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Results for January to December 2021

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:
January to December 2020 versus January to December 2021**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Dec 2020 1/	Jan – Dec 2021 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Dec 2020 and Jan – Dec 2021	% change between Jan – Dec 2020 and Jan – Dec 2021
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	39 711 702	59 963 954	20 252 252	51,0
-Dwelling-houses	24 081 962	38 114 440	14 032 478	58,3
-Flats and townhouses	15 233 516	20 697 194	5 463 678	35,9
-Other residential buildings	396 224	1 152 320	756 096	190,8
Non-residential buildings	15 835 816	17 944 286	2 108 470	13,3
Additions and alterations	20 832 853	29 911 965	9 079 112	43,6
Total	76 380 371	107 820 205	31 439 834	41,2

1/ 2020 and 2021 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total value of recorded building plans passed at current prices

The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) increased by 41,2% (R31 439,8 million) in 2021 compared with 2020.

Increases were recorded for residential buildings (51,0% or R20 252,3 million), additions and alterations (43,6% or R9 079,1 million) and non-residential buildings (13,3% or R2 108,5 million) – see Table A.

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to December 2020 versus January to December 2021**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Dec 2020 1/	Jan – Dec 2021 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during Jan – Dec 2020	% change between Jan – Dec 2020 and Jan – Dec 2021	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Dec 2020 and Jan – Dec 2021 2/	Difference in value between Jan – Dec 2020 and Jan – Dec 2021
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	23 451 816	30 255 643	30,7	29,0	8,9	6 803 827
Eastern Cape	4 054 382	8 503 666	5,3	109,7	5,8	4 449 284
Northern Cape	1 204 787	1 072 383	1,6	-11,0	-0,2	-132 404
Free State	2 048 029	2 448 109	2,7	19,5	0,5	400 080
KwaZulu-Natal	13 316 456	18 876 189	17,4	41,8	7,3	5 559 733
North West	2 986 955	4 580 930	3,9	53,4	2,1	1 593 975
Gauteng	24 009 143	35 788 845	31,4	49,1	15,4	11 779 702
Mpumalanga	3 760 738	3 885 001	4,9	3,3	0,2	124 263
Limpopo	1 548 065	2 409 439	2,0	55,6	1,1	861 374
Total	76 380 371	107 820 205	100,0	41,2	41,2	31 439 834

1/ 2020 and 2021 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January to December 2020 and January to December 2021 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during January to December 2020, divided by 100.

The largest contributions to the total increase of 41,2% (R31 439,8 million) were made by Gauteng (contributing 15,4 percentage points or R11 779,7 million), Western Cape (contributing 8,9 percentage points or R6 803,8 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 7,3 percentage points or R5 559,7 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing 5,8 percentage points or R4 449,3 million) – see Table B.

**Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices:
January to December 2020 versus January to December 2021**

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Dec 2020 1/	Jan – Dec 2021 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Dec 2020 and Jan – Dec 2021	% change between Jan – Dec 2020 and Jan – Dec 2021
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	31 451 807	42 954 468	11 502 661	36,6
Non-residential buildings	12 585 947	12 944 005	358 058	2,8
Additions and alterations	16 509 565	21 402 459	4 892 894	29,6
Total	60 547 319	77 300 932	16 753 613	27,7

1/ 2020 and 2021 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2015 prices) increased by 27,7% (R16 753,6 million) in 2021 compared with 2020. Increases were recorded for residential buildings (36,6% or R11 502,7 million), additions and alterations (29,6% or R4 892,9 million) and non-residential buildings (2,8% or R358,1 million) – see Table C.

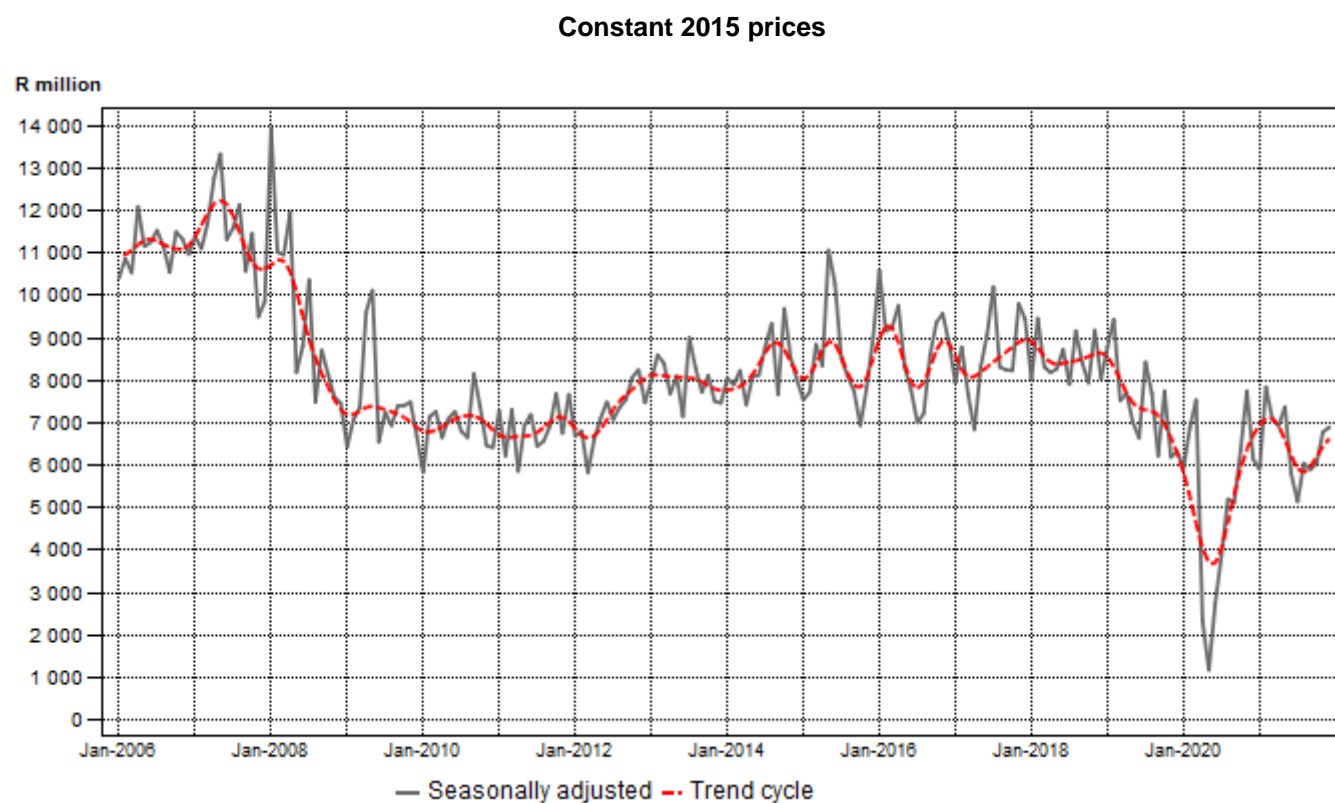
Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jul – Sep 2021	Oct – Dec 2021	% change between Jul – Sep 2021 and Oct – Dec 2021
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 958 412	11 386 403	14,3
Non-residential buildings 1/	2 254 975	2 655 095	17,7
Additions and alterations	4 863 371	5 674 922	16,7
Total	17 076 758	19 716 420	15,5

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed increased by 15,5% in the fourth quarter of 2021 compared with the third quarter of 2021. Increases were recorded for non-residential buildings (17,7%), additions and alterations (16,7%) and residential buildings (14,3%) – see Table D.

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

**Table E – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices:
January to December 2020 versus January to December 2021**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Dec 2020 1/	Jan – Dec 2021 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Dec 2020 and Jan – Dec 2021	% change between Jan – Dec 2020 and Jan – Dec 2021
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	25 571 640	32 852 253	7 280 613	28,5
-Dwelling-houses	14 735 631	19 675 216	4 939 585	33,5
-Flats and townhouses	10 492 779	12 618 550	2 125 771	20,3
-Other residential buildings	343 230	558 487	215 257	62,7
Non-residential buildings	13 462 923	12 942 680	-520 243	-3,9
Additions and alterations	10 068 163	13 445 314	3 377 151	33,5
Total	49 102 726	59 240 247	10 137 521	20,6

1/ 2020 and 2021 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total value of buildings reported as completed at current prices

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 20,6% (R10 137,5 million) in 2021 compared with 2020.

Increases were recorded for additions and alterations (33,5% or R3 377,2 million) and residential buildings (28,5% or R7 280,6 million) – see Table E.

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to December 2020 versus January to December 2021**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Dec 2020 1/	Jan – Dec 2021 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during Jan – Dec 2020	% change between Jan – Dec 2020 and Jan – Dec 2021	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Dec 2020 and Jan – Dec 2021 2/	Difference in value between Jan – Dec 2020 and Jan – Dec 2021
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	16 383 568	22 396 027	33,4	36,7	12,2	6 012 459
Eastern Cape	1 913 568	3 170 644	3,9	65,7	2,6	1 257 076
Northern Cape	677 327	656 431	1,4	-3,1	0,0	-20 896
Free State	618 352	641 769	1,3	3,8	0,0	23 417
KwaZulu-Natal	8 146 065	7 745 262	16,6	-4,9	-0,8	-400 803
North West	1 435 681	2 310 545	2,9	60,9	1,8	874 864
Gauteng	17 825 005	20 414 078	36,3	14,5	5,3	2 589 073
Mpumalanga	1 208 440	1 140 821	2,5	-5,6	-0,1	-67 619
Limpopo	894 720	764 670	1,8	-14,5	-0,3	-130 050
Total	49 102 726	59 240 247	100,0	20,6	20,6	10 137 521

1/ 2020 and 2021 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January to December 2020 and January to December 2021 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January to December 2020, divided by 100.

Five provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed in 2021, of which Western Cape (contributing 12,2 percentage points or R6 012,5 million), Gauteng (contributing 5,3 percentage points or R2 589,1 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing 2,6 percentage points or R1 257,1 million) were the largest positive contributors – see Table F.

**Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices:
January to December 2020 versus January to December 2021**

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Dec 2020 1/	Jan – Dec 2021 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Dec 2020 and Jan – Dec 2021	% change between Jan – Dec 2020 and Jan – Dec 2021
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	20 223 676	23 457 805	3 234 129	16,0
Non-residential buildings	10 687 925	9 244 772	-1 443 153	-13,5
Additions and alterations	7 976 423	9 598 583	1 622 160	20,3
Total	38 888 024	42 301 160	3 413 136	8,8

1/ 2020 and 2021 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2015 prices) increased by 8,8% (R3 413,1 million) in 2021 compared with 2020. Increases were recorded for additions and alterations (20,3% or R1 622,2 million) and residential buildings (16,0% or R3 234,1 million). Non-residential buildings fell by 13,5% (-R1 443,2 million) – see Table G.

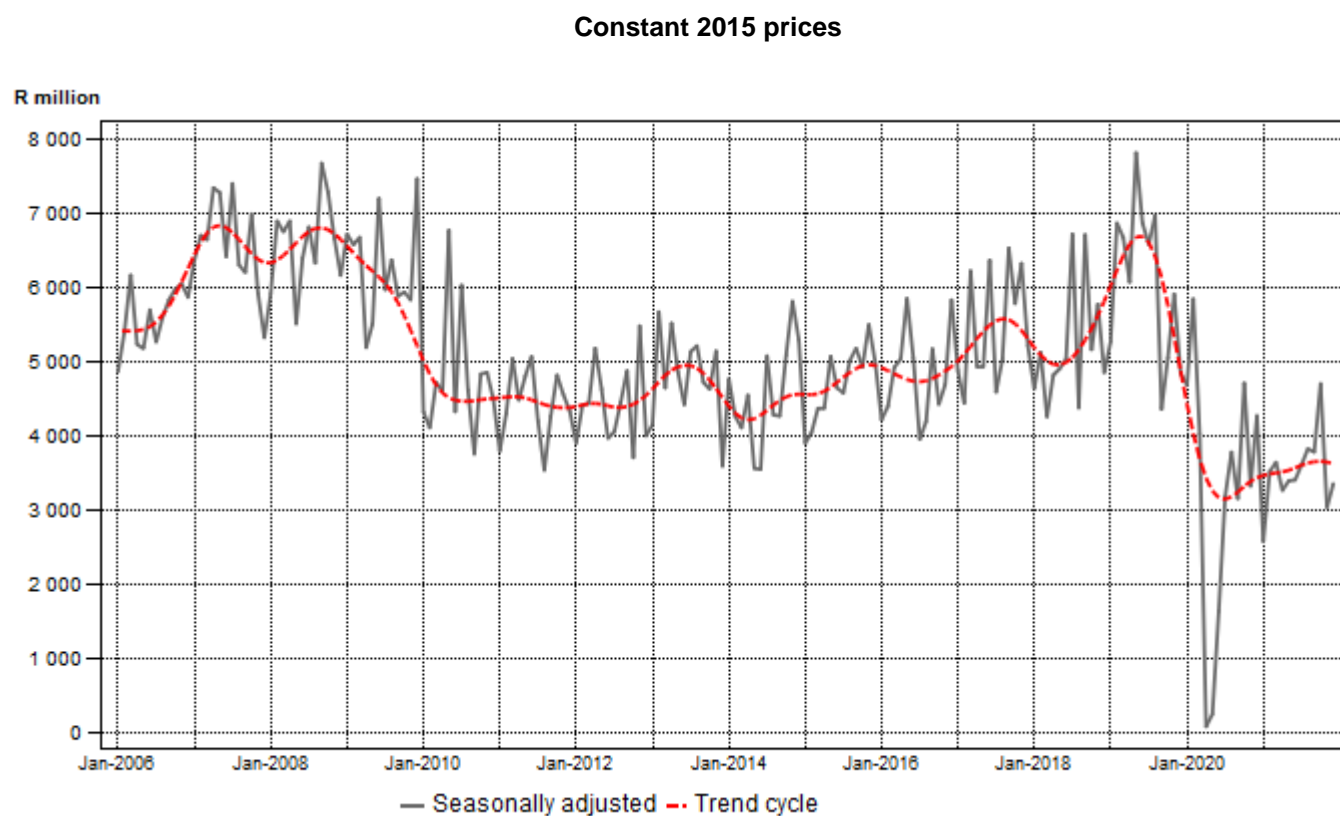
Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jul – Sep 2021	Oct – Dec 2021	% change between Jul – Sep 2021 and Oct – Dec 2021
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 545 790	6 346 619	14,4
Non-residential buildings 1/	2 536 548	2 554 859	0,7
Additions and alterations	3 128 469	2 182 853	-30,2
Total	11 210 807	11 084 331	-1,1

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased by 1,1% in the fourth quarter of 2021 compared with the third quarter of 2021. A decrease was recorded for additions and alterations (-30,2%). Increases were reported for residential buildings (14,4%) and non-residential buildings (0,7%) – see Table H.

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 682 473	-43,8	1 432 830	-11,1	1 686 359	-8,2	5 801 662	-29,4
	February	4 312 361	-38,3	1 840 942	-11,0	2 501 881	4,2	8 655 184	-24,5
	March	4 696 032	13,2	2 071 869	-14,2	2 487 758	7,5	9 255 659	4,3
	April	807 896	-81,1	1 568 730	-28,5	442 419	-82,9	2 819 045	-68,9
	May	809 776	-82,2	180 087	-89,4	436 126	-83,5	1 425 989	-84,0
	June	1 777 401	-56,5	955 406	-42,0	853 147	-66,3	3 585 954	-56,6
	July	2 978 453	-51,7	964 709	-50,4	1 514 915	-53,9	5 458 077	-52,1
	August	3 987 254	-20,8	904 593	-67,1	1 941 160	-20,9	6 833 007	-33,2
	September	3 891 983	9,8	1 005 117	-40,2	2 146 483	-20,3	7 043 583	-11,0
	October	5 166 055	-4,3	1 385 581	-47,8	2 505 796	-9,9	9 057 432	-16,4
	November	4 850 091	25,0	2 576 509	158,3	2 338 480	-15,0	9 765 080	28,0
	December	3 751 927	44,0	949 443	-52,0	1 978 329	0,8	6 679 699	2,0
	Total	39 711 702	-28,4	15 835 816	-33,0	20 832 853	-31,1	76 380 371	-30,1
2021	January	3 471 114	29,4	413 216	-71,2	1 522 409	-9,7	5 406 739	-6,8
	February	5 184 991	20,2	2 758 191	49,8	2 636 828	5,4	10 580 010	22,2
	March	4 552 882	-3,0	2 499 249	20,6	2 554 253	2,7	9 606 384	3,8
	April	5 000 286	518,9	2 024 317	29,0	2 135 961	382,8	9 160 564	225,0
	May	6 289 829	676,7	1 242 347	589,9	2 630 019	503,0	10 162 195	612,6
	June	4 346 231	144,5	1 934 417	102,5	2 401 341	181,5	8 681 989	142,1
	July	4 725 414	58,7	1 047 662	8,6	2 404 495	58,7	8 177 571	49,8
	August	5 625 762	41,1	925 255	2,3	2 567 253	32,3	9 118 270	33,4
	September	5 231 182	34,4	1 239 913	23,4	2 708 619	26,2	9 179 714	30,3
	October	5 034 554	-2,5	1 038 517	-25,0	3 214 572	28,3	9 287 643	2,5
	November	5 758 984	18,7	1 386 087	-46,2	2 975 193	27,2	10 120 264	3,6
	December	4 742 725	26,4	1 435 115	51,2	2 161 022	9,2	8 338 862	24,8
	Total	59 963 954	51,0	17 944 286	13,3	29 911 965	43,6	107 820 205	41,2

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	3 652 854	4,8	1 432 830	-27,6	2 271 515	-4,9	7 357 199	-6,3
	February	4 170 457	14,2	1 840 942	28,5	2 657 035	17,0	8 668 434	17,8
	March	4 686 251	12,4	2 071 869	12,5	2 523 782	-5,0	9 281 902	7,1
	April	814 157	-82,6	1 568 730	-24,3	477 148	-81,1	2 860 035	-69,2
	May	795 850	-2,2	180 087	-88,5	462 832	-3,0	1 438 769	-49,7
	June	1 651 582	107,5	955 406	430,5	768 645	66,1	3 375 633	134,6
	July	2 606 261	57,8	964 709	1,0	1 280 405	66,6	4 851 375	43,7
	August	3 756 208	44,1	904 593	-6,2	1 961 802	53,2	6 622 603	36,5
	September	3 602 090	-4,1	1 005 117	11,1	1 876 496	-4,3	6 483 703	-2,1
	October	4 553 289	26,4	1 385 581	37,9	2 219 431	18,3	8 158 301	25,8
	November	5 166 574	13,5	2 576 509	86,0	2 211 290	-0,4	9 954 373	22,0
	December	4 662 921	-9,7	949 443	-63,2	2 327 035	5,2	7 939 399	-20,2
2021	January	5 054 790	8,4	413 216	-56,5	2 239 748	-3,8	7 707 754	-2,9
	February	4 990 172	-1,3	2 758 191	567,5	2 702 404	20,7	10 450 767	35,6
	March	4 356 901	-12,7	2 499 249	-9,4	2 430 354	-10,1	9 286 504	-11,1
	April	5 169 700	18,7	2 024 317	-19,0	2 290 004	-5,8	9 484 021	2,1
	May	6 233 493	20,6	1 242 347	-38,6	2 752 556	20,2	10 228 396	7,8
	June	3 910 647	-37,3	1 934 417	55,7	2 231 853	-18,9	8 076 917	-21,0
	July	4 171 542	6,7	1 047 662	-45,8	2 098 499	-6,0	7 317 703	-9,4
	August	5 273 803	26,4	925 255	-11,7	2 441 526	16,3	8 640 584	18,1
	September	4 805 818	-8,9	1 239 913	34,0	2 444 321	0,1	8 490 052	-1,7
	October	4 642 482	-3,4	1 038 517	-16,2	3 023 710	23,7	8 704 709	2,5
	November	5 871 205	26,5	1 386 087	33,5	2 578 321	-14,7	9 835 613	13,0
	December	6 033 081	2,8	1 435 115	3,5	2 561 373	-0,7	10 029 569	2,0
	Jul – Sep 21	14 251 163		3 212 830		6 984 346		24 448 339	
	Oct – Dec 21 2/	16 546 768	16,1	3 859 719	20,1	8 163 404	16,9	28 569 891	16,9

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 159 801	-46,4	1 153 647	-15,2	1 357 777	-12,4	4 671 225	-32,7
	February	3 455 417	-40,9	1 475 114	-14,8	2 004 712	-0,2	6 935 243	-27,7
	March	3 787 123	10,5	1 670 862	-16,3	2 006 256	4,9	7 464 241	1,7
	April	655 228	-81,4	1 272 287	-29,4	358 815	-83,1	2 286 330	-69,3
	May	657 286	-82,4	146 175	-89,5	353 998	-83,7	1 157 459	-84,1
	June	1 435 704	-57,2	771 733	-43,0	689 133	-66,9	2 896 570	-57,3
	July	2 380 858	-52,8	771 150	-51,5	1 210 963	-54,9	4 362 971	-53,2
	August	3 161 978	-22,9	717 362	-68,0	1 539 381	-23,0	5 418 721	-35,0
	September	3 057 332	6,6	789 566	-41,9	1 686 161	-22,7	5 533 059	-13,6
	October	4 023 407	-7,8	1 079 113	-49,8	1 951 555	-13,2	7 054 075	-19,5
	November	3 771 455	19,9	2 003 506	147,8	1 818 414	-18,4	7 593 375	22,8
	December	2 906 218	38,1	735 432	-54,0	1 532 400	-3,3	5 174 050	-2,2
	Total	31 451 807	-30,9	12 585 947	-35,1	16 509 565	-33,4	60 547 319	-32,5
2021	January	2 665 986	23,4	317 370	-72,5	1 169 285	-13,9	4 152 641	-11,1
	February	3 916 156	13,3	2 083 226	41,2	1 991 562	-0,7	7 990 944	15,2
	March	3 400 211	-10,2	1 866 504	11,7	1 907 583	-4,9	7 174 298	-3,9
	April	3 676 681	461,1	1 488 468	17,0	1 570 560	337,7	6 735 709	194,6
	May	4 564 462	594,4	901 558	516,8	1 908 577	439,1	7 374 597	537,1
	June	3 093 403	115,5	1 376 809	78,4	1 709 140	148,0	6 179 352	113,3
	July	3 339 515	40,3	740 397	-4,0	1 699 290	40,3	5 779 202	32,5
	August	3 959 016	25,2	651 129	-9,2	1 806 652	17,4	6 416 797	18,4
	September	3 642 884	19,2	863 449	9,4	1 886 225	11,9	6 392 558	15,5
	October	3 491 369	-13,2	720 192	-33,3	2 229 245	14,2	6 440 806	-8,7
	November	3 960 787	5,0	953 292	-52,4	2 046 213	12,5	6 960 292	-8,3
	December	3 243 998	11,6	981 611	33,5	1 478 127	-3,5	5 703 736	10,2
	Total	42 954 468	36,6	12 944 005	2,8	21 402 459	29,6	77 300 932	27,7

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 927 702	5,2	1 153 647	-27,9	1 847 837	-5,0	5 929 186	-6,3
	February	3 326 274	13,6	1 475 114	27,9	2 081 278	12,6	6 882 666	16,1
	March	3 815 173	14,7	1 670 862	13,3	2 053 775	-1,3	7 539 810	9,5
	April	666 178	-82,5	1 272 287	-23,9	383 019	-81,4	2 321 484	-69,2
	May	645 022	-3,2	146 175	-88,5	373 751	-2,4	1 164 948	-49,8
	June	1 330 388	106,3	771 733	428,0	637 142	70,5	2 739 263	135,1
	July	2 081 079	56,4	771 150	-0,1	1 028 701	61,5	3 880 930	41,7
	August	2 965 548	42,5	717 362	-7,0	1 517 178	47,5	5 200 088	34,0
	September	2 861 159	-3,5	789 566	10,1	1 460 179	-3,8	5 110 904	-1,7
	October	3 536 950	23,6	1 079 113	36,7	1 731 139	18,6	6 347 202	24,2
	November	4 001 375	13,1	2 003 506	85,7	1 745 473	0,8	7 750 354	22,1
	December	3 588 159	-10,3	735 432	-63,3	1 813 048	3,9	6 136 639	-20,8
2021	January	3 867 402	7,8	317 370	-56,8	1 718 776	-5,2	5 903 548	-3,8
	February	3 753 778	-2,9	2 083 226	556,4	2 009 287	16,9	7 846 291	32,9
	March	3 317 895	-11,6	1 866 504	-10,4	1 913 268	-4,8	7 097 667	-9,5
	April	3 813 375	14,9	1 488 468	-20,3	1 622 527	-15,2	6 924 370	-2,4
	May	4 477 940	17,4	901 558	-39,4	1 994 519	22,9	7 374 017	6,5
	June	2 811 189	-37,2	1 376 809	52,7	1 601 139	-19,7	5 789 137	-21,5
	July	2 912 427	3,6	740 397	-46,2	1 485 708	-7,2	5 138 532	-11,2
	August	3 700 351	27,1	651 129	-12,1	1 692 616	13,9	6 044 096	17,6
	September	3 345 634	-9,6	863 449	32,6	1 685 047	-0,4	5 894 130	-2,5
	October	3 248 018	-2,9	720 192	-16,6	2 073 844	23,1	6 042 054	2,5
	November	4 012 598	23,5	953 292	32,4	1 817 611	-12,4	6 783 501	12,3
	December	4 125 787	2,8	981 611	3,0	1 783 467	-1,9	6 890 865	1,6
	Jul – Sep 21	9 958 412		2 254 975		4 863 371		17 076 758	
	Oct – Dec 21 2/	11 386 403	14,3	2 655 095	17,7	5 674 922	16,7	19 716 420	15,5

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 148 619	-33,2	1 477 291	30,8	1 183 302	67,8	4 809 212	-4,8
	February	2 778 801	-24,1	2 973 015	-5,8	1 267 666	27,9	7 019 482	-10,1
	March	2 255 666	-58,7	1 899 216	33,7	995 404	-33,2	5 150 286	-38,5
	April	36 187	-99,2	46 153	-97,2	14 131	-98,6	96 471	-98,6
	May	112 461	-97,9	104 955	-96,6	84 515	-91,8	301 931	-96,8
	June	1 116 026	-82,4	520 306	-58,7	415 366	-52,2	2 051 698	-75,7
	July	2 767 364	-42,3	424 883	-77,7	719 931	-40,1	3 912 178	-50,5
	August	2 504 564	-50,4	1 146 262	-46,4	1 087 927	-12,3	4 738 753	-43,8
	September	2 146 712	-36,9	978 096	-22,5	1 128 749	2,2	4 253 557	-26,3
	October	3 513 106	7,5	1 616 791	-13,1	1 142 690	-15,4	6 272 587	-3,2
	November	2 931 244	-38,6	870 742	-63,0	1 160 531	-5,2	4 962 517	-40,5
	December	3 260 890	10,0	1 405 213	-29,2	867 951	-15,5	5 534 054	-7,4
	Total	25 571 640	-51,3	13 462 923	-42,0	10 068 163	-24,1	49 102 726	-44,8
2021	January	1 555 519	-27,6	592 555	-59,9	557 442	-52,9	2 705 516	-43,7
	February	2 292 037	-17,5	1 278 339	-57,0	868 117	-31,5	4 438 493	-36,8
	March	3 241 970	43,7	484 864	-74,5	1 229 078	23,5	4 955 912	-3,8
	April	2 247 786	6 111,6	1 055 478	2 186,9	974 063	6 793,1	4 277 327	4 333,8
	May	2 577 282	2 191,7	1 177 072	1 021,5	838 562	892,2	4 592 916	1 421,2
	June	2 728 620	144,5	1 040 200	99,9	1 037 899	149,9	4 806 719	134,3
	July	2 502 803	-9,6	1 252 762	194,8	1 355 087	88,2	5 110 652	30,6
	August	2 505 989	0,1	1 188 372	3,7	1 788 633	64,4	5 482 994	15,7
	September	3 026 326	41,0	1 170 212	19,6	1 547 191	37,1	5 743 729	35,0
	October	3 668 255	4,4	2 014 447	24,6	1 349 728	18,1	7 032 430	12,1
	November	3 218 040	9,8	806 725	-7,4	1 144 563	-1,4	5 169 328	4,2
	December	3 287 626	0,8	881 654	-37,3	754 951	-13,0	4 924 231	-11,0
	Total	32 852 253	28,5	12 942 680	-3,9	13 445 314	33,5	59 240 247	20,6

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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/
2020	January	2 834 797	-0,9	1 477 291	-25,6	1 523 541	29,1	5 835 629	-3,1
	February	3 076 271	8,5	2 973 015	101,2	1 255 033	-17,6	7 304 319	25,2
	March	2 262 642	-26,4	1 899 216	-36,1	814 616	-35,1	4 976 474	-31,9
	April	37 383	-98,3	46 153	-97,6	16 880	-97,9	100 416	-98,0
	May	113 730	204,2	104 955	127,4	88 258	422,9	306 943	205,7
	June	1 098 841	866,2	520 306	395,7	404 357	358,2	2 023 504	559,2
	July	2 843 900	158,8	424 883	-18,3	706 751	74,8	3 975 534	96,5
	August	2 613 649	-8,1	1 146 262	169,8	1 004 847	42,2	4 764 758	19,9
	September	1 936 662	-25,9	978 096	-14,7	1 092 024	8,7	4 006 782	-15,9
	October	3 366 763	73,8	1 616 791	65,3	1 061 353	-2,8	6 044 907	50,9
	November	2 349 284	-30,2	870 742	-46,1	1 046 120	-1,4	4 266 146	-29,4
	December	3 134 152	33,4	1 405 213	61,4	1 007 450	-3,7	5 546 815	30,0
2021	January	2 057 107	-34,4	592 555	-57,8	714 881	-29,0	3 364 543	-39,3
	February	2 532 037	23,1	1 278 339	115,7	853 362	19,4	4 663 738	38,6
	March	3 255 137	28,6	484 864	-62,1	1 124 686	31,8	4 864 687	4,3
	April	2 330 904	-28,4	1 055 478	117,7	1 045 434	-7,0	4 431 816	-8,9
	May	2 610 624	12,0	1 177 072	11,5	883 174	-15,5	4 670 870	5,4
	June	2 703 247	3,5	1 040 200	-11,6	1 025 358	16,1	4 768 805	2,1
	July	2 539 913	-6,0	1 252 762	20,4	1 308 765	27,6	5 101 440	7,0
	August	2 610 142	2,8	1 188 372	-5,1	1 631 771	24,7	5 430 285	6,4
	September	2 741 899	5,0	1 170 212	-1,5	1 508 454	-7,6	5 420 565	-0,2
	October	3 507 532	27,9	2 014 447	72,1	1 250 655	-17,1	6 772 634	24,9
	November	2 568 883	-26,8	806 725	-60,0	1 030 960	-17,6	4 406 568	-34,9
	December	3 157 265	22,9	881 654	9,3	888 491	-13,8	4 927 410	11,8
	Jul – Sep 21	7 891 954		3 611 346		4 448 990		15 952 290	
	Oct – Dec 21 2/	9 233 680	17,0	3 702 826	2,5	3 170 106	-28,7	16 106 612	1,0

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	1 729 967	-36,2	1 189 445	24,8	952 739	60,1	3 872 151	-9,1
	February	2 226 603	-27,3	2 382 224	-9,8	1 015 758	22,5	5 624 585	-13,9
	March	1 819 085	-59,7	1 531 626	30,5	802 745	-34,8	4 153 456	-40,0
	April	29 349	-99,2	37 431	-97,2	11 461	-98,6	78 241	-98,6
	May	91 283	-97,9	85 191	-96,7	68 600	-91,9	245 074	-96,8
	June	901 475	-82,6	420 279	-59,3	335 514	-52,9	1 657 268	-76,1
	July	2 212 122	-43,6	339 635	-78,2	575 484	-41,5	3 127 241	-51,6
	August	1 986 173	-51,7	909 010	-47,8	862 749	-14,7	3 757 932	-45,3
	September	1 686 341	-38,7	768 339	-24,8	886 684	-0,8	3 341 364	-28,4
	October	2 736 064	3,6	1 259 183	-16,3	889 945	-18,5	4 885 192	-6,7
	November	2 279 350	-41,1	677 093	-64,5	902 435	-9,1	3 858 878	-43,0
	December	2 525 864	5,5	1 088 469	-32,1	672 309	-19,0	4 286 642	-11,2
	Total	20 223 676	-53,0	10 687 925	-43,8	7 976 423	-26,6	38 888 024	-46,7
2021	January	1 194 715	-30,9	455 111	-61,7	428 143	-55,1	2 077 969	-46,3
	February	1 731 146	-22,3	965 513	-59,5	655 677	-35,4	3 352 336	-40,4
	March	2 421 187	33,1	362 109	-76,4	917 907	14,3	3 701 203	-10,9
	April	1 652 784	5 531,5	776 087	1 973,4	716 223	6 149,2	3 145 094	3 919,8
	May	1 870 306	1 948,9	854 189	902,7	608 536	787,1	3 333 031	1 260,0
	June	1 942 078	115,4	740 356	76,2	738 718	120,2	3 421 152	106,4
	July	1 768 765	-20,0	885 344	160,7	957 659	66,4	3 611 768	15,5
	August	1 763 539	-11,2	836 293	-8,0	1 258 714	45,9	3 858 546	2,7
	September	2 107 469	25,0	814 911	6,1	1 077 431	21,5	3 999 811	19,7
	October	2 543 866	-7,0	1 396 981	10,9	936 011	5,2	4 876 858	-0,2
	November	2 213 232	-2,9	554 831	-18,1	787 182	-12,8	3 555 245	-7,9
	December	2 248 718	-11,0	603 047	-44,6	516 382	-23,2	3 368 147	-21,4
	Total	23 457 805	16,0	9 244 772	-13,5	9 598 583	20,3	42 301 160	8,8

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 273 321	-0,6	1 189 445	-25,8	1 221 243	28,5	4 684 009	-3,2
	February	2 461 220	8,3	2 382 224	100,3	1 004 176	-17,8	5 847 620	24,8
	March	1 830 795	-25,6	1 531 626	-35,7	657 209	-34,6	4 019 630	-31,3
	April	30 353	-98,3	37 431	-97,6	13 709	-97,9	81 493	-98,0
	May	92 473	204,7	85 191	127,6	71 784	423,6	249 448	206,1
	June	891 340	863,9	420 279	393,3	327 059	355,6	1 638 678	556,9
	July	2 274 694	155,2	339 635	-19,2	565 611	72,9	3 179 940	94,1
	August	2 072 613	-8,9	909 010	167,6	797 495	41,0	3 779 118	18,8
	September	1 523 321	-26,5	768 339	-15,5	859 133	7,7	3 150 793	-16,6
	October	2 626 279	72,4	1 259 183	63,9	826 410	-3,8	4 711 872	49,5
	November	1 828 428	-30,4	677 093	-46,2	813 605	-1,5	3 319 126	-29,6
	December	2 404 704	31,5	1 088 469	60,8	778 228	-4,3	4 271 401	28,7
2021	January	1 573 292	-34,6	455 111	-58,2	546 566	-29,8	2 574 969	-39,7
	February	1 908 130	21,3	965 513	112,1	642 959	17,6	3 516 602	36,6
	March	2 439 452	27,8	362 109	-62,5	838 859	30,5	3 640 420	3,5
	April	1 715 405	-29,7	776 087	114,3	770 709	-8,1	3 262 201	-10,4
	May	1 896 899	10,6	854 189	10,1	642 101	-16,7	3 393 189	4,0
	June	1 932 245	1,9	740 356	-13,3	730 577	13,8	3 403 178	0,3
	July	1 795 807	-7,1	885 344	19,6	926 262	26,8	3 607 413	6,0
	August	1 837 121	2,3	836 293	-5,5	1 149 587	24,1	3 823 001	6,0
	September	1 912 862	4,1	814 911	-2,6	1 052 620	-8,4	3 780 393	-1,1
	October	2 436 922	27,4	1 396 981	71,4	867 905	-17,5	4 701 808	24,4
	November	1 767 848	-27,5	554 831	-60,3	709 138	-18,3	3 031 817	-35,5
	December	2 141 849	21,2	603 047	8,7	605 810	-14,6	3 350 706	10,5
	Jul – Sep 21	5 545 790		2 536 548		3 128 469		11 210 807	
	Oct – Dec 21 2/	6 346 619	14,4	2 554 859	0,7	2 182 853	-30,2	11 084 331	-1,1

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

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

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

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

			Dec 2020	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan – Dec 2020	Jan – Dec 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	574	1 637	741	11 329	12 613	11,3
		square metres	29 602	81 884	36 749	545 455	624 341	14,5
		R'000	191 522	485 278	231 387	2 719 549	3 768 648	38,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	917	1 706	1 245	10 190	16 270	59,7
		square metres	254 219	419 275	337 896	2 819 688	4 423 978	56,9
		R'000	1 955 641	3 251 707	2 690 314	21 362 413	34 345 792	60,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 949	1 935	1 766	17 074	23 026	34,9
		square metres	197 764	172 033	205 845	1 787 657	2 312 102	29,3
		R'000	1 574 400	1 701 119	1 738 656	15 233 516	20 697 194	35,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	4 617	42 551	14 141	52 155	152 978	193,3
		R'000	30 364	320 880	82 368	396 224	1 152 320	190,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	3 751 927	5 758 984	4 742 725	39 711 702	59 963 954	51,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	21 436	18 540	7 289	224 177	269 298	20,1
		R'000	170 245	199 173	66 235	1 818 306	2 498 126	37,4
	Shopping space	square metres	17 207	26 654	9 799	533 742	411 068	-23,0
		R'000	148 275	175 368	77 759	4 379 164	3 148 697	-28,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	87 302	128 002	194 149	1 058 835	1 612 244	52,3
		R'000	582 716	832 268	1 219 889	6 937 570	10 186 696	46,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	8 238	23 340	10 350	348 710	297 625	-14,6
		R'000	48 207	179 278	71 232	2 700 776	2 110 767	-21,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	949 443	1 386 087	1 435 115	15 835 816	17 944 286	13,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	170 308	268 687	211 307	1 919 617	2 861 176	49,0
		R'000	1 259 117	2 168 160	1 676 908	14 580 694	22 595 258	55,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	65 605	80 480	41 939	612 364	747 129	22,0
		R'000	719 212	807 033	484 114	6 252 159	7 316 707	17,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 978 329	2 975 193	2 161 022	20 832 853	29 911 965	43,6
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	6 679 699	10 120 264	8 338 862	76 380 371	107 820 205	41,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

			Dec 2020	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan – Dec 2020	Jan – Dec 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	234	422	378	2 548	3 511	37,8
		square metres	10 656	19 322	17 357	119 043	160 085	34,5
		R'000	64 194	108 957	97 045	704 297	930 174	32,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	299	592	472	3 396	5 392	58,8
		square metres	68 910	132 793	119 910	863 594	1 378 110	59,6
		R'000	482 909	954 106	847 385	5 894 326	9 696 133	64,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	169	282	1 027	6 204	7 698	24,1
		square metres	23 323	37 500	129 518	589 377	812 348	37,8
		R'000	166 677	295 367	995 005	4 612 372	6 287 980	36,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	3 437	41 710	0	20 965	100 133	377,6
		R'000	22 281	314 862	0	154 759	762 854	392,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	736 061	1 673 292	1 939 435	11 365 754	17 677 141	55,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	11 798	2 040	2 986	104 701	55 695	-46,8
		R'000	96 320	14 798	21 790	860 088	408 533	-52,5
	Shopping space	square metres	2 703	19 542	277	140 331	80 621	-42,5
		R'000	20 625	120 077	1 524	1 136 166	608 544	-46,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	10 831	20 527	45 480	279 108	265 386	-4,9
		R'000	74 662	151 281	312 364	1 960 125	1 802 581	-8,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	7 388	10 540	5 729	139 653	144 248	3,3
		R'000	40 353	72 488	38 379	1 015 714	988 276	-2,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	231 960	358 644	374 057	4 972 093	3 807 934	-23,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	49 417	73 095	67 334	629 629	867 735	37,8
		R'000	315 544	495 987	455 469	4 179 060	5 932 744	42,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	15 236	27 350	17 435	276 812	262 295	-5,2
		R'000	239 097	346 174	207 988	2 934 909	2 837 824	-3,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	554 641	842 161	663 457	7 113 969	8 770 568	23,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 522 662	2 874 097	2 976 949	23 451 816	30 255 643	29,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

			Dec 2020	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan – Dec 2020	Jan – Dec 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	628	154	185	2 822	1 425,4
		square metres	324	28 417	6 890	11 009	127 852	1 061,3
		R'000	2 087	127 329	36 431	67 815	583 883	761,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	85	126	106	822	1 370	66,7
		square metres	22 301	33 061	25 053	196 564	346 683	76,4
		R'000	162 379	259 160	192 996	1 404 920	2 576 013	83,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	226	33	45	484	734	51,7
		square metres	17 675	3 768	5 117	44 814	85 746	91,3
		R'000	127 791	28 934	37 682	317 096	624 752	97,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	3 852	570	-85,2
		R'000	0	0	0	27 900	3 224	-88,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	292 257	415 423	267 109	1 817 731	3 787 872	108,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	630	3 435	1 000	10 426	12 472	19,6
		R'000	4 554	19 782	5 759	67 172	81 414	21,2
	Shopping space	square metres	0	6 813	344	34 226	66 943	95,6
		R'000	0	52 317	1 858	236 821	481 930	103,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	12 716	18 813	10 641	60 767	162 950	168,2
		R'000	89 044	144 465	76 941	392 356	1 176 461	199,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	3 689	1 198	18 965	16 917	-10,8
		R'000	0	28 328	8 892	137 044	122 568	-10,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	93 598	244 892	93 450	833 393	1 862 373	123,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	19 201	28 556	17 818	159 417	274 050	71,9
		R'000	137 389	217 746	134 544	1 119 381	1 995 362	78,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	5 712	7 461	4 127	35 045	112 131	220,0
		R'000	41 467	58 635	32 680	283 877	858 059	202,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	178 856	276 381	167 224	1 403 258	2 853 421	103,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	564 711	936 696	527 783	4 054 382	8 503 666	109,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

			Dec 2020	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan – Dec 2020	Jan – Dec 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	4	2	22	73	231,8
		square metres	297	240	89	1 173	4 135	252,5
		R'000	2 603	2 103	780	10 126	35 945	255,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	14	19	15	196	206	5,1
		square metres	3 452	4 438	3 745	46 888	48 673	3,8
		R'000	29 178	36 769	30 461	390 633	403 696	3,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	154	0	0	258	145	-43,8
		square metres	18 282	0	0	27 969	9 143	-67,3
		R'000	160 223	0	0	244 845	78 915	-67,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	504	0	0	5 509	0	-100,0
		R'000	4 417	0	0	45 458	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	196 421	38 872	31 241	691 062	518 556	-25,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	2 735	2 167	-20,8
		R'000	0	0	0	21 668	18 690	-13,7
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	2 967	1 609	3 243	101,6
		R'000	0	0	26 003	9 709	28 377	192,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	510	12 851	15 273	18,8
		R'000	0	0	4 133	107 993	128 173	18,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	1 575	0	8 077	2 337	-71,1
		R'000	0	13 803	0	70 594	20 241	-71,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	13 803	30 136	209 964	195 481	-6,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 246	5 577	2 411	31 118	37 727	21,2
		R'000	19 425	45 620	19 206	262 785	311 315	18,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	710	552	348	4 311	3 262	-24,3
		R'000	6 496	4 673	3 150	40 976	47 031	14,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	25 921	50 293	22 356	303 761	358 346	18,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	222 342	102 968	83 733	1 204 787	1 072 383	-11,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

			Dec 2020	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan – Dec 2020	Jan – Dec 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	25	14	13	239	172	-28,0
		square metres	1 447	817	793	13 796	10 327	-25,1
		R'000	7 830	7 127	6 927	108 131	85 604	-20,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	38	45	46	435	677	55,6
		square metres	9 056	9 224	9 724	93 211	139 496	49,7
		R'000	67 855	74 192	78 739	695 841	1 056 187	51,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	10	40	0	293	110	-62,5
		square metres	1 116	2 662	0	28 758	12 852	-55,3
		R'000	6 052	21 477	0	226 744	108 189	-52,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	676	322	484	1 584	4 646	193,3
		R'000	3 666	2 473	3 717	10 655	33 770	216,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	85 403	105 269	89 383	1 041 371	1 283 750	23,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	5 965	1 047	-82,4
		R'000	0	0	0	47 988	9 379	-80,5
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	257	887	13 473	1 418,9
		R'000	0	0	1 907	6 378	101 444	1 490,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	282	389	923	26 411	11 518	-56,4
		R'000	2 379	2 887	5 316	157 689	72 761	-53,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	91	0	0	3 817	24 169	533,2
		R'000	494	0	0	30 143	144 303	378,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 873	2 887	7 223	242 198	327 887	35,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 295	6 057	5 636	80 972	95 313	17,7
		R'000	52 120	49 753	46 294	602 181	707 270	17,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	329	628	584	16 682	15 731	-5,7
		R'000	2 256	6 897	6 266	162 279	129 202	-20,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	54 376	56 650	52 560	764 460	836 472	9,4
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	142 652	164 806	149 166	2 048 029	2 448 109	19,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

			Dec 2020	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan – Dec 2020	Jan – Dec 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	24	9	22	209	235	12,4
		square metres	1 288	582	1 352	12 022	13 818	14,9
		R'000	11 235	4 702	12 608	101 129	116 438	15,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	78	109	96	893	1 207	35,2
		square metres	28 996	37 077	32 900	307 013	388 171	26,4
		R'000	305 084	394 606	341 162	3 026 745	3 912 882	29,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	283	285	119	2 464	4 586	86,1
		square metres	38 634	37 461	15 358	308 710	460 677	49,2
		R'000	415 562	444 120	156 483	3 283 482	4 850 873	47,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	6 066	14 637	141,3
		R'000	0	0	0	51 707	119 500	131,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	731 881	843 428	510 253	6 463 063	8 999 693	39,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 492	0	848	8 846	26 636	201,1
		R'000	26 089	0	9 328	84 353	245 701	191,3
	Shopping space	square metres	1 860	239	712	132 024	41 578	-68,5
		R'000	10 698	2 629	7 832	1 106 084	406 983	-63,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	25 325	52 770	50 961	282 415	580 964	105,7
		R'000	152 656	315 082	305 749	1 849 238	3 564 808	92,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	413	3 285	3 423	36 074	30 315	-16,0
		R'000	3 728	24 805	23 961	319 299	241 042	-24,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	193 171	342 516	346 870	3 358 974	4 458 534	32,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	24 318	31 719	27 704	215 738	364 622	69,0
		R'000	234 513	306 562	270 893	2 184 043	3 703 202	69,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	21 505	17 923	14 324	101 276	154 940	53,0
		R'000	256 752	192 387	171 639	1 310 376	1 714 760	30,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	491 265	498 949	442 532	3 494 419	5 417 962	55,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 416 317	1 684 893	1 299 655	13 316 456	18 876 189	41,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

			Dec 2020	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan – Dec 2020	Jan – Dec 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	10	2	2 031	137	-93,3
		square metres	181	586	144	83 579	7 562	-91,0
		R'000	1 089	3 503	829	260 402	45 810	-82,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	65	289	75	680	1 348	98,2
		square metres	18 765	43 181	17 973	171 688	309 442	80,2
		R'000	116 284	272 172	120 054	1 080 942	2 024 901	87,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	44	20	10	269	713	165,1
		square metres	3 431	521	244	25 850	60 551	134,2
		R'000	22 708	3 000	1 415	170 153	380 991	123,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	3 156	1 373	-56,5
		R'000	0	0	0	20 381	9 300	-54,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	140 081	278 675	122 298	1 531 878	2 461 002	60,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	3 339	0	0	5 998	1 547	-74,2
		R'000	24 141	0	0	39 406	9 237	-76,6
	Shopping space	square metres	590	0	1 083	72 601	115 964	59,7
		R'000	3 269	0	6 897	433 373	681 078	57,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	904	561	3 018	24 705	18 316	-25,9
		R'000	5 153	3 231	17 710	146 619	116 042	-20,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	7 024	22 440	219,5
		R'000	0	0	0	43 992	139 631	217,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	32 563	3 231	24 607	663 390	945 988	42,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 660	10 213	5 404	96 455	138 493	43,6
		R'000	43 464	68 203	34 944	583 068	878 470	50,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	13 017	5 685	307	27 306	29 216	7,0
		R'000	81 473	41 826	4 485	208 619	295 470	41,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	124 937	110 029	39 429	791 687	1 173 940	48,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	297 581	391 935	186 334	2 986 955	4 580 930	53,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

			Dec 2020	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan – Dec 2020	Jan – Dec 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	213	524	147	5 652	5 410	-4,3
		square metres	11 772	30 459	8 807	279 356	285 784	2,3
		R'000	81 572	222 332	68 461	1 323 518	1 883 121	42,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	225	345	340	2 573	4 111	59,8
		square metres	70 624	105 932	102 849	754 971	1 265 274	67,6
		R'000	590 923	927 741	917 603	6 363 583	11 212 448	76,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 035	1 254	453	6 671	8 475	27,0
		square metres	93 456	88 262	43 676	736 664	800 274	8,6
		R'000	664 483	898 649	473 557	6 228 535	7 929 315	27,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	1 564	13 819	783,6
		R'000	0	0	0	9 558	118 152	1 136,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 336 978	2 048 722	1 459 621	13 925 194	21 143 036	51,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	3 177	12 756	1 896	34 200	167 045	388,4
		R'000	19 141	162 774	24 703	353 425	1 707 040	383,0
	Shopping space	square metres	11 904	0	1 506	125 363	73 923	-41,0
		R'000	112 507	0	15 042	1 266 004	742 284	-41,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	31 813	24 017	76 027	280 034	498 441	78,0
		R'000	221 386	148 550	459 254	1 715 151	2 951 734	72,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	346	3 936	0	104 340	49 239	-52,8
		R'000	3 632	37 934	0	869 943	408 906	-53,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	356 666	349 258	498 999	4 204 523	5 809 964	38,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	44 288	92 178	68 505	566 302	865 406	52,8
		R'000	363 192	844 411	613 763	4 796 097	7 710 830	60,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	7 257	15 258	4 587	134 215	137 309	2,3
		R'000	76 440	113 818	39 511	1 083 329	1 125 015	3,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	439 632	958 229	653 274	5 879 426	8 835 845	50,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 133 276	3 356 209	2 611 894	24 009 143	35 788 845	49,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

			Dec 2020	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan – Dec 2020	Jan – Dec 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	30	21	20	300	166	-44,7
		square metres	1 637	1 161	1 127	16 843	9 314	-44,7
		R'000	8 845	7 305	7 090	92 302	54 181	-41,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	63	116	75	795	1 321	66,2
		square metres	18 204	30 270	18 357	248 503	338 998	36,4
		R'000	117 648	180 725	114 701	1 676 938	2 169 756	29,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	8	0	36	21	189	800,0
		square metres	373	0	2 177	2 390	18 722	683,3
		R'000	2 023	0	12 814	13 070	114 180	773,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	13 657	8 005	13 657	70,6
		R'000	0	0	78 651	66 658	78 651	18,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	128 516	188 030	213 256	1 848 968	2 416 768	30,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	309	559	50 683	1 246	-97,5
		R'000	0	1 819	4 655	340 614	9 438	-97,2
	Shopping space	square metres	150	0	548	22 488	12 623	-43,9
		R'000	1 176	0	3 226	158 461	80 801	-49,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 596	9 827	6 589	64 621	36 345	-43,8
		R'000	20 355	59 746	38 422	443 710	238 960	-46,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	216	0	26 565	5 805	-78,1
		R'000	0	1 244	0	186 601	33 408	-82,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	21 531	62 809	46 303	1 129 386	362 607	-67,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 972	15 529	13 344	101 703	160 106	57,4
		R'000	63 736	101 176	82 486	622 667	997 273	60,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 332	1 421	227	10 319	8 128	-21,2
		R'000	10 176	10 106	15 835	159 717	108 353	-32,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	73 912	111 282	98 321	782 384	1 105 626	41,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	223 959	362 121	357 880	3 760 738	3 885 001	3,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

			Dec 2020	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan – Dec 2020	Jan – Dec 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	32	5	3	143	87	-39,2
		square metres	2 000	300	190	8 634	5 464	-36,7
		R'000	12 067	1 920	1 216	51 829	33 492	-35,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	50	65	20	400	638	59,5
		square metres	13 911	23 299	7 385	137 256	209 131	52,4
		R'000	83 381	152 236	47 213	828 485	1 293 776	56,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	20	21	76	410	376	-8,3
		square metres	1 474	1 859	9 755	23 125	51 789	124,0
		R'000	8 881	9 572	61 700	137 219	321 999	134,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	519	0	1 454	4 143	184,9
		R'000	0	3 545	0	9 148	26 869	193,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	104 329	167 273	110 129	1 026 681	1 676 136	63,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	623	1 443	131,6
		R'000	0	0	0	3 592	8 694	142,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	60	2 105	4 213	2 700	-35,9
		R'000	0	345	13 470	26 168	17 256	-34,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 835	1 098	0	27 923	23 051	-17,4
		R'000	17 081	7 026	0	164 689	135 176	-17,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	99	0	4 195	2 155	-48,6
		R'000	0	676	0	27 446	12 392	-54,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	17 081	8 047	13 470	221 895	173 518	-21,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 911	5 763	3 151	38 283	57 724	50,8
		R'000	29 734	38 702	19 309	231 412	358 792	55,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	507	4 202	0	6 398	24 117	276,9
		R'000	5 055	32 517	2 560	68 077	200 993	195,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	34 789	71 219	21 869	299 489	559 785	86,9
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	156 199	246 539	145 468	1 548 065	2 409 439	55,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

			Dec 2020	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan – Dec 2020	Jan – Dec 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	675	1 098	860	7 530	8 705	15,6
		square metres	35 709	51 545	43 508	383 284	445 127	16,1
		R'000	226 781	332 164	287 245	2 310 814	2 915 339	26,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	627	811	764	6 463	8 420	30,3
		square metres	171 543	213 545	195 019	1 616 075	2 117 903	31,1
		R'000	1 312 806	1 665 221	1 607 519	12 424 817	16 759 877	34,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 783	2 008	1 687	10 185	15 517	52,4
		square metres	189 633	144 406	151 542	1 206 254	1 460 497	21,1
		R'000	1 683 354	1 200 062	1 383 708	10 492 779	12 618 550	20,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	3 966	3 264	756	37 091	61 189	65,0
		R'000	37 949	20 593	9 154	343 230	558 487	62,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	3 260 890	3 218 040	3 287 626	25 571 640	32 852 253	28,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	12 885	395	9 122	394 953	188 909	-52,2
		R'000	90 952	2 576	78 603	3 693 314	1 690 588	-54,2
	Shopping space	square metres	5 237	21 541	11 446	240 025	471 465	96,4
		R'000	35 553	186 144	90 741	2 057 763	3 894 940	89,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	205 383	80 727	103 148	1 076 668	944 959	-12,2
		R'000	1 213 362	553 512	613 802	6 713 324	6 047 233	-9,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	9 850	9 634	12 284	136 958	169 325	23,6
		R'000	65 346	64 493	98 508	998 522	1 309 919	31,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 405 213	806 725	881 654	13 462 923	12 942 680	-3,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	55 174	96 292	62 354	692 342	1 031 067	48,9
		R'000	427 222	703 539	466 536	5 284 845	7 763 863	46,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	47 452	47 923	26 861	455 993	548 285	20,2
		R'000	440 729	441 024	288 415	4 783 318	5 681 451	18,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	867 951	1 144 563	754 951	10 068 163	13 445 314	33,5
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	5 534 054	5 169 328	4 924 231	49 102 726	59 240 247	20,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

			Dec 2020	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan – Dec 2020	Jan – Dec 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	278	602	392	2 276	3 665	61,0
		square metres	13 180	26 673	17 335	103 323	164 562	59,3
		R'000	77 969	149 794	102 808	578 697	937 500	62,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	203	322	287	2 334	2 945	26,2
		square metres	57 934	80 714	64 188	565 893	701 442	24,0
		R'000	386 481	553 801	441 524	3 872 155	4 794 565	23,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	878	1 571	837	3 968	7 890	98,8
		square metres	78 245	93 567	70 912	431 812	649 352	50,4
		R'000	624 500	705 516	570 698	3 474 162	5 046 123	45,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	225	3 264	9	12 141	25 817	112,6
		R'000	1 602	20 593	50	88 356	202 933	129,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 090 552	1 429 704	1 115 080	8 013 370	10 981 121	37,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	4 625	86	642	87 562	101 600	16,0
		R'000	40 555	757	3 550	708 327	824 807	16,4
	Shopping space	square metres	1 355	15 737	7 233	90 562	109 695	21,1
		R'000	10 537	123 094	58 504	710 509	895 455	26,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	17 570	50 096	8 354	151 424	305 719	101,9
		R'000	122 826	360 014	60 546	1 017 617	2 111 329	107,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	4 130	6 461	6 621	74 490	57 537	-22,8
		R'000	27 745	43 490	45 628	522 963	392 202	-25,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	201 663	527 355	168 228	2 959 416	4 223 793	42,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	25 847	61 438	31 504	331 756	545 621	64,5
		R'000	185 054	408 897	201 294	2 306 133	3 590 447	55,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	28 677	17 696	15 718	284 522	328 941	15,6
		R'000	238 669	164 109	183 432	3 104 649	3 600 666	16,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	423 723	573 006	384 726	5 410 782	7 191 113	32,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 715 938	2 530 065	1 668 034	16 383 568	22 396 027	36,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

			Dec 2020	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan – Dec 2020	Jan – Dec 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	27	14	106	168	58,5
		square metres	179	1 444	770	6 211	9 364	50,8
		R'000	1 056	8 534	4 794	39 290	62 137	58,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	23	61	44	370	505	36,5
		square metres	5 140	23 463	8 292	74 226	126 581	70,5
		R'000	37 977	180 474	63 768	531 436	946 282	78,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1	7	16	103	277	168,9
		square metres	130	569	2 015	10 055	23 905	137,7
		R'000	909	4 369	15 298	69 786	175 591	151,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	26	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	200	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	39 942	193 377	83 860	640 512	1 184 210	84,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	2 210	1 070	12 747	1 091,3
		R'000	0	0	12 727	7 047	89 972	1 176,7
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	2 369	3 605	52,2
		R'000	0	0	0	17 128	23 466	37,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	1 540	0	82 129	115 471	40,6
		R'000	0	11 826	0	547 435	827 859	51,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	104	0	1 852	19 116	932,2
		R'000	0	799	0	9 607	141 932	1 377,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	12 625	12 727	581 217	1 083 229	86,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 261	3 466	4 971	74 192	91 838	23,8
		R'000	23 811	26 221	37 743	519 537	667 918	28,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	115	2 630	781	23 340	26 270	12,6
		R'000	4 558	26 952	7 461	172 302	235 287	36,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	28 369	53 173	45 204	691 839	903 205	30,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	68 311	259 175	141 791	1 913 568	3 170 644	65,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

			Dec 2020	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan – Dec 2020	Jan – Dec 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	3	0	5	37	640,0
		square metres	0	168	0	308	2 449	695,1
		R'000	0	1 361	0	2 650	21 265	702,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	10	11	15	122	130	6,6
		square metres	2 370	2 411	3 914	28 916	29 044	0,4
		R'000	20 378	19 536	31 715	244 182	243 467	-0,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	6	0	18	17	-5,6
		square metres	0	627	0	1 257	1 662	32,2
		R'000	0	5 081	0	10 560	13 982	32,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	500	1 117	123,4
		R'000	0	0	0	4 300	9 789	127,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	20 378	25 978	31 715	261 692	288 503	10,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	425	400	1 040	160,0
		R'000	0	0	3 444	3 440	8 562	148,9
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	4 775	1 190	-75,1
		R'000	0	0	0	39 155	10 429	-73,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	2 809	0	13 768	4 188	-69,6
		R'000	0	22 761	0	116 214	34 475	-70,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	160	94	1 470	449	-69,5
		R'000	0	1 296	762	12 440	3 735	-70,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	24 057	4 206	171 249	57 201	-66,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 834	4 225	2 162	21 188	27 619	30,4
		R'000	15 775	34 235	17 519	180 879	230 879	27,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	659	7 110	9 110	28,1
		R'000	185	170	5 340	63 507	79 848	25,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	15 960	34 405	22 859	244 386	310 727	27,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	36 338	84 440	58 780	677 327	656 431	-3,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

			Dec 2020	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan – Dec 2020	Jan – Dec 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	20	22	109	284	160,6
		square metres	64	1 246	1 339	6 595	17 278	162,0
		R'000	447	11 160	11 811	53 338	147 329	176,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	2	12	12	107	207	93,5
		square metres	576	2 992	2 067	24 767	37 863	52,9
		R'000	3 423	23 309	16 343	177 713	286 142	61,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	36	35	-2,8
		square metres	0	0	0	10 313	4 012	-61,1
		R'000	0	0	0	83 246	33 393	-59,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	605	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	4 942	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	3 870	34 469	28 154	314 297	471 806	50,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	6 713	147	-97,8
		R'000	0	0	0	54 187	1 091	-98,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	3 620	538	-85,1
		R'000	0	0	0	28 517	3 640	-87,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	15 415	6 315	-59,0
		R'000	0	0	0	122 231	46 469	-62,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	0	471	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	2 653	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	0	204 935	53 853	-73,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	313	357	708	8 298	17 329	108,8
		R'000	2 011	2 462	4 170	52 311	110 465	111,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	529	0	0	4 235	628	-85,2
		R'000	3 825	0	0	46 809	5 645	-87,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	5 836	2 462	4 170	99 120	116 110	17,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	9 706	36 931	32 324	618 352	641 769	3,8

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

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

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

			Dec 2020	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan – Dec 2020	Jan – Dec 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	7	8	4	131	86	-34,4
		square metres	430	434	189	7 839	4 996	-36,3
		R'000	3 181	4 148	1 512	78 226	48 976	-37,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	47	39	75	560	615	9,8
		square metres	16 762	10 433	24 806	154 609	189 972	22,9
		R'000	187 386	110 101	262 461	1 639 706	1 985 901	21,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	76	117	98	1 489	1 108	-25,6
		square metres	8 139	16 502	15 968	173 764	141 030	-18,8
		R'000	88 522	184 045	158 474	1 832 094	1 430 466	-21,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 423	0	0	15 886	24 068	51,5
		R'000	28 834	0	0	177 771	259 649	46,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	307 923	298 294	422 447	3 727 797	3 724 992	-0,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	934	0	2 549	29 615	27 611	-6,8
		R'000	6 258	0	19 343	302 696	286 860	-5,2
	Shopping space	square metres	409	5 804	4 213	17 559	111 176	533,2
		R'000	2 458	63 050	32 237	147 588	1 028 371	596,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	66 839	22 106	8 876	418 962	111 282	-73,4
		R'000	401 034	131 120	54 184	2 518 306	692 660	-72,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	5 126	0	1 399	14 130	6 761	-52,2
		R'000	30 936	0	11 192	130 349	48 325	-62,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	440 686	194 170	116 956	3 098 939	2 056 216	-33,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 768	5 854	4 131	78 384	102 590	30,9
		R'000	52 837	62 318	47 752	863 459	1 164 792	34,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	15 658	11 313	3 145	36 159	68 327	89,0
		R'000	173 558	128 693	36 732	455 870	799 262	75,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	226 395	191 011	84 484	1 319 329	1 964 054	48,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	975 004	683 475	623 887	8 146 065	7 745 262	-4,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

			Dec 2020	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan – Dec 2020	Jan – Dec 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	16	30	15	104	232	123,1
		square metres	908	1 850	905	6 175	13 918	125,4
		R'000	6 371	10 759	5 255	35 564	81 941	130,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	68	109	28	474	639	34,8
		square metres	15 422	20 416	6 551	105 937	142 411	34,4
		R'000	100 456	133 548	44 632	685 530	941 238	37,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	32	1	412	217	-47,3
		square metres	0	3 237	160	38 780	25 104	-35,3
		R'000	0	22 781	982	264 269	165 565	-37,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 318	0	0	2 578	0	-100,0
		R'000	7 513	0	0	16 623	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	114 340	167 088	50 869	1 001 986	1 188 744	18,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	5 785	7 339	26,9
		R'000	0	0	0	35 774	42 368	18,4
	Shopping space	square metres	2 913	0	0	21 516	119 727	456,5
		R'000	16 831	0	0	140 758	709 928	404,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	6 751	9 764	44,6
		R'000	0	0	0	39 972	66 276	65,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	2 194	520	-76,3
		R'000	0	0	0	12 255	3 993	-67,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	16 831	0	0	228 759	822 565	259,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	720	2 438	149	21 804	24 015	10,1
		R'000	4 715	14 082	927	144 583	147 471	2,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	420	132	0	6 023	16 773	178,5
		R'000	3 037	760	0	60 353	151 765	151,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	7 752	14 842	927	204 936	299 236	46,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	138 923	181 930	51 796	1 435 681	2 310 545	60,9

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

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

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

			Dec 2020	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan – Dec 2020	Jan – Dec 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	356	377	394	4 529	3 946	-12,9
		square metres	20 148	18 176	21 826	237 891	215 865	-9,3
		R'000	133 154	136 860	153 803	1 440 455	1 511 149	4,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	227	219	251	1 948	2 736	40,5
		square metres	59 309	63 021	70 542	515 773	724 817	40,5
		R'000	483 878	571 396	643 375	4 316 586	6 414 516	48,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	778	246	725	3 896	5 785	48,5
		square metres	97 236	28 243	61 503	516 550	597 429	15,7
		R'000	927 958	267 641	631 959	4 610 428	5 639 712	22,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	747	5 226	1 411	-73,0
		R'000	0	0	9 104	51 601	13 416	-74,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 544 990	975 897	1 438 241	10 419 070	13 578 793	30,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	3 296	254 755	30 407	-88,1
		R'000	0	0	39 539	2 527 988	374 815	-85,2
	Shopping space	square metres	560	0	0	78 085	115 114	47,4
		R'000	5 727	0	0	807 222	1 158 117	43,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	120 974	1 360	85 455	340 737	379 629	11,4
		R'000	689 502	11 216	496 109	2 046 428	2 191 974	7,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	594	1 871	4 170	22 799	77 637	240,5
		R'000	6 665	12 930	40 926	180 028	675 964	275,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	701 894	24 146	576 574	5 561 666	4 400 870	-20,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	16 653	17 029	18 126	132 110	201 872	52,8
		R'000	130 906	145 224	152 866	1 072 670	1 717 021	60,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 449	16 152	6 250	84 257	93 630	11,1
		R'000	11 258	117 882	52 760	771 599	717 394	-7,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	142 164	263 106	205 626	1 844 269	2 434 415	32,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 389 048	1 263 149	2 220 441	17 825 005	20 414 078	14,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

			Dec 2020	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan – Dec 2020	Jan – Dec 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	9	24	6	178	164	-7,9
		square metres	488	1 114	329	9 633	9 181	-4,7
		R'000	2 705	6 733	2 047	50 811	58 086	14,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	26	17	28	339	360	6,2
		square metres	6 853	4 389	7 375	80 323	84 656	5,4
		R'000	49 881	36 118	58 402	568 686	648 527	14,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	20	0	0	47	34	-27,7
		square metres	3 315	0	0	6 840	2 858	-58,2
		R'000	25 993	0	0	45 231	18 952	-58,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	8 005	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	66 658	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	78 579	42 851	60 449	664 728	792 223	19,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	309	0	863	6 989	709,8
		R'000	0	1 819	0	4 573	55 890	1 122,2
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	20 575	7 840	-61,9
		R'000	0	0	0	161 328	51 456	-68,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	2 816	0	16 809	10 410	-38,1
		R'000	0	16 575	0	120 082	62 457	-48,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	9 586	3 964	-58,6
		R'000	0	0	0	72 745	23 388	-67,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	18 394	0	358 728	193 191	-46,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 498	1 085	416	19 896	13 901	-30,1
		R'000	10 507	7 582	3 091	118 374	97 265	-17,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	0	5 042	2 261	-55,2
		R'000	0	538	0	66 610	58 142	-12,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	10 507	8 120	3 091	184 984	155 407	-16,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	89 086	69 365	63 540	1 208 440	1 140 821	-5,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

			Dec 2020	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan – Dec 2020	Jan – Dec 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	5	7	13	92	123	33,7
		square metres	312	440	815	5 309	7 514	41,5
		R'000	1 898	2 815	5 215	31 783	46 956	47,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	21	21	24	209	283	35,4
		square metres	7 177	5 706	7 284	65 631	81 117	23,6
		R'000	42 946	36 938	45 299	388 823	499 239	28,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	30	29	10	216	154	-28,7
		square metres	2 568	1 661	984	16 883	15 145	-10,3
		R'000	15 472	10 629	6 297	103 003	94 766	-8,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	760	140	-81,6
		R'000	0	0	0	4 579	900	-80,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	60 316	50 382	56 811	528 188	641 861	21,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	7 326	0	0	8 190	1 029	-87,4
		R'000	44 139	0	0	49 282	6 223	-87,4
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	964	2 580	167,6
		R'000	0	0	0	5 558	14 078	153,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	463	30 673	2 181	-92,9
		R'000	0	0	2 963	185 039	13 734	-92,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	1 038	0	10 437	2 870	-72,5
		R'000	0	5 978	0	58 135	17 727	-69,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	44 139	5 978	2 963	298 014	51 762	-82,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	280	400	187	4 714	6 282	33,3
		R'000	1 606	2 518	1 174	26 899	37 605	39,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	604	0	308	5 305	2 345	-55,8
		R'000	5 639	1 920	2 690	41 619	33 442	-19,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	7 245	4 438	3 864	68 518	71 047	3,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	111 700	60 798	63 638	894 720	764 670	-14,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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.
	2	In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
Purpose of the survey	3	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
Scope of the survey	4	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	5	Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
Collection rate	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for December 2021 was 83,8%. The improved collection rate for November 2021 was 85,6%.
Statistical unit	7	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	8	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.
Constant prices	9	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2015. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: <i>Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP) Work Groups and Selected Materials Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2016=100) are converted to the base year 2015=100.

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

Glossary

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

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