	559 053	430 719	1 500 388	7 276 928	6 196 532	-14,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	48 846	38 448	47 873	398 541	383 807	-3,7
		R'000	415 415	342 573	453 700	3 502 845	3 426 997	-2,2
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	27 963	23 723	30 096	233 502	211 927	-9,2
		R'000	345 957	386 634	402 759	2 716 749	2 546 193	-6,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	761 372	729 207	856 459	6 219 594	5 973 190	-4,0
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	4 350 163	3 437 909	4 188 038	33 432 748	30 172 971	-9,8

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Aug 2025	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Jan – Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	206	317	262	758	1 952	157,5
		square metres	9 149	13 648	11 337	34 864	84 089	141,2
		R'000	70 140	104 582	88 431	247 060	616 168	149,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	252	271	274	1 638	2 069	26,3
		square metres	78 364	69 221	61 933	442 645	497 147	12,3
		R'000	586 621	574 656	520 573	3 382 647	3 927 858	16,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	357	214	116	3 850	2 940	-23,6
		square metres	44 198	28 573	12 490	396 476	246 746	-37,8
		R'000	382 554	263 453	117 194	3 447 138	2 207 377	-36,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	76	1 932	3 408	45 332	18 695	-58,8
		R'000	572	13 028	27 646	390 943	161 475	-58,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 039 887	955 719	753 844	7 467 788	6 912 878	-7,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	17 651	15 343	31 326	104,2
		R'000	0	0	153 514	114 137	269 684	136,3
	Shopping space	square metres	3 145	2 032	57 405	40 843	83 508	104,5
		R'000	26 760	12 992	509 372	365 471	749 619	105,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	18 980	18 642	40 513	121 298	122 796	1,2
		R'000	149 433	147 023	342 949	897 677	968 745	7,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	794	1 091	3 667	27 215	23 735	-12,8
		R'000	7 193	7 804	30 261	204 773	172 925	-15,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	183 386	167 819	1 036 096	1 582 058	2 160 973	36,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	20 360	19 254	22 996	122 081	158 500	29,8
		R'000	151 014	156 261	204 341	915 010	1 252 867	36,9
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	7 780	10 900	16 827	72 697	113 353	55,9
		R'000	108 820	195 725	255 052	940 256	1 332 567	41,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	259 834	351 986	459 393	1 855 266	2 585 434	39,4
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 483 107	1 475 524	2 249 333	10 905 112	11 659 285	6,9

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Aug 2025	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Jan – Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	27	5	5	295	157	-46,8
		square metres	1 370	336	312	12 173	7 461	-38,7
		R'000	11 830	2 980	2 800	95 348	66 217	-30,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	26	103	36	206	275	33,5
		square metres	5 869	12 993	7 768	52 148	55 202	5,9
		R'000	52 386	113 011	70 513	455 582	496 231	8,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	23	2	4	132	41	-68,9
		square metres	2 984	153	713	11 952	5 298	-55,7
		R'000	26 694	1 366	7 171	106 215	47 286	-55,5
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	67	0	5 129	67	-98,7
		R'000	0	581	0	45 175	581	-98,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	90 910	117 938	80 484	702 320	610 315	-13,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 670	2 072	24,1
		R'000	0	0	0	14 408	18 496	28,4
	Shopping space	square metres	0	100	0	13 028	3 172	-75,7
		R'000	0	893	0	109 207	28 316	-74,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	841	0	4 791	16 790	250,4
		R'000	0	7 508	0	41 523	150 734	263,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	586	1 198	3 582	9 727	171,6
		R'000	0	3 923	10 752	32 764	87 143	166,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	12 324	10 752	197 902	284 689	43,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 379	4 589	3 249	89 207	55 868	-37,4
		R'000	81 066	40 741	30 724	763 865	500 665	-34,5
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	6 828	6 123	0	44 287	22 000	-50,3
		R'000	61 629	53 496	262	415 722	197 288	-52,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	142 695	94 237	30 986	1 179 587	697 953	-40,8
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	233 605	224 499	122 222	2 079 809	1 592 957	-23,4

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Aug 2025	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Jan – Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	1	0	2	1	-50,0
		square metres	0	38	0	123	38	-69,1
		R'000	0	387	0	1 217	387	-68,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	3	1	1	20	13	-35,0
		square metres	495	377	140	3 756	2 793	-25,6
		R'000	4 897	3 841	1 483	37 158	28 068	-24,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	0	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	4 897	4 228	1 483	38 375	28 455	-25,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	584	0	0	584	285	-51,2
		R'000	5 778	0	0	5 778	2 904	-49,7
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	5 758	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	58 668	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	578	0	0	869	1 737	99,9
		R'000	5 718	0	0	8 597	17 698	105,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	59	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	584	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	11 496	0	0	14 959	79 270	429,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	522	563	1 103	6 205	9 043	45,7
		R'000	5 164	5 736	11 688	60 177	92 588	53,9
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	68	658	1 234	2 615	3 232	23,6
		R'000	743	7 164	13 176	26 620	35 348	32,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	5 907	12 900	24 864	86 797	127 936	47,4
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	22 300	17 128	26 347	140 131	235 661	68,2

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Aug 2025	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Jan – Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	7	0	3	14	128	814,3
		square metres	382	0	133	810	5 156	536,5
		R'000	3 863	0	1 132	8 191	27 265	232,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	6	2	12	51	45	-11,8
		square metres	1 101	306	4 042	11 332	10 944	-3,4
		R'000	9 659	2 728	36 106	104 294	95 952	-8,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	50	7	-86,0
		square metres	0	0	0	5 840	1 057	-81,9
		R'000	0	0	0	59 054	11 009	-81,4
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	13 522	2 728	37 238	171 539	134 226	-21,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	361	250	-30,7
		R'000	0	0	0	2 347	1 835	-21,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	0	1 498	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	10 816	..
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	840	0	0	840	..
		R'000	0	6 165	0	0	6 165	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	6 165	0	2 347	18 816	701,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	511	810	175	1 599	2 531	58,3
		R'000	3 493	7 031	1 219	11 224	21 311	89,9
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	279	291	233	739	217,2
		R'000	0	1 868	2 026	1 450	5 352	269,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	3 493	8 899	3 245	12 674	26 663	110,4
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	17 015	17 792	40 483	186 560	179 705	-3,7

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Aug 2025	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Jan – Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	2	5	101	29	-71,3
		square metres	348	129	284	5 499	1 705	-69,0
		R'000	3 911	1 294	2 589	57 748	17 955	-68,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	61	53	41	447	359	-19,7
		square metres	18 225	18 104	11 233	143 222	118 422	-17,3
		R'000	209 862	183 374	132 617	1 651 736	1 282 728	-22,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	62	227	37	647	699	8,0
		square metres	6 574	20 729	3 650	85 973	80 431	-6,4
		R'000	67 451	217 957	35 881	954 157	885 833	-7,2
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	1 208	2 330	92,9
		R'000	0	0	0	14 883	27 348	83,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	281 224	402 625	171 087	2 678 524	2 213 864	-17,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	378	387	0	17 312	1 761	-89,8
		R'000	4 158	4 257	0	190 432	15 217	-92,0
	Shopping space	square metres	3 143	1 154	4 890	66 448	18 152	-72,7
		R'000	24 602	7 593	48 372	693 386	173 344	-75,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	11 032	9 637	34 751	72 648	78 830	8,5
		R'000	82 774	70 985	208 506	486 153	593 082	22,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	607	1 002	7 903	10 168	28,7
		R'000	0	8 195	6 012	68 839	129 754	88,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	111 534	91 030	262 890	1 438 810	911 397	-36,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 090	3 939	7 085	58 595	48 761	-16,8
		R'000	65 295	44 260	76 946	657 087	544 519	-17,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	1 305	1 778	4 349	26 985	31 663	17,3
		R'000	22 168	57 270	54 953	318 508	515 348	61,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	87 463	101 530	131 899	975 595	1 059 867	8,6
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	480 221	595 185	565 876	5 092 929	4 185 128	-17,8

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Aug 2025	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Jan – Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	17	10	3	115	73	-36,5
		square metres	966	569	170	6 615	4 322	-34,7
		R'000	5 673	3 587	1 052	39 034	26 672	-31,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	46	29	29	394	267	-32,2
		square metres	8 837	8 806	7 277	84 338	67 220	-20,3
		R'000	63 133	64 794	57 117	601 552	511 197	-15,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	7	5	1	83	74	-10,8
		square metres	795	780	158	8 374	8 789	5,0
		R'000	5 222	4 753	978	53 836	54 820	1,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	186	0	0	1 618	0	-100,0
		R'000	1 209	0	0	10 698	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	75 237	73 134	59 147	705 120	592 689	-15,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	2 699	1 159	-57,1
		R'000	0	0	0	17 262	7 405	-57,1
	Shopping space	square metres	2 794	781	675	63 362	10 886	-82,8
		R'000	18 325	5 229	4 742	417 428	71 029	-83,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	1 200	8 088	7 595	-6,1
		R'000	0	0	8 903	53 666	56 534	5,3
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	376	0	0	13 408	4 025	-70,0
		R'000	2 444	0	0	103 567	23 858	-77,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	20 769	5 229	13 645	591 923	158 826	-73,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 824	2 434	3 728	31 077	23 877	-23,2
		R'000	18 400	16 541	25 825	202 755	161 097	-20,5
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	286	3 028	1 747	8 318	7 044	-15,3
		R'000	2 784	26 594	18 766	150 372	82 338	-45,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	21 184	43 135	44 591	353 127	243 435	-31,1
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	117 190	121 498	117 383	1 650 170	994 950	-39,7

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Aug 2025	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Jan – Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	379	166	203	1 955	1 523	-22,1
		square metres	17 635	8 234	10 167	96 804	81 050	-16,3
		R'000	112 970	63 244	71 537	698 077	610 392	-12,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	186	178	163	1 270	1 154	-9,1
		square metres	56 989	45 059	43 755	336 289	313 632	-6,7
		R'000	576 163	455 543	467 438	3 336 408	3 222 179	-3,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	611	96	37	3 031	3 035	0,1
		square metres	64 734	9 928	3 907	282 739	213 214	-24,6
		R'000	710 522	98 635	51 542	3 035 338	2 588 268	-14,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	326	0	11 990	12 024	0,3
		R'000	0	2 571	0	131 605	154 891	17,7
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 399 655	619 993	590 517	7 201 428	6 575 730
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	477	0	0	47 469	3 603	-92,4
		R'000	3 651	0	0	560 133	50 809	-90,9
	Shopping space	square metres	0	3 391	11 170	28 147	66 934	137,8
		R'000	0	44 575	146 830	201 529	840 364	317,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	31 852	11 015	1 868	340 013	93 580	-72,5
		R'000	206 273	85 287	12 960	2 337 835	691 010	-70,4
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	224	0	0	21 203	44 666	110,7
		R'000	1 871	0	0	191 536	555 128	189,8
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	211 795	129 862	159 790	3 291 033	2 137 311
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 290	6 203	8 476	74 060	68 040	-8,1
		R'000	76 786	67 020	93 429	769 904	728 189	-5,4
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	11 696	957	4 943	74 206	32 299	-56,5
		R'000	143 934	12 267	38 126	800 742	303 801	-62,1
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	220 720	79 287	131 555	1 570 646	1 031 990
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 832 170	829 142	881 862	12 063 107	9 745 031	-19,2

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Aug 2025	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Jan – Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	1	15	23	25	8,7
		square metres	130	65	1 031	1 513	1 651	9,1
		R'000	1 222	611	8 022	11 742	14 006	19,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	13	17	51	118	185	56,8
		square metres	3 139	4 832	10 259	32 738	43 112	31,7
		R'000	29 505	39 291	87 989	288 713	385 480	33,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	33	11	0	42	123	192,9
		square metres	3 778	2 971	0	6 599	16 755	153,9
		R'000	34 358	19 891	0	53 102	134 675	153,6
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	1 198	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	7 787	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	65 085	59 793	96 011	361 344	534 161	47,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	350	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	3 289	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	480	0	2 030	38 330	1 788,2
		R'000	0	4 512	0	13 942	264 286	1 795,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	1 822	3 443	89,0
		R'000	0	0	0	17 125	33 332	94,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	4 512	0	34 356	297 618	766,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 688	656	566	13 297	15 541	16,9
		R'000	12 882	4 983	5 698	105 345	113 368	7,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	0	454	3 467	1 146	-66,9
		R'000	5 724	30 750	17 456	53 593	64 721	20,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	18 606	35 733	23 154	158 938	178 089	12,0
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	83 691	100 038	119 165	554 638	1 009 868	82,1

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Aug 2025	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Jan – Aug 2025	Jan – Aug 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	1	7	11	15	36,4
		square metres	0	55	425	739	1 017	37,6
		R'000	0	275	3 056	5 411	7 233	33,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	17	21	16	142	153	7,7
		square metres	8 120	4 622	4 631	53 576	46 878	-12,5
		R'000	59 321	34 095	33 535	383 295	346 806	-9,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	4	1	579	39	-93,3
		square metres	0	1 002	619	30 608	6 278	-79,5
		R'000	0	7 455	4 789	221 082	46 892	-78,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	59 321	41 825	41 380	609 788	400 931	-34,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	991	1 230	24,1
		R'000	0	0	0	7 158	9 151	27,8
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	8 050	6 914	-14,1
		R'000	0	0	0	59 197	42 738	-27,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 779	1 852	2 225	8 218	4 077	-50,4
		R'000	20 073	13 778	17 215	57 185	30 993	-45,8
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	8 703	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	64 750	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	20 073	13 778	17 215	123 540	147 632	19,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	182	0	495	2 420	1 646	-32,0
		R'000	1 315	0	3 830	17 478	12 393	-29,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	0	251	694	451	-35,0
		R'000	155	1 500	2 942	9 486	9 430	-0,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 470	1 500	6 772	26 964	21 823	-19,1
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	80 864	57 103	65 367	760 292	570 386	-25,0

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
Purpose of the survey	2	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
Scope of the survey	3	This survey covers the largest local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	4	Building activities are classified in division five according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
Collection rate	5	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for August 2026 was 92,7%. The revised collection rate for July 2026 was 94,5%.
Statistical unit	6	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	7	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85% of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by email and telephone.
Constant prices	8	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2019. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151.1: <i>Construction Materials Price Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2023=100) are converted to the base year 2019=100.

- Seasonal adjustment** 9 Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by the United States Census Bureau.
- 10 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment 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-26	Additional information from respondents	Aug-24 - Jul-26
Sep-26	Additional information from respondents	Sep-24 - Aug-26
Oct-26	Additional information from respondents	Oct-24 - Sep-26
Nov-26	Additional information from respondents	Nov-24 - Oct-26
Dec-26	Additional information from respondents	Dec-24 - Nov-26
Jan-27	Additional information from respondents New base year for constant prices	Jan-82 - Dec-26
Feb-27	Additional information from respondents	Feb-25 - Jan-27
Mar-27	Additional information from respondents	Mar-25 - Feb-27
Apr-27	Additional information from respondents	Apr-25 - Mar-27
May-27	Additional information from respondents	May-25 - Apr-27
Jun-27	Additional information from respondents	Jun-25 - May-27
Jul-27	Additional information from respondents	Jul-25 - Jun-27
New base year in 2026/27 – periodic, approximately four to five-year intervals		

- Related publications** 13 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:
- P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* issued annually;
 - P9101.2: *Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region* issued annually; and
 - *Building Statistics* (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.

- Rounding-off of figures** 14 Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.

- Symbols and abbreviations** 15
- .. Changes from a zero in the preceding period cannot be calculated as a percentage
 - 0 Nil or figure too small to publish
 - * Revised figures
 - Stats SA Statistics South Africa
 - SIC Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities
 - ISIC International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities

Glossary

Additions and alterations	Extensions to existing buildings as well as internal and external alterations of existing buildings.
Blocks of flats	High-density housing consisting of a number of self-contained dwelling-units, each with at least one living-room together with a kitchen and bathroom, conjoined to similar units in one building.
Dwelling-house	A free-standing, complete structure on a separate stand or a self-contained dwelling-unit, e.g. granny flat, on the same premises as an existing residence. Out-buildings and garages are included.
Local government institutions	Include: • district municipalities; • metropolitan municipalities; and • local municipalities.
Municipality	A generic term describing the “unit” of government in the local spheres responsible for local government in a geographically demarcated area and including district, metropolitan and local municipalities. It is an institution consisting of a municipal council (elected political representatives) and municipal administration (appointed officials).
District municipality	A municipality that has municipal executive and legislative authority in an area that includes more than one municipality, and which is described in section 155(1) of the Constitution as a category C municipality (refer to Local Government: Municipal Structure Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998)).
Metropolitan municipality	A municipality that has municipal executive and legislative authority in an area that includes more than one municipality, and which is described in section 155(1) of the Constitution as a category A municipality (refer to Local Government: Municipal Structure Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998)).
Local municipality	A municipality that shares municipal executive and legislative authority in its area with a district municipality within whose area it falls, which is described in section 155(1) of the constitution as a category B municipality.
Non-residential buildings	Factories and commercial, financial and other office buildings, as well as other buildings not used for residential purposes, such as churches, halls, clubs, schools and hospitals.
Other residential buildings	Institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, old people’s homes, hostels, hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation, entertainment centres and casinos.
Percentage change	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. 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. 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.

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