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Key findings for January to December 2025

Building plans passed at current prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025	% change between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	48 433 599	46 950 006	-1 483 593	-3,1
-Dwelling-houses	30 472 972	32 323 178	1 850 206	6,1
-Flats and townhouses	16 050 891	13 145 819	-2 905 072	-18,1
-Other residential buildings	1 909 736	1 481 009	-428 727	-22,4
Non-residential buildings	24 772 418	21 905 151	-2 867 267	-11,6
Additions and alterations	28 553 401	30 210 515	1 657 114	5,8
Total	101 759 418	99 065 672	-2 693 746	-2,6

The value of building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 2,6% (-R2 693,7 million) in 2025 compared with 2024. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-R2 867,3 million) and residential buildings (-R1 483,6 million). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (R1 657,1 million) – see Table A.

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

Province	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	Weight Jan – Dec 2024	% change between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	32 736 926	34 954 266	32,2	6,8	2,2	2 217 340
Eastern Cape	5 642 660	6 704 944	5,5	18,8	1,0	1 062 284
Northern Cape	1 433 339	881 182	1,4	-38,5	-0,5	-552 157
Free State	2 467 382	2 927 408	2,4	18,6	0,5	460 026
KwaZulu-Natal	14 944 027	14 144 246	14,7	-5,4	-0,8	-799 781
North West	3 648 814	3 156 374	3,6	-13,5	-0,5	-492 440
Gauteng	32 878 102	28 268 898	32,3	-14,0	-4,5	-4 609 204
Mpumalanga	5 848 711	5 847 132	5,7	0,0	0,0	-1 579
Limpopo	2 159 457	2 181 222	2,1	1,0	0,0	21 765
Total	101 759 418	99 065 672	100,0	-2,6	-2,6	-2 693 746

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

The largest negative contributors to the total decrease of 2,6% (-R2 693,7 million) were Gauteng (contributing -4,5 percentage points or -R4 609,2 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -0,8 of a percentage point or -R799,8 million).

The largest positive contributors were Western Cape (contributing 2,2 percentage points or R2 217,3 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing 1,0 percentage point or R1 062,3 million) – see Table B.

Building plans passed at constant 2019 prices

Table C – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building

Type of building	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025	% change between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	35 400 021	33 507 608	-1 892 413	-5,3
Non-residential buildings	18 091 241	15 631 672	-2 459 569	-13,6
Additions and alterations	20 864 668	21 563 454	698 786	3,3
Total	74 355 930	70 702 734	-3 653 196	-4,9

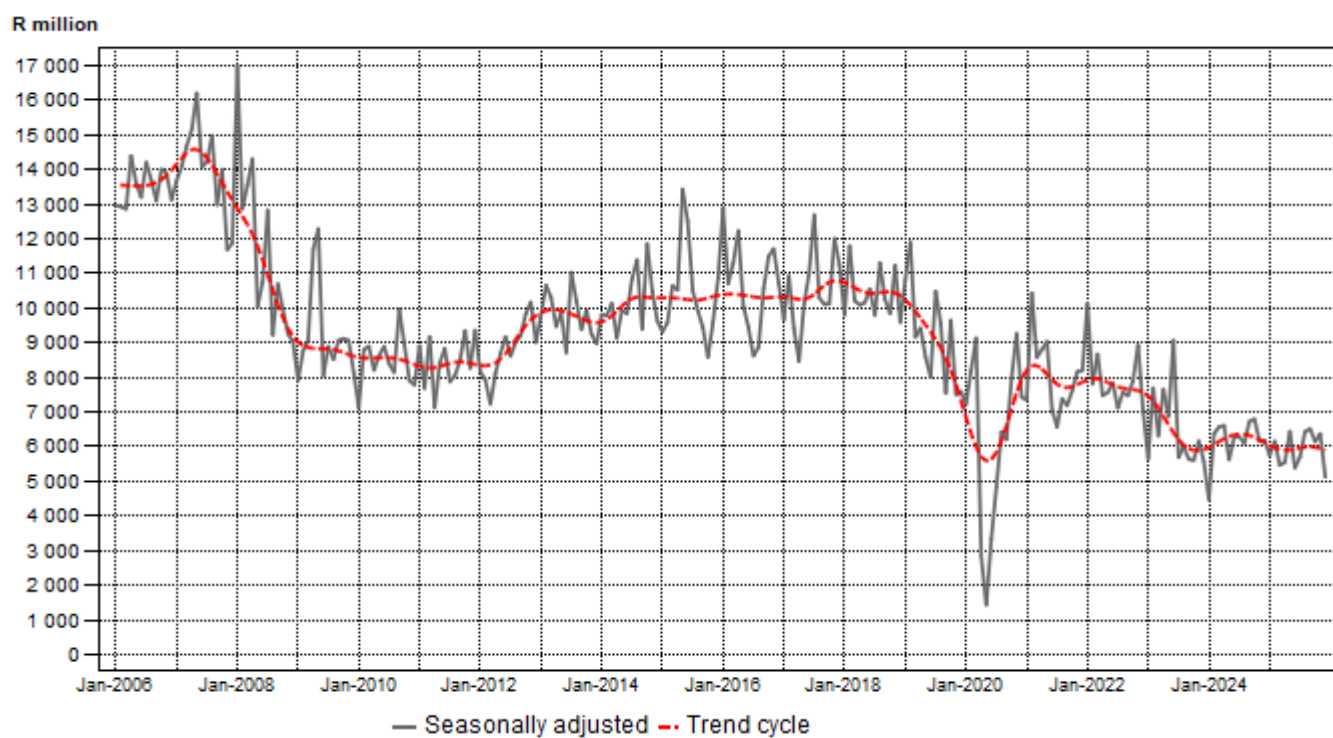
The real value of building plans passed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 4,9% (-R3 653,2 million) in 2025 compared with 2024. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-R2 459,6 million) and residential buildings (-R1 892,4 million). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (R698,8 million) – see Table C.

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

Type of building	Jul – Sep 2025	Oct – Dec 2025	% change between Jul – Sep 2025 and Oct – Dec 2025
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 335 277	8 849 331	6,2
Non-residential buildings ¹	5 065 065	3 523 298	-30,4
Additions and alterations	5 238 074	5 254 104	0,3
Total	18 638 416	17 626 733	-5,4

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of building plans passed decreased by 5,4% in the fourth quarter of 2025 compared with the third quarter of 2025. Non-residential buildings fell by 30,4%. Increases were reported for residential buildings (6,2%) and additions and alterations (0,3%) – see Table D.

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

Buildings reported as completed at current prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025	% change between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	29 362 518	32 012 423	2 649 905	9,0
-Dwelling-houses	18 898 629	18 240 675	-657 954	-3,5
-Flats and townhouses	10 166 993	12 918 272	2 751 279	27,1
-Other residential buildings	296 896	853 476	556 580	187,5
Non-residential buildings	12 502 891	12 226 175	-276 716	-2,2
Additions and alterations	10 468 942	9 447 371	-1 021 571	-9,8
Total	52 334 351	53 685 969	1 351 618	2,6

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 2,6% (R1 351,6 million) in 2025 compared with 2024. An increase was reported for residential buildings (R2 649,9 million). Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-R1 021,6 million) and non-residential buildings (-R276,7 million) – see Table E.

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

Province	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	Weight Jan – Dec 2024	% change between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	15 404 088	17 776 886	29,4	15,4	4,5	2 372 798
Eastern Cape	3 302 895	3 147 041	6,3	-4,7	-0,3	-155 854
Northern Cape	373 098	246 693	0,7	-33,9	-0,2	-126 405
Free State	403 138	380 641	0,8	-5,6	0,0	-22 497
KwaZulu-Natal	7 863 173	8 703 686	15,0	10,7	1,6	840 513
North West	1 987 219	2 173 778	3,8	9,4	0,4	186 559
Gauteng	20 835 166	19 242 062	39,8	-7,6	-3,0	-1 593 104
Mpumalanga	1 458 888	918 990	2,8	-37,0	-1,0	-539 898
Limpopo	706 686	1 096 192	1,4	55,1	0,7	389 506
Total	52 334 351	53 685 969	100,0	2,6	2,6	1 351 618

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

Four out of the nine provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed in 2025. The largest positive contributors were Western Cape (contributing 4,5 percentage points or R2 372,8 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 1,6 percentage points or R840,5 million).

The largest negative contributors were Gauteng (contributing -3,0 percentage points or -R1 593,1 million) and Mpumalanga (contributing -1,0 percentage point or -R539,9 million) – see Table F.

Buildings reported as completed at constant 2019 prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025	% change between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	21 452 783	22 821 935	1 369 152	6,4
Non-residential buildings	9 129 031	8 728 689	-400 342	-4,4
Additions and alterations	7 650 036	6 738 283	-911 753	-11,9
Total	38 231 850	38 288 907	57 057	0,1

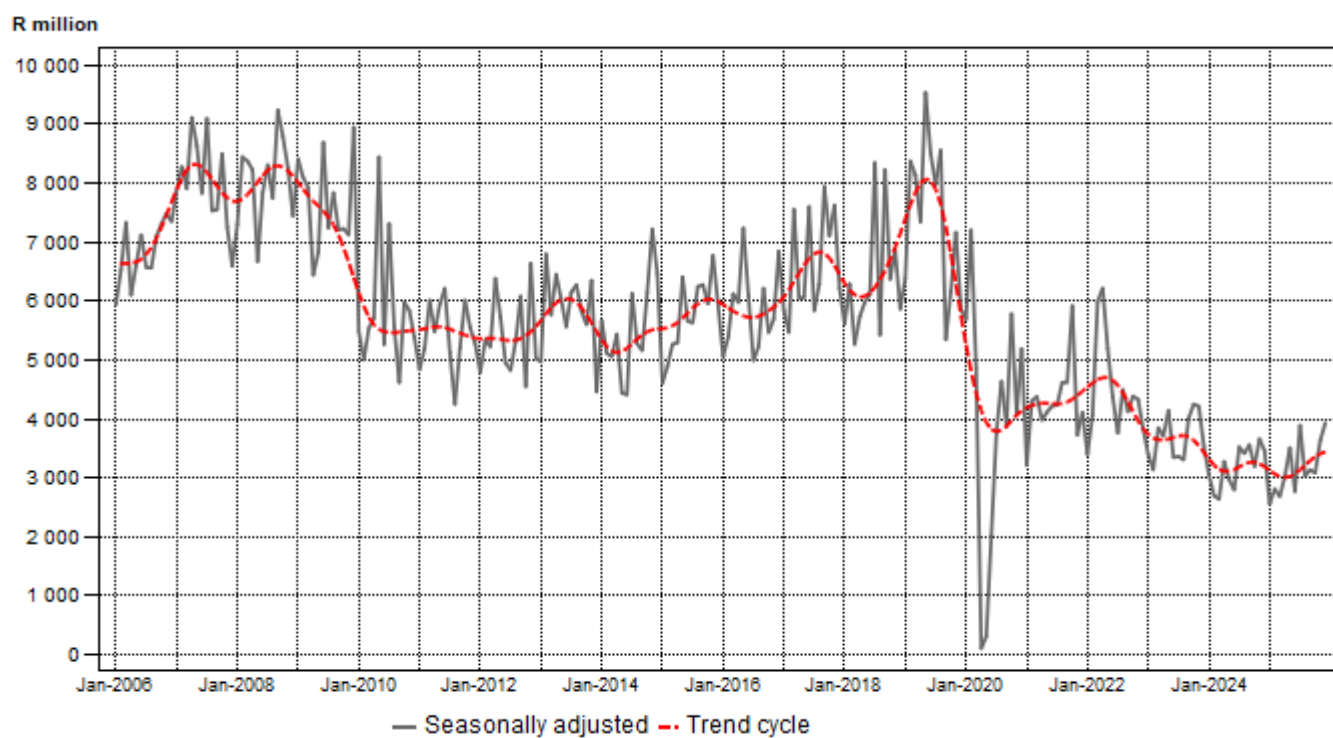
The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2019 prices) increased by 0,1% (R57,1 million) in 2025 compared with 2024. An increase was reported for residential buildings (R1 369,2 million). Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-R911,8 million) and non-residential buildings (-R400,3 million) – see Table G.

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

Type of building	Jul – Sep 2025	Oct – Dec 2025	% change between Jul – Sep 2025 and Oct – Dec 2025
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 170 767	6 082 941	-1,4
Non-residential buildings ¹	2 079 552	2 684 076	29,1
Additions and alterations	1 805 712	1 875 834	3,9
Total	10 056 031	10 642 851	5,8

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 5,8% in the fourth quarter of 2025 compared with the third quarter of 2025. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (29,1%) and additions and alterations (3,9%). A decrease was reported for residential buildings (-1,4%) – see Table H.

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


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Tables

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	2 641 211	-4,4	646 429	-10,4	1 392 946	-27,7	4 680 586	-13,5
	February	4 987 654	-6,0	1 655 142	-0,6	2 359 384	-10,5	9 002 180	-6,3
	March	3 543 222	-23,9	1 905 469	12,3	2 596 885	20,7	8 045 576	-5,4
	April	4 241 995	-8,1	2 658 595	24,4	2 282 122	0,5	9 182 712	1,8
	May	4 138 159	-6,8	2 040 668	-0,9	1 955 538	-33,9	8 134 365	-14,0
	June	3 769 542	-20,2	2 538 847	-47,3	2 334 452	-15,7	8 642 841	-29,8
	July	3 978 787	-7,4	2 652 065	138,7	2 835 702	15,6	9 466 554	20,4
	August	4 294 462	9,3	2 005 025	-6,1	2 578 344	1,1	8 877 831	3,1
	September	4 892 901	9,2	2 070 383	102,1	2 661 175	11,6	9 624 459	22,0
	October	4 650 594	15,7	2 891 035	162,5	2 743 048	-8,3	10 284 677	26,8
	November	4 349 781	-2,6	1 910 056	14,8	2 557 544	-8,0	8 817 381	-1,1
	December	2 945 291	10,3	1 798 704	15,0	2 256 261	24,3	7 000 256	15,7
	Total	48 433 599	-3,8	24 772 418	14,2	28 553 401	-3,8	101 759 418	0,0
2025	January	3 186 144	20,6	1 206 164	86,6	1 871 867	34,4	6 264 175	33,8
	February	3 404 090	-31,7	2 395 437	44,7	2 505 413	6,2	8 304 940	-7,7
	March	3 635 173	2,6	1 385 314	-27,3	2 431 589	-6,4	7 452 076	-7,4
	April	3 412 504	-19,6	1 531 377	-42,4	2 341 150	2,6	7 285 031	-20,7
	May	4 284 380	3,5	1 964 424	-3,7	2 979 174	52,3	9 227 978	13,4
	June	3 864 945	2,5	1 313 123	-48,3	2 383 783	2,1	7 561 851	-12,5
	July	4 076 597	2,5	1 983 248	-25,2	2 903 987	2,4	8 963 832	-5,3
	August	4 424 700	3,0	2 607 377	30,0	2 272 708	-11,9	9 304 785	4,8
	September	4 326 400	-11,6	2 535 922	22,5	2 953 505	11,0	9 815 827	2,0
	October	4 288 939	-7,8	2 417 842	-16,4	2 857 339	4,2	9 564 120	-7,0
	November	4 991 149	14,7	1 594 033	-16,5	2 733 447	6,9	9 318 629	5,7
	December	3 054 985	3,7	970 890	-46,0	1 976 553	-12,4	6 002 428	-14,3
	Total	46 950 006	-3,1	21 905 151	-11,6	30 210 515	5,8	99 065 672	-2,6

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	3 591 507	-2,1	646 429	-58,7	1 840 720	-20,5	6 078 656	-19,5
	February	4 549 277	26,7	1 655 142	156,0	2 370 070	28,8	8 574 489	41,1
	March	4 049 521	-11,0	1 905 469	15,1	2 978 249	25,7	8 933 239	4,2
	April	4 086 551	0,9	2 658 595	39,5	2 234 151	-25,0	8 979 297	0,5
	May	3 839 516	-6,0	2 040 668	-23,2	1 842 516	-17,5	7 722 700	-14,0
	June	3 649 143	-5,0	2 538 847	24,4	2 424 543	31,6	8 612 533	11,5
	July	3 582 904	-1,8	2 652 065	4,5	2 396 954	-1,1	8 631 923	0,2
	August	3 931 560	9,7	2 005 025	-24,4	2 450 358	2,2	8 386 943	-2,8
	September	4 732 734	20,4	2 070 383	3,3	2 438 784	-0,5	9 241 901	10,2
	October	3 980 678	-15,9	2 891 035	39,6	2 385 401	-2,2	9 257 114	0,2
	November	4 204 425	5,6	1 910 056	-33,9	2 375 246	-0,4	8 489 727	-8,3
	December	3 950 588	-6,0	1 798 704	-5,8	2 763 796	16,4	8 513 088	0,3
2025	January	4 245 067	7,5	1 206 164	-32,9	2 510 095	-9,2	7 961 326	-6,5
	February	3 612 213	-14,9	2 395 437	98,6	2 543 800	1,3	8 551 450	7,4
	March	3 718 208	2,9	1 385 314	-42,2	2 520 523	-0,9	7 624 045	-10,8
	April	3 635 806	-2,2	1 531 377	10,5	2 536 807	0,6	7 703 990	1,0
	May	4 084 045	12,3	1 964 424	28,3	2 866 375	13,0	8 914 844	15,7
	June	3 759 768	-7,9	1 313 123	-33,2	2 383 968	-16,8	7 456 859	-16,4
	July	3 517 113	-6,5	1 983 248	51,0	2 485 119	4,2	7 985 480	7,1
	August	4 168 601	18,5	2 607 377	31,5	2 278 312	-8,3	9 054 290	13,4
	September	4 045 037	-3,0	2 535 922	-2,7	2 569 535	12,8	9 150 494	1,1
	October	3 785 479	-6,4	2 417 842	-4,7	2 493 717	-3,0	8 697 038	-5,0
	November	4 825 599	27,5	1 594 033	-34,1	2 664 441	6,8	9 084 073	4,5
	December	4 005 452	-17,0	970 890	-39,1	2 305 944	-13,5	7 282 286	-19,8
	Jul – Sep 25	11 730 751		7 126 547		7 332 966		26 190 264	
	Oct – Dec 25 ²	12 616 530	7,6	4 982 765	-30,1	7 464 102	1,8	25 063 397	-4,3

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

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

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	1 957 903	-9,7	479 191	-15,4	1 032 577	-31,7	3 469 671	-18,3
	February	3 686 367	-10,2	1 223 313	-5,0	1 743 817	-14,5	6 653 497	-10,5
	March	2 603 396	-27,1	1 400 051	7,7	1 908 071	15,7	5 911 518	-9,3
	April	3 098 608	-12,4	1 941 998	18,6	1 666 999	-4,2	6 707 605	-3,0
	May	3 005 199	-11,2	1 481 967	-5,7	1 420 144	-37,1	5 907 310	-18,1
	June	2 747 480	-23,9	1 850 472	-49,7	1 701 496	-19,6	6 299 448	-33,1
	July	2 883 179	-11,7	1 921 786	127,6	2 054 857	10,2	6 859 822	14,8
	August	3 118 709	4,9	1 456 082	-9,9	1 872 436	-3,0	6 447 227	-1,1
	September	3 555 887	5,5	1 504 639	95,2	1 933 993	7,8	6 994 519	17,9
	October	3 414 533	13,2	2 122 640	156,7	2 013 985	-10,3	7 551 158	24,0
	November	3 177 342	-4,9	1 395 220	12,1	1 868 184	-10,2	6 440 746	-3,4
	December	2 151 418	8,2	1 313 882	12,9	1 648 109	22,1	5 113 409	13,6
	Total	35 400 021	-7,6	18 091 241	9,6	20 864 668	-7,6	74 355 930	-4,0
2025	January	2 315 512	18,3	876 573	82,9	1 360 368	31,7	4 552 453	31,2
	February	2 447 225	-33,6	1 722 097	40,8	1 801 160	3,3	5 970 482	-10,3
	March	2 594 699	-0,3	988 804	-29,4	1 735 610	-9,0	5 319 113	-10,0
	April	2 442 737	-21,2	1 096 190	-43,6	1 675 841	0,5	5 214 768	-22,3
	May	3 084 507	2,6	1 414 272	-4,6	2 144 834	51,0	6 643 613	12,5
	June	2 782 538	1,3	945 373	-48,9	1 716 186	0,9	5 444 097	-13,6
	July	2 897 368	0,5	1 409 558	-26,7	2 063 957	0,4	6 370 883	-7,1
	August	3 144 776	0,8	1 853 146	27,3	1 615 286	-13,7	6 613 208	2,6
	September	3 074 911	-13,5	1 802 361	19,8	2 099 151	8,5	6 976 423	-0,3
	October	3 031 052	-11,2	1 708 722	-19,5	2 019 321	0,3	6 759 095	-10,5
	November	3 534 808	11,3	1 128 919	-19,1	1 935 869	3,6	6 599 596	2,5
	December	2 157 475	0,3	685 657	-47,8	1 395 871	-15,3	4 239 003	-17,1
	Total	33 507 608	-5,3	15 631 672	-13,6	21 563 454	3,3	70 702 734	-4,9

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	2 625 209	-2,3	479 191	-58,8	1 358 290	-20,8	4 462 690	-19,8
	February	3 390 508	29,2	1 223 313	155,3	1 752 441	29,0	6 366 262	42,7
	March	2 978 913	-12,1	1 400 051	14,4	2 188 157	24,9	6 567 121	3,2
	April	3 022 810	1,5	1 941 998	38,7	1 637 779	-25,2	6 602 587	0,5
	May	2 798 645	-7,4	1 481 967	-23,7	1 340 326	-18,2	5 620 938	-14,9
	June	2 658 267	-5,0	1 850 472	24,9	1 762 165	31,5	6 270 904	11,6
	July	2 614 889	-1,6	1 921 786	3,9	1 742 006	-1,1	6 278 681	0,1
	August	2 850 384	9,0	1 456 082	-24,2	1 788 533	2,7	6 094 999	-2,9
	September	3 435 759	20,5	1 504 639	3,3	1 783 916	-0,3	6 724 314	10,3
	October	2 929 427	-14,7	2 122 640	41,1	1 741 071	-2,4	6 793 138	1,0
	November	3 024 020	3,2	1 395 220	-34,3	1 728 435	-0,7	6 147 675	-9,5
	December	2 858 739	-5,5	1 313 882	-5,8	2 010 734	16,3	6 183 355	0,6
2025	January	3 053 726	6,8	876 573	-33,3	1 817 067	-9,6	5 747 366	-7,1
	February	2 605 431	-14,7	1 722 097	96,5	1 828 636	0,6	6 156 164	7,1
	March	2 670 672	2,5	988 804	-42,6	1 801 733	-1,5	5 461 209	-11,3
	April	2 625 603	-1,7	1 096 190	10,9	1 816 653	0,8	5 538 446	1,4
	May	2 956 184	12,6	1 414 272	29,0	2 064 125	13,6	6 434 581	16,2
	June	2 719 894	-8,0	945 373	-33,2	1 713 858	-17,0	5 379 125	-16,4
	July	2 519 870	-7,4	1 409 558	49,1	1 770 712	3,3	5 700 140	6,0
	August	2 948 374	17,0	1 853 146	31,5	1 628 022	-8,1	6 429 542	12,8
	September	2 867 033	-2,8	1 802 361	-2,7	1 839 340	13,0	6 508 734	1,2
	October	2 675 308	-6,7	1 708 722	-5,2	1 753 639	-4,7	6 137 669	-5,7
	November	3 361 461	25,6	1 128 919	-33,9	1 878 041	7,1	6 368 421	3,8
	December	2 812 562	-16,3	685 657	-39,3	1 622 424	-13,6	5 120 643	-19,6
	Jul – Sep 25	8 335 277		5 065 065		5 238 074		18 638 416	
	Oct – Dec 25 ²	8 849 331	6,2	3 523 298	-30,4	5 254 104	0,3	17 626 733	-5,4

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

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	1 834 865	14,6	738 235	-49,1	662 252	23,5	3 235 352	-9,9
	February	2 097 005	-13,1	464 909	-18,4	932 878	9,6	3 494 792	-8,9
	March	2 149 921	-21,9	392 388	-77,0	911 912	35,3	3 454 221	-32,7
	April	2 362 554	-6,7	1 461 297	8,4	730 773	5,4	4 554 624	-0,4
	May	2 403 328	-39,4	1 152 721	77,5	577 566	-32,4	4 133 615	-24,4
	June	2 166 878	-23,5	833 237	10,5	744 988	-4,4	3 745 103	-14,2
	July	2 995 552	12,7	818 680	-33,8	1 371 761	93,2	5 185 993	12,6
	August	2 500 529	-18,2	1 344 921	101,1	968 386	28,4	4 813 836	7,4
	September	3 089 032	-13,7	977 587	-21,4	1 044 219	34,3	5 110 838	-8,7
	October	2 825 730	-10,3	746 281	-51,5	895 522	-18,3	4 467 533	-22,8
	November	2 605 899	-26,5	2 003 154	19,3	812 265	-19,9	5 421 318	-13,1
	December	2 331 225	-29,0	1 569 481	162,8	816 420	-3,5	4 717 126	-0,2
	Total	29 362 518	-17,0	12 502 891	-7,0	10 468 942	9,2	52 334 351	-10,4
2025	January	1 276 232	-30,4	1 244 982	68,6	401 356	-39,4	2 922 570	-9,7
	February	2 263 890	8,0	884 148	90,2	550 009	-41,0	3 698 047	5,8
	March	2 505 920	16,6	569 063	45,0	772 015	-15,3	3 846 998	11,4
	April	2 799 975	18,5	481 210	-67,1	726 757	-0,5	4 007 942	-12,0
	May	2 598 855	8,1	1 228 414	6,6	1 127 334	95,2	4 954 603	19,9
	June	2 076 793	-4,2	1 096 793	31,6	617 782	-17,1	3 791 368	1,2
	July	3 384 823	13,0	1 213 265	48,2	1 262 969	-7,9	5 861 057	13,0
	August	3 029 738	21,2	559 053	-58,4	761 372	-21,4	4 350 163	-9,6
	September	2 759 745	-10,7	1 153 612	18,0	719 069	-31,1	4 632 426	-9,4
	October	2 333 864	-17,4	1 373 530	84,0	739 247	-17,5	4 446 641	-0,5
	November	3 359 954	28,9	1 428 347	-28,7	827 015	1,8	5 615 316	3,6
	December	3 622 634	55,4	993 758	-36,7	942 446	15,4	5 558 838	17,8
	Total	32 012 423	9,0	12 226 175	-2,2	9 447 371	-9,8	53 685 969	2,6

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	2 586 038	-17,5	738 235	23,6	816 936	-18,8	4 141 209	-12,6
	February	2 310 702	-10,6	464 909	-37,0	877 758	7,4	3 653 369	-11,8
	March	2 294 890	-0,7	392 388	-15,6	912 505	4,0	3 599 783	-1,5
	April	2 323 647	1,3	1 461 297	272,4	681 682	-25,3	4 466 626	24,1
	May	2 393 136	3,0	1 152 721	-21,1	541 489	-20,6	4 087 346	-8,5
	June	2 194 785	-8,3	833 237	-27,7	823 064	52,0	3 851 086	-5,8
	July	2 810 998	28,1	818 680	-1,7	1 217 000	47,9	4 846 678	25,9
	August	2 438 158	-13,3	1 344 921	64,3	908 353	-25,4	4 691 432	-3,2
	September	2 850 141	16,9	977 587	-27,3	1 047 177	15,3	4 874 905	3,9
	October	2 730 492	-4,2	746 281	-23,7	882 269	-15,7	4 359 042	-10,6
	November	2 205 126	-19,2	2 003 154	168,4	797 743	-9,6	5 006 023	14,8
	December	2 228 967	1,1	1 569 481	-21,6	919 960	15,3	4 718 408	-5,7
2025	January	1 806 703	-18,9	1 244 982	-20,7	485 598	-47,2	3 537 283	-25,0
	February	2 491 579	37,9	884 148	-29,0	535 697	10,3	3 911 424	10,6
	March	2 497 165	0,2	569 063	-35,6	696 541	30,0	3 762 769	-3,8
	April	2 943 449	17,9	481 210	-15,4	787 366	13,0	4 212 025	11,9
	May	2 584 694	-12,2	1 228 414	155,3	1 058 063	34,4	4 871 171	15,6
	June	2 103 338	-18,6	1 096 793	-10,7	653 354	-38,2	3 853 485	-20,9
	July	3 167 664	50,6	1 213 265	10,6	1 085 240	66,1	5 466 169	41,9
	August	2 945 064	-7,0	559 053	-53,9	757 741	-30,2	4 261 858	-22,0
	September	2 548 914	-13,5	1 153 612	106,4	685 324	-9,6	4 387 850	3,0
	October	2 256 697	-11,5	1 373 530	19,1	738 862	7,8	4 369 089	-0,4
	November	2 852 210	26,4	1 428 347	4,0	851 364	15,2	5 131 921	17,5
	December	3 470 788	21,7	993 758	-30,4	1 073 154	26,1	5 537 700	7,9
	Jul – Sep 25	8 661 642		2 925 930		2 528 305		14 115 877	
	Oct – Dec 25 ²	8 579 695	-0,9	3 795 635	29,7	2 663 380	5,3	15 038 710	6,5

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

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	1 360 167	8,2	547 246	-52,0	490 921	16,7	2 398 334	-14,9
	February	1 549 893	-17,0	343 613	-22,0	689 489	4,7	2 582 995	-12,9
	March	1 579 663	-25,1	288 309	-78,0	670 031	29,7	2 538 003	-35,5
	April	1 725 752	-11,1	1 067 419	3,4	533 801	0,5	3 326 972	-5,1
	May	1 745 336	-42,3	837 125	69,0	419 438	-35,6	3 001 899	-28,0
	June	1 579 357	-27,1	607 316	5,3	542 994	-8,9	2 729 667	-18,2
	July	2 170 690	7,5	593 246	-36,9	994 030	84,2	3 757 966	7,4
	August	1 815 925	-21,6	976 704	92,9	703 258	23,2	3 495 887	3,1
	September	2 244 936	-16,6	710 456	-24,1	758 880	29,7	3 714 272	-11,8
	October	2 074 692	-12,3	547 930	-52,5	657 505	-20,1	3 280 127	-24,5
	November	1 903 505	-28,2	1 463 224	16,5	593 327	-21,8	3 960 056	-15,1
	December	1 702 867	-30,3	1 146 443	158,0	596 362	-5,3	3 445 672	-2,0
	Total	21 452 783	-20,1	9 129 031	-10,8	7 650 036	5,1	38 231 850	-13,8
2025	January	927 494	-31,8	904 783	65,3	291 683	-40,6	2 123 960	-11,4
	February	1 627 527	5,0	635 620	85,0	395 405	-42,7	2 658 552	2,9
	March	1 788 665	13,2	406 183	40,9	551 046	-17,8	2 745 894	8,2
	April	2 004 277	16,1	344 460	-67,7	520 227	-2,5	2 868 964	-13,8
	May	1 871 026	7,2	884 387	5,6	811 616	93,5	3 567 029	18,8
	June	1 495 171	-5,3	789 628	30,0	444 767	-18,1	2 729 566	0,0
	July	2 405 702	10,8	862 306	45,4	897 633	-9,7	4 165 641	10,8
	August	2 153 332	18,6	397 337	-59,3	541 131	-23,1	3 091 800	-11,6
	September	1 961 439	-12,6	819 909	15,4	511 065	-32,7	3 292 413	-11,4
	October	1 649 374	-20,5	970 693	77,2	522 436	-20,5	3 142 503	-4,2
	November	2 379 571	25,0	1 011 577	-30,9	585 705	-1,3	3 976 853	0,4
	December	2 558 357	50,2	701 806	-38,8	665 569	11,6	3 925 732	13,9
	Total	22 821 935	6,4	8 728 689	-4,4	6 738 283	-11,9	38 288 907	0,1

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	1 904 227	-18,6	547 246	23,1	596 961	-20,6	3 048 434	-13,8
	February	1 704 108	-10,5	343 613	-37,2	649 934	8,9	2 697 655	-11,5
	March	1 681 477	-1,3	288 309	-16,1	665 238	2,4	2 635 024	-2,3
	April	1 702 160	1,2	1 067 419	270,2	505 455	-24,0	3 275 034	24,3
	May	1 733 883	1,9	837 125	-21,6	396 315	-21,6	2 967 323	-9,4
	June	1 593 203	-8,1	607 316	-27,5	592 172	49,4	2 792 691	-5,9
	July	2 039 068	28,0	593 246	-2,3	890 021	50,3	3 522 335	26,1
	August	1 768 981	-13,2	976 704	64,6	665 540	-25,2	3 411 225	-3,2
	September	2 087 991	18,0	710 456	-27,3	761 098	14,4	3 559 545	4,3
	October	1 999 025	-4,3	547 930	-22,9	641 524	-15,7	3 188 479	-10,4
	November	1 615 584	-19,2	1 463 224	167,0	580 188	-9,6	3 658 996	14,8
	December	1 635 683	1,2	1 146 443	-21,6	672 679	15,9	3 454 805	-5,6
2025	January	1 303 960	-20,3	904 783	-21,1	348 929	-48,1	2 557 672	-26,0
	February	1 786 755	37,0	635 620	-29,7	386 624	10,8	2 808 999	9,8
	March	1 781 233	-0,3	406 183	-36,1	495 406	28,1	2 682 822	-4,5
	April	2 108 045	18,3	344 460	-15,2	566 273	14,3	3 018 778	12,5
	May	1 855 475	-12,0	884 387	156,7	767 734	35,6	3 507 596	16,2
	June	1 507 408	-18,8	789 628	-10,7	465 821	-39,3	2 762 857	-21,2
	July	2 252 824	49,5	862 306	9,2	775 742	66,5	3 890 872	40,8
	August	2 090 364	-7,2	397 337	-53,9	543 594	-29,9	3 031 295	-22,1
	September	1 827 579	-12,6	819 909	106,4	486 376	-10,5	3 133 864	3,4
	October	1 589 723	-13,0	970 693	18,4	520 691	7,1	3 081 107	-1,7
	November	2 027 234	27,5	1 011 577	4,2	596 557	14,6	3 635 368	18,0
	December	2 465 984	21,6	701 806	-30,6	758 586	27,2	3 926 376	8,0
	Jul – Sep 25	6 170 767		2 079 552		1 805 712		10 056 031	
	Oct – Dec 25 ²	6 082 941	-1,4	2 684 076	29,1	1 875 834	3,9	10 642 851	5,8

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

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

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

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

			Dec 2024	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	563	1 109	657	6 359	7 802	22,7
		square metres	25 501	50 400	29 938	310 717	375 697	20,9
		R'000	206 094	378 174	207 333	2 433 333	2 839 960	16,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	728	907	854	11 296	12 040	6,6
		square metres	221 403	281 761	244 203	3 295 082	3 422 647	3,9
		R'000	1 932 335	2 516 860	2 162 800	28 039 639	29 483 218	5,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	692	1 657	770	16 623	13 218	-20,5
		square metres	56 598	165 414	66 328	1 625 672	1 329 504	-18,2
		R'000	579 035	1 876 397	633 936	16 050 891	13 145 819	-18,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	24 813	21 029	6 293	205 795	164 430	-20,1
		R'000	227 827	219 718	50 916	1 909 736	1 481 009	-22,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 945 291	4 991 149	3 054 985	48 433 599	46 950 006	-3,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	6 099	14 820	4 329	201 924	284 503	40,9
		R'000	52 185	115 456	39 441	1 991 083	3 057 731	53,6
	Shopping space	square metres	33 659	5 582	17 671	764 363	458 711	-40,0
		R'000	252 564	44 055	157 539	7 132 989	3 998 549	-43,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	172 384	155 335	53 602	1 716 495	1 568 859	-8,6
		R'000	1 233 898	1 175 626	413 115	12 377 367	11 652 203	-5,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	27 685	24 682	39 122	384 618	365 969	-4,8
		R'000	260 057	258 896	360 795	3 270 979	3 196 668	-2,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 798 704	1 594 033	970 890	24 772 418	21 905 151	-11,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	174 696	188 188	153 161	2 277 664	2 279 712	0,1
		R'000	1 537 697	1 726 880	1 366 027	19 652 375	20 056 971	2,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	66 377	74 857	55 474	827 444	884 684	6,9
		R'000	718 564	1 006 567	610 526	8 901 026	10 153 544	14,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 256 261	2 733 447	1 976 553	28 553 401	30 210 515	5,8
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	7 000 256	9 318 629	6 002 428	101 759 418	99 065 672	-2,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Dec 2024	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	314	557	291	2 048	2 984	45,7
		square metres	13 575	23 980	12 958	93 937	133 930	42,6
		R'000	102 625	185 487	88 817	712 905	992 157	39,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	284	353	387	4 484	5 367	19,7
		square metres	85 477	94 796	100 618	1 210 701	1 378 071	13,8
		R'000	648 639	761 846	821 160	9 321 345	10 695 693	14,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	532	203	262	7 117	5 778	-18,8
		square metres	37 803	28 983	23 381	684 219	541 646	-20,8
		R'000	377 160	269 167	212 433	6 460 280	4 894 702	-24,2
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 787	16 250	1 059	51 390	69 842	35,9
		R'000	12 883	159 468	6 774	430 318	616 980	43,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 141 307	1 375 968	1 129 184	16 924 848	17 199 532	1,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 843	3 804	978	57 110	106 573	86,6
		R'000	13 719	32 441	9 748	503 346	1 011 661	101,0
	Shopping space	square metres	2 315	1 533	10 864	158 790	181 795	14,5
		R'000	22 040	12 405	93 485	1 544 614	1 538 127	-0,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	75 330	31 624	10 671	399 730	303 417	-24,1
		R'000	529 726	234 131	79 241	2 962 827	2 313 501	-21,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	899	6 308	19 553	126 616	175 783	38,8
		R'000	5 675	47 984	159 490	1 051 620	1 392 765	32,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	571 160	326 961	341 964	6 062 407	6 256 054	3,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	75 692	75 141	57 641	835 332	925 207	10,8
		R'000	592 150	614 091	447 022	6 280 055	7 266 193	15,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	23 962	22 451	20 542	277 358	312 747	12,8
		R'000	310 831	477 748	235 822	3 469 616	4 232 487	22,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	902 981	1 091 839	682 844	9 749 671	11 498 680	17,9
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 615 448	2 794 768	2 153 992	32 736 926	34 954 266	6,8

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Dec 2024	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	35	10	72	543	811	49,4
		square metres	1 550	428	3 154	24 748	35 732	44,4
		R'000	13 273	3 535	28 117	201 786	308 961	53,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	40	41	58	637	709	11,3
		square metres	10 426	12 650	15 936	174 373	194 081	11,3
		R'000	93 467	111 660	145 225	1 476 904	1 712 645	16,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	13	10	59	209	316	51,2
		square metres	1 724	1 516	4 694	27 915	48 183	72,6
		R'000	14 942	13 139	41 903	228 380	402 980	76,5
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	13 374	0	0	15 034	11 111	-26,1
		R'000	116 670	0	0	131 926	65 637	-50,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	238 352	128 334	215 245	2 038 996	2 490 223	22,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 621	1 227	0	11 886	8 738	-26,5
		R'000	22 716	9 445	0	83 156	72 751	-12,5
	Shopping space	square metres	6 882	681	3 116	27 669	12 352	-55,4
		R'000	58 845	5 883	27 817	232 366	108 076	-53,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	14 354	26 756	130	101 470	154 288	52,1
		R'000	125 436	232 219	1 122	850 800	1 336 405	57,1
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	5 864	787	199	19 153	16 423	-14,3
		R'000	51 294	6 820	1 776	156 785	137 496	-12,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	258 291	254 367	30 715	1 323 107	1 654 728	25,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	18 960	13 094	12 201	173 839	184 296	6,0
		R'000	163 816	114 225	109 957	1 438 691	1 578 637	9,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	9 584	9 603	2 905	97 200	100 083	3,0
		R'000	81 076	79 960	26 200	841 866	981 356	16,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	244 892	194 185	136 157	2 280 557	2 559 993	12,3
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	741 535	576 886	382 117	5 642 660	6 704 944	18,8

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Dec 2024	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	95	2	2	533	78	-85,4
		square metres	3 822	98	94	21 652	3 328	-84,6
		R'000	37 814	970	934	209 915	32 653	-84,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	19	14	14	167	175	4,8
		square metres	3 562	3 392	2 414	34 787	36 512	5,0
		R'000	31 192	30 147	22 957	299 228	319 137	6,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	3	11	3	-72,7
		square metres	0	0	387	2 858	387	-86,5
		R'000	0	0	2 591	21 410	2 591	-87,9
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	473	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	4 483	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	69 006	31 117	26 482	535 036	354 381	-33,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 977	83	-95,8
		R'000	0	0	0	16 104	821	-94,9
	Shopping space	square metres	13 636	0	0	20 191	14 876	-26,3
		R'000	88 634	0	0	151 871	107 415	-29,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 980	0	450	30 491	5 587	-81,7
		R'000	14 499	0	3 013	286 796	53 834	-81,2
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	17 391	2 553	-85,3
		R'000	0	0	0	163 982	20 538	-87,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	103 133	0	3 013	618 753	182 608	-70,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 137	1 860	1 314	23 236	22 115	-4,8
		R'000	30 765	18 133	12 949	213 448	212 707	-0,3
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	735	500	546	5 537	9 812	77,2
		R'000	7 391	5 063	7 344	66 102	131 486	98,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	38 156	23 196	20 293	279 550	344 193	23,1
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	210 295	54 313	49 788	1 433 339	881 182	-38,5

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Dec 2024	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	277	114	303	799	163,7
		square metres	221	12 710	4 608	13 940	34 915	150,5
		R'000	2 000	87 793	26 023	84 611	227 487	168,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	22	65	30	413	483	16,9
		square metres	5 710	19 969	7 365	105 210	123 797	17,7
		R'000	48 409	180 937	67 460	909 896	1 074 721	18,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	144	119	-17,4
		square metres	0	0	0	15 503	13 189	-14,9
		R'000	0	0	0	151 744	125 818	-17,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	4 138	0	0	5 811	10 220	75,9
		R'000	26 897	0	0	41 806	91 653	119,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	77 306	268 730	93 483	1 188 057	1 519 679	27,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	735	0	4 231	1 725	-59,2
		R'000	0	7 457	0	39 084	15 782	-59,6
	Shopping space	square metres	0	225	623	24 449	10 175	-58,4
		R'000	0	2 283	4 844	156 920	85 084	-45,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	854	8 142	7 919	15 361	53 959	251,3
		R'000	8 636	64 492	68 043	125 591	408 875	225,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	10 093	463	1 620	22 460	11 258	-49,9
		R'000	96 498	4 152	16 872	186 651	108 648	-41,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	105 134	78 384	89 759	508 246	618 389	21,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 805	8 923	5 068	66 795	64 852	-2,9
		R'000	34 677	80 075	44 160	576 325	570 675	-1,0
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	2 395	604	1 038	19 745	23 070	16,8
		R'000	20 750	7 266	11 313	194 754	218 665	12,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	55 427	87 341	55 473	771 079	789 340	2,4
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	237 867	434 455	238 715	2 467 382	2 927 408	18,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Dec 2024	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	9	4	14	200	145	-27,5
		square metres	470	234	736	9 498	8 174	-13,9
		R'000	3 758	2 340	5 622	77 712	67 990	-12,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	55	64	94	956	961	0,5
		square metres	17 741	26 237	29 679	309 266	354 203	14,5
		R'000	197 975	274 393	312 321	3 279 436	3 747 966	14,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	41	181	86	2 202	1 750	-20,5
		square metres	6 170	27 726	14 507	261 514	231 500	-11,5
		R'000	64 782	323 464	144 717	2 618 408	2 456 955	-6,2
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	756	4 152	2 869	60 995	40 002	-34,4
		R'000	7 853	56 052	22 951	703 959	441 515	-37,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	274 368	656 249	485 611	6 679 515	6 714 426	0,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 122	842	0	25 991	18 545	-28,6
		R'000	12 342	4 210	0	256 272	181 890	-29,0
	Shopping space	square metres	1 083	0	1 733	168 448	28 639	-83,0
		R'000	8 340	0	18 682	1 707 973	264 419	-84,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	12 340	23 997	8 362	208 766	303 580	45,4
		R'000	74 508	156 656	63 357	1 346 490	2 001 145	48,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	7 395	5 448	635	48 797	44 429	-9,0
		R'000	69 835	68 923	6 985	517 854	464 973	-10,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	165 025	229 789	89 024	3 828 589	2 912 427	-23,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	20 080	16 196	18 292	274 719	270 930	-1,4
		R'000	226 776	178 470	193 125	2 959 450	2 911 831	-1,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	7 322	16 106	14 666	117 280	131 102	11,8
		R'000	83 639	164 965	167 693	1 476 473	1 605 562	8,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	310 415	343 435	360 818	4 435 923	4 517 393	1,8
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	749 808	1 229 473	935 453	14 944 027	14 144 246	-5,4

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Dec 2024	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	3	2	67	53	-20,9
		square metres	223	148	130	3 684	3 021	-18,0
		R'000	1 464	1 002	927	25 509	20 624	-19,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	34	45	40	576	541	-6,1
		square metres	8 667	11 561	15 033	165 913	155 690	-6,2
		R'000	66 208	93 660	120 201	1 201 317	1 168 042	-2,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	9	16	4	250	465	86,0
		square metres	565	1 095	873	21 870	56 069	156,4
		R'000	3 446	9 308	6 175	156 201	429 058	174,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	627	0	29 683	1 409	-95,3
		R'000	0	4 198	0	211 542	9 281	-95,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	71 118	108 168	127 303	1 594 569	1 627 005	2,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	2 023	2 275	5 407	137,7
		R'000	0	0	14 432	15 923	35 948	125,8
	Shopping space	square metres	3 619	801	0	95 205	21 068	-77,9
		R'000	23 253	5 363	0	759 036	142 520	-81,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 989	0	0	35 067	37 013	5,5
		R'000	38 993	0	0	262 318	246 053	-6,2
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	771	72	5 082	14 496	8 117	-44,0
		R'000	5 340	482	34 024	113 154	53 684	-52,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	67 586	5 845	48 456	1 150 431	478 205	-58,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 924	4 589	5 195	91 804	73 242	-20,2
		R'000	40 548	30 963	34 313	631 270	497 999	-21,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	3 181	400	3 244	21 049	37 275	77,1
		R'000	32 399	3 798	35 897	272 544	553 165	103,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	72 947	34 761	70 210	903 814	1 051 164	16,3
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	211 651	148 774	245 969	3 648 814	3 156 374	-13,5

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Dec 2024	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	100	249	150	2 512	2 740	9,1
		square metres	5 548	12 423	7 529	133 801	145 081	8,4
		R'000	44 671	94 154	50 644	1 049 066	1 095 556	4,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	200	210	122	2 796	2 567	-8,2
		square metres	62 647	64 253	41 968	845 386	752 694	-11,0
		R'000	635 166	662 903	420 631	8 247 409	7 446 767	-9,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	86	1 172	352	6 301	4 360	-30,8
		square metres	8 360	99 083	21 882	571 312	380 081	-33,5
		R'000	105 216	1 211 620	222 507	6 129 000	4 416 791	-27,9
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	4 533	0	115	19 806	14 793	-25,3
		R'000	62 061	0	941	229 400	122 948	-46,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	847 114	1 968 677	694 723	15 654 875	13 082 062	-16,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	7 740	860	66 874	135 765	103,0
		R'000	0	58 072	12 128	864 285	1 684 644	94,9
	Shopping space	square metres	2 932	564	1 167	193 563	98 771	-49,0
		R'000	30 704	5 035	11 586	2 054 941	1 126 818	-45,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	52 213	51 030	21 418	763 265	588 443	-22,9
		R'000	356 300	386 141	165 745	5 432 734	4 376 276	-19,4
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	2 663	6 473	11 346	81 840	56 511	-30,9
		R'000	31 415	81 846	137 049	708 657	620 775	-12,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	418 419	531 094	326 508	9 060 617	7 808 513	-13,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	40 114	56 606	40 169	623 414	557 211	-10,6
		R'000	399 831	606 105	425 158	6 200 895	5 711 765	-7,9
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	18 115	21 506	8 346	219 466	173 748	-20,8
		R'000	167 749	236 227	63 387	1 961 715	1 666 558	-15,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	567 580	842 332	488 545	8 162 610	7 378 323	-9,6
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 833 113	3 342 103	1 509 776	32 878 102	28 268 898	-14,0

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Dec 2024	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	7	11	123	159	29,3
		square metres	92	379	676	7 554	9 402	24,5
		R'000	489	2 893	5 932	58 781	79 050	34,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	51	81	86	868	854	-1,6
		square metres	19 214	35 739	23 750	303 063	290 744	-4,1
		R'000	150 719	304 250	195 264	2 255 513	2 306 433	2,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	7	42	0	230	226	-1,7
		square metres	1 354	3 397	0	20 412	30 070	47,3
		R'000	8 996	23 595	0	140 880	216 446	53,6
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	225	0	2 250	15 868	15 169	-4,4
		R'000	1 463	0	20 250	112 524	120 360	7,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	161 667	330 738	221 446	2 567 698	2 722 289	6,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	513	472	468	21 501	5 410	-74,8
		R'000	3 408	3 831	3 133	143 564	37 855	-73,6
	Shopping space	square metres	3 192	1 282	168	63 741	72 590	13,9
		R'000	20 748	9 503	1 125	436 626	491 877	12,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	10 324	11 051	3 821	139 678	94 597	-32,3
		R'000	85 800	82 232	25 994	950 746	711 732	-25,1
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	5 131	687	20 392	22 646	11,1
		R'000	0	48 689	4 599	135 837	196 522	44,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	109 956	144 255	34 851	1 666 773	1 437 986	-13,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 195	8 465	11 203	154 505	150 891	-2,3
		R'000	35 642	60 868	84 547	1 108 740	1 084 341	-2,2
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	524	2 656	3 941	56 792	76 943	35,5
		R'000	10 030	22 093	59 878	505 500	602 516	19,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	45 672	82 961	144 425	1 614 240	1 686 857	4,5
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	317 295	557 954	400 722	5 848 711	5 847 132	0,0

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Dec 2024	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	1	30	33	10,0
		square metres	0	0	53	1 903	2 114	11,1
		R'000	0	0	317	13 048	15 482	18,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	23	34	23	399	383	-4,0
		square metres	7 959	13 164	7 440	146 383	136 855	-6,5
		R'000	60 560	97 064	57 581	1 048 591	1 011 814	-3,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	4	33	4	159	201	26,4
		square metres	622	3 614	604	20 069	28 379	41,4
		R'000	4 493	26 104	3 610	144 588	200 478	38,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	6 735	1 884	-72,0
		R'000	0	0	0	43 778	12 635	-71,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	65 053	123 168	61 508	1 250 005	1 240 409	-0,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	10 079	2 257	-77,6
		R'000	0	0	0	69 349	16 379	-76,4
	Shopping space	square metres	0	496	0	12 307	18 445	49,9
		R'000	0	3 583	0	88 642	134 213	51,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	2 735	831	22 667	27 975	23,4
		R'000	0	19 755	6 600	159 065	204 382	28,5
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	33 473	28 249	-15,6
		R'000	0	0	0	236 439	201 267	-14,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	23 338	6 600	553 495	556 241	0,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 789	3 314	2 078	34 020	30 968	-9,0
		R'000	13 492	23 950	14 796	243 501	222 823	-8,5
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	559	1 031	246	13 017	19 904	52,9
		R'000	4 699	9 447	2 992	112 456	161 749	43,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	18 191	33 397	17 788	355 957	384 572	8,0
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	83 244	179 903	85 896	2 159 457	2 181 222	1,0

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).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 2024	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	307	767	573	4 688	5 600	19,5
		square metres	15 629	37 499	26 082	243 074	272 201	12,0
		R'000	116 719	285 631	200 780	1 739 865	2 021 794	16,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	491	674	736	7 329	6 813	-7,0
		square metres	133 362	182 999	193 409	1 950 737	1 830 306	-6,2
		R'000	1 253 779	1 670 805	1 742 659	17 158 764	16 218 881	-5,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	841	1 257	2 070	10 843	13 975	28,9
		square metres	90 495	114 526	147 498	1 040 622	1 302 728	25,2
		R'000	936 640	1 244 259	1 621 701	10 166 993	12 918 272	27,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	2 761	13 489	7 178	37 262	90 440	142,7
		R'000	24 087	159 259	57 494	296 896	853 476	187,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 331 225	3 359 954	3 622 634	29 362 518	32 012 423	9,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	502	19 176	16 318	106 292	158 894	49,5
		R'000	3 744	198 838	196 454	1 116 949	1 636 504	46,5
	Shopping space	square metres	62 661	23 153	12 504	343 156	317 701	-7,4
		R'000	533 197	235 742	98 506	3 344 057	2 788 444	-16,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	134 008	114 230	66 689	996 418	928 854	-6,8
		R'000	948 196	891 362	516 707	7 299 996	6 722 941	-7,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	9 695	10 904	18 931	92 128	124 924	35,6
		R'000	84 344	102 405	182 091	741 889	1 078 286	45,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 569 481	1 428 347	993 758	12 502 891	12 226 175	-2,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	57 166	58 105	59 412	711 982	627 826	-11,8
		R'000	524 074	525 443	536 585	6 212 027	5 528 417	-11,0
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	27 413	26 162	35 166	385 247	335 300	-13,0
		R'000	292 346	301 572	405 861	4 256 915	3 918 954	-7,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	816 420	827 015	942 446	10 468 942	9 447 371	-9,8
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	4 717 126	5 615 316	5 558 838	52 334 351	53 685 969	2,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).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 2024	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	110	218	411	1 594	1 717	7,7
		square metres	5 557	9 244	18 350	73 897	76 230	3,2
		R'000	39 928	67 813	137 636	487 184	559 728	14,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	166	307	316	2 737	2 706	-1,1
		square metres	40 836	75 758	78 041	693 764	711 965	2,6
		R'000	333 590	585 131	629 515	5 259 337	5 442 323	3,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	306	587	870	4 064	6 278	54,5
		square metres	30 853	61 830	47 887	426 447	602 547	41,3
		R'000	278 393	574 414	427 598	3 692 708	5 297 382	43,5
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	987	68	3 511	24 797	49 622	100,1
		R'000	8 447	510	28 020	175 186	424 965	142,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	660 358	1 227 868	1 222 769	9 614 415	11 724 398	21,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	4 890	19 643	44 151	124,8
		R'000	0	0	51 702	173 961	367 782	111,4
	Shopping space	square metres	23 934	13 337	330	72 567	68 158	-6,1
		R'000	210 365	130 062	2 894	575 603	634 630	10,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	21 242	26 338	33 746	203 763	198 744	-2,5
		R'000	161 239	207 589	256 042	1 530 270	1 494 709	-2,3
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	3 710	4 912	8 764	54 447	50 848	-6,6
		R'000	35 694	46 111	61 242	374 872	387 846	3,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	407 298	383 762	371 880	2 654 706	2 884 967	8,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 925	26 747	14 421	202 103	208 581	3,2
		R'000	86 557	211 913	118 907	1 501 161	1 576 755	5,0
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	12 068	13 852	19 280	157 116	125 856	-19,9
		R'000	147 610	157 305	245 029	1 633 806	1 590 766	-2,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	234 167	369 218	363 936	3 134 967	3 167 521	1,0
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 301 823	1 980 848	1 958 585	15 404 088	17 776 886	15,4

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).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 2024	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	4	4	246	311	26,4
		square metres	325	264	250	12 568	13 211	5,1
		R'000	2 596	2 270	2 157	103 697	104 171	0,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	23	4	30	400	293	-26,8
		square metres	8 059	827	6 326	101 873	76 376	-25,0
		R'000	68 597	6 929	59 053	855 376	668 186	-21,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	17	0	392	157	-59,9
		square metres	0	3 663	0	25 632	17 467	-31,9
		R'000	0	31 746	0	207 511	154 013	-25,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	61	5 268	8 536,1
		R'000	0	0	0	529	46 480	8 686,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	71 193	40 945	61 210	1 167 113	972 850	-16,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	4 438	2 236	-49,6
		R'000	0	0	0	36 978	19 314	-47,8
	Shopping space	square metres	6 005	0	3 914	19 704	16 942	-14,0
		R'000	39 033	0	34 940	148 735	144 147	-3,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 803	1 088	2 252	23 705	34 065	43,7
		R'000	15 114	9 430	21 779	201 476	295 623	46,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	359	3 045	4 456	46,3
		R'000	0	0	2 404	24 521	38 144	55,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	54 147	9 430	59 123	411 710	497 228	20,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	21 482	9 264	24 832	144 784	141 630	-2,2
		R'000	181 022	78 893	215 451	1 213 324	1 218 461	0,4
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	6 553	3 292	1 191	54 891	48 829	-11,0
		R'000	57 635	29 268	10 357	510 748	458 502	-10,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	238 657	108 161	225 808	1 724 072	1 676 963	-2,7
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	363 997	158 536	346 141	3 302 895	3 147 041	-4,7

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).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 2024	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	1	15	6	18	200,0
		square metres	0	70	750	331	943	184,9
		R'000	0	693	5 021	3 194	6 931	117,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	4	3	16	53	44	-17,0
		square metres	1 192	415	1 536	10 436	6 572	-37,0
		R'000	9 693	4 106	10 584	95 145	59 624	-37,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	6	0	-100,0
		square metres	0	0	0	815	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	5 298	0	-100,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	2 170	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	20 909	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	9 693	4 799	15 605	124 546	66 555	-46,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	192	0	0	1 266	584	-53,9
		R'000	1 248	0	0	11 357	5 778	-49,1
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	2 033	0	3 585	3 352	-6,5
		R'000	0	20 112	0	33 746	33 162	-1,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	193	59	-69,4
		R'000	0	0	0	1 817	584	-67,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 248	20 112	0	46 920	39 524	-15,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	847	699	235	17 822	9 630	-46,0
		R'000	8 379	6 915	2 394	172 975	94 129	-45,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	1 640	0	2 835	4 255	50,1
		R'000	0	16 775	1 360	28 657	46 485	62,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	8 379	23 690	3 754	201 632	140 614	-30,3
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	19 320	48 601	19 359	373 098	246 693	-33,9

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).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 2024	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	1	6	12	28	133,3
		square metres	110	60	329	747	1 656	121,7
		R'000	1 112	609	2 663	7 473	15 982	113,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	8	13	17	104	91	-12,5
		square metres	1 924	3 331	2 662	24 070	20 313	-15,6
		R'000	17 464	31 437	22 331	206 239	181 687	-11,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	10	10	43	97	125,6
		square metres	0	706	1 666	7 178	12 617	75,8
		R'000	0	7 162	17 351	72 605	128 110	76,4
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	991	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	7 654	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	18 576	39 208	42 345	293 971	325 779	10,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	277	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	2 665	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	523	1 017	884	-13,1
		R'000	0	0	4 513	9 287	6 860	-26,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	107	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	1 082	0	-100,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	4 513	13 034	6 860	-47,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	326	876	670	12 402	3 418	-72,4
		R'000	2 361	6 681	5 587	88 048	25 738	-70,8
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	0	0	276	808	192,8
		R'000	0	15 000	0	8 085	22 264	175,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 361	21 681	5 587	96 133	48 002	-50,1
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	20 937	60 889	52 445	403 138	380 641	-5,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).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 2024	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	8	6	9	152	126	-17,1
		square metres	385	344	404	8 779	6 817	-22,3
		R'000	3 860	3 849	3 562	95 466	70 993	-25,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	49	54	44	644	638	-0,9
		square metres	14 939	27 225	15 272	198 813	212 361	6,8
		R'000	185 496	316 325	170 236	2 242 665	2 438 531	8,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	30	83	109	1 112	992	-10,8
		square metres	7 427	9 937	18 735	124 314	142 752	14,8
		R'000	82 500	111 957	176 166	1 364 619	1 487 660	9,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 088	0	712	1 692	4 368	158,2
		R'000	7 660	0	8 473	13 364	52 191	290,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	279 516	432 131	358 437	3 716 114	4 049 375	9,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	19 176	409	1 732	48 896	2 723,1
		R'000	0	198 838	2 045	15 260	508 694	3 233,5
	Shopping space	square metres	6 441	8 056	3 111	117 969	100 129	-15,1
		R'000	70 851	86 534	22 827	1 261 402	1 033 949	-18,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 092	63 267	2 879	112 914	206 397	82,8
		R'000	17 958	493 730	24 286	765 090	1 465 949	91,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 215	452	7 427	9 478	21 296	124,7
		R'000	13 365	6 102	95 983	98 367	232 476	136,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	102 174	785 204	145 141	2 140 119	3 241 068	51,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 036	7 113	4 722	97 671	84 050	-13,9
		R'000	82 576	82 235	54 470	1 109 691	946 597	-14,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	937	1 186	181	56 302	35 585	-36,8
		R'000	15 211	35 596	7 721	897 249	466 646	-48,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	97 787	117 831	62 191	2 006 940	1 413 243	-29,6
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	479 477	1 335 166	565 769	7 863 173	8 703 686	10,7

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).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 2024	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	30	29	2	229	203	-11,4
		square metres	1 538	1 582	121	12 590	11 453	-9,0
		R'000	10 264	8 887	837	83 877	66 300	-21,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	31	26	44	575	552	-4,0
		square metres	7 514	7 127	14 107	134 085	121 519	-9,4
		R'000	53 666	56 218	106 737	966 038	884 626	-8,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	8	10	182	107	-41,2
		square metres	0	584	1 743	16 989	11 516	-32,2
		R'000	0	3 375	10 575	115 788	72 496	-37,4
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	1 322	2 596	2 940	13,3
		R'000	0	0	8 851	18 505	19 549	5,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	63 930	68 480	127 000	1 184 208	1 042 971	-11,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	310	0	1 230	4 099	4 269	4,1
		R'000	2 496	0	8 546	26 997	28 018	3,8
	Shopping space	square metres	12 722	371	2 110	18 964	68 699	262,3
		R'000	82 828	2 570	14 126	127 197	454 372	257,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	1 484	630	14 315	10 202	-28,7
		R'000	0	8 576	3 750	99 807	65 992	-33,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	2 458	0	197	2 742	14 418	425,8
		R'000	15 977	0	1 319	17 734	110 171	521,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	101 301	11 146	27 741	271 735	658 553	142,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 014	305	3 156	47 605	43 232	-9,2
		R'000	6 476	1 982	21 327	307 473	282 754	-8,0
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	2 449	304	1 585	17 112	11 198	-34,6
		R'000	15 134	2 934	11 952	223 803	189 500	-15,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	21 610	4 916	33 279	531 276	472 254	-11,1
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	186 841	84 542	188 020	1 987 219	2 173 778	9,4

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).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 2024	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	149	508	122	2 394	3 148	31,5
		square metres	7 579	25 935	5 627	130 659	158 628	21,4
		R'000	57 853	201 510	47 092	933 593	1 172 414	25,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	170	229	239	2 292	2 103	-8,2
		square metres	46 480	55 232	65 695	642 983	555 291	-13,6
		R'000	482 941	561 577	666 126	6 429 968	5 549 924	-13,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	478	533	1 066	4 762	5 644	18,5
		square metres	48 204	35 456	75 687	412 060	466 472	13,2
		R'000	549 098	498 859	977 829	4 519 551	5 421 849	20,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	686	13 421	0	4 955	25 411	412,8
		R'000	7 980	158 749	0	60 749	290 354	378,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 097 872	1 420 695	1 691 047	11 943 861	12 434 541	4,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	9 206	55 496	56 834	2,4
		R'000	0	0	129 823	698 100	692 133	-0,9
	Shopping space	square metres	12 373	1 105	1 595	103 752	51 604	-50,3
		R'000	121 554	14 525	12 354	1 149 134	432 444	-62,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	108 871	20 020	9 888	604 106	445 692	-26,2
		R'000	753 885	151 925	65 963	4 416 911	3 126 149	-29,2
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	2 312	5 540	0	16 967	31 602	86,3
		R'000	19 308	50 192	0	184 346	287 482	55,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	894 747	216 642	208 140	6 448 491	4 538 208	-29,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 532	11 643	9 928	156 008	115 817	-25,8
		R'000	141 433	125 935	106 661	1 575 743	1 216 456	-22,8
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	5 373	5 466	12 014	92 150	102 718	11,5
		R'000	46 223	40 473	120 324	867 071	1 052 857	21,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	187 656	166 408	226 985	2 442 814	2 269 313	-7,1
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 180 275	1 803 745	2 126 172	20 835 166	19 242 062	-7,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).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 2024	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	0	1	20	29	45,0
		square metres	60	0	75	1 303	1 935	48,5
		R'000	564	0	450	10 150	15 453	52,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	21	21	11	320	179	-44,1
		square metres	6 690	6 053	2 980	87 695	48 665	-44,5
		R'000	60 519	58 599	26 497	698 892	436 469	-37,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	27	2	5	231	101	-56,3
		square metres	4 011	583	1 780	22 049	16 438	-25,4
		R'000	26 649	3 983	12 182	152 749	118 937	-22,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	1 198	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	7 787	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	87 732	62 582	39 129	861 791	578 646	-32,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	9 748	350	-96,4
		R'000	0	0	0	84 480	3 289	-96,1
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	3 263	2 030	-37,8
		R'000	0	0	0	30 669	13 942	-54,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	8 963	22 477	10 785	-52,0
		R'000	0	0	82 904	173 873	100 029	-42,5
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	2 184	5 256	2 184	-58,4
		R'000	0	0	21 143	40 232	21 143	-47,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	104 047	329 254	138 403	-58,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 868	338	735	27 377	16 234	-40,7
		R'000	14 288	2 799	6 483	200 997	129 186	-35,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	0	406	2 861	4 238	48,1
		R'000	9 795	673	4 331	66 846	72 755	8,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	24 083	3 472	10 814	267 843	201 941	-24,6
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	111 815	66 054	153 990	1 458 888	918 990	-37,0

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).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 2024	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	0	3	35	20	-42,9
		square metres	75	0	176	2 200	1 328	-39,6
		R'000	542	0	1 362	15 231	9 822	-35,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	19	17	19	204	207	1,5
		square metres	5 728	7 031	6 790	57 018	77 244	35,5
		R'000	41 813	50 483	51 580	405 104	557 511	37,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	17	0	51	599	1 074,5
		square metres	0	1 767	0	5 138	32 919	540,7
		R'000	0	12 763	0	36 164	237 825	557,6
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	1 633	0	1 633	..
		R'000	0	0	12 150	0	12 150	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	42 355	63 246	65 092	456 499	817 308	79,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	583	9 593	1 574	-83,6
		R'000	0	0	4 338	67 151	11 496	-82,9
	Shopping space	square metres	1 186	284	921	5 920	9 255	56,3
		R'000	8 566	2 051	6 852	42 030	68 100	62,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	8 331	11 446	19 617	71,4
		R'000	0	0	61 983	77 741	141 328	81,8
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	61	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	440	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	8 566	2 051	73 173	186 922	221 364	18,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	136	1 120	713	6 210	5 234	-15,7
		R'000	982	8 090	5 305	42 615	38 341	-10,0
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	33	422	509	1 704	1 813	6,4
		R'000	738	3 548	4 787	20 650	19 179	-7,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 720	11 638	10 092	63 265	57 520	-9,1
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	52 641	76 935	148 357	706 686	1 096 192	55,1

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
Purpose of the survey	2	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
Scope of the survey	3	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	4	Building activities are classified in division five according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
Collection rate	5	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for December 2025 was 91,8%. The collection rate for November 2025 was 86,4%.
Statistical unit	6	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	7	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85% of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by email and telephone.
Constant prices	8	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2019. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151.1: <i>Construction Materials Price Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2023=100) are converted to the base year 2019=100.

- Seasonal adjustment** 9 Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by the United States Census Bureau.
- 10 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment is not intended to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences that may occur in a given month.

Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore, the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for building statistics is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at:

[Click to download building statistics seasonal adjustment February 2022.](#)

- Trend cycle** 11 The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.

- Revised figures** 12 Revised figures are mainly due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. The reasons for routine revisions are outlined in the following schedule. Any unscheduled revisions will be promptly indicated in relevant tables to maintain transparency and accuracy. It is important to note that seasonally adjusted figures are revised monthly.

Statistical release	Reason for revision	Period subject to revision
Dec-25	Additional information from respondents	Dec-23 - Nov-25
Jan-26	Additional information from respondents	Jan-24 - Dec-25
Feb-26	Additional information from respondents	Feb-24 - Jan-26
Mar-26	Additional information from respondents	Mar-24 - Feb-26
Apr-26	Additional information from respondents	Apr-24 - Mar-26
May-26	Additional information from respondents	May-24 - Apr-26
Jun-26	Additional information from respondents	Jun-24 - May-26
Jul-26	Additional information from respondents	Jul-24 - Jun-26
Aug-26	Additional information from respondents	Aug-24 - Jul-26
Sep-26	Additional information from respondents	Sep-24 - Aug-26
Oct-26	Additional information from respondents	Oct-24 - Sep-26
Nov-26	Additional information from respondents	Nov-24 - Oct-26
New base year in 2027/28 – periodic, approximately four to five-year intervals		

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

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

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

Glossary

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 same month in the previous year, expressed as a percentage.</p> <p>When using annual actual values, the percentage change is the change in the actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the relevant year compared with the previous year expressed as a percentage.</p> <p>When using seasonally adjusted values, the percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the relevant month compared with the previous month, expressed as a percentage.</p>

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