

Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions February 2006

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Table A – Selected key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices for February 2006

Estimates at current prices	January to February 2005	January to February 2006 1/	Difference in value between January to February 2005 and January to February 2006	Percentage change between January to February 2005 and January to February 2006
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	4 130 556	5 382 503	+1 251 947	+ 30,3
Dwelling-houses	2 952 903	3 316 007	+363 104	+ 12,3
Flats and townhouses	1 129 032	1 978 593	+849 561	+ 75,2
Other residential buildings	48 621	87 903	+39 282	+ 80,8
Non-residential buildings	1 136 795	1 688 924	+552 129	+ 48,6
Additions and alterations	1 970 293	2 325 120	+354 827	+ 18,0
Total	7 237 644	9 396 547	+2 158 903	+ 29,8

1/ Feb. 2006 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total value of recorded building plans passed increased

As indicated in Table A, the value of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities (at current prices) during the first two months of 2006 increased by 29,8% (+R2 158,9 million) compared with first two months of 2005. Large increases were reported for non-residential buildings (+48,6% or R552,1 million), residential buildings (+30,3% or R1 251,9 million) and additions and alterations (+18,0% or R354,8 million). Increases for non-residential buildings were reported for industrial and warehouse space (+70,0% or R270,4 million), other non-residential space (+66,9% or R48,1 million), office and banking space (+39,5% or R132,2 million) and shopping space (+29,5% or R101,5 million) (see Table 9).

Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level

Estimates at current prices	January to February 2005	January to February 2006 1/	Percentage contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to February 2005	Percentage change between January to February 2005 and January to February 2006	Contribution (percentage points) to the percentage change in the value of buildings plans passed between January to February 2005 and January to February 2006 2/	Difference in value between January to February 2005 and January to February 2006
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	1 969 984	2 231 800	27,2	+ 13,3	+ 3,6	+ 261 816
Eastern Cape	342 652	461 567	4,8	+ 34,7	+ 1,7	+ 118 915
Northern Cape	65 242	67 295	0,9	+ 3,1	+ 0,0	+ 2 053
Free State	196 267	155 835	2,7	-20,6	-0,5	-40 432
KwaZulu-Natal	1 121 649	1 327 437	15,5	+ 18,3	+ 2,8	+ 205 788
North West	254 807	328 885	3,5	+ 29,1	+ 1,0	+ 74 078
Gauteng	2 833 484	4 228 965	39,2	+ 49,2	+ 19,3	+ 1 395 481
Mpumalanga	285 349	410 360	3,9	+ 43,8	+ 1,7	+ 125 011
Limpopo	168 210	184 403	2,3	+ 9,6	+ 0,2	+ 16 193
Total	7 237 644	9 396 547	100,0	+ 29,8	+ 29,8	+ 2 158 903

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2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January to February 2005 and January to February 2006 with the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during January to February 2005, divided by 100.

Eight provinces reported increases in the value of recorded building plans passed (see Table B). The largest contributor to the increase of 29,8% was Gauteng (+19,3 percentage points or R1 395,5 million), followed by Western Cape (+3,6 percentage points or R261,8 million), KwaZulu-Natal (+2,8 percentage points or R205,8 million), Mpumalanga (+1,7 percentage points or R125,0 million) and Eastern Cape (+1,7 percentage points or R118,9 million). In Gauteng the largest increase was reported for residential buildings (+72,1% or R1 151,6 million), mainly due to the large increase reported for flats and townhouses (+265,3% or R828,8 million) (see Table 16).

Table C – Comparison between the current quarter and the previous quarter: Seasonally adjusted estimates of recorded building plans passed at constant 2000 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2000 prices	September to November 2005	December 2005 to February 2006	Percentage change between September to November 2005 and December 2005 to February 2006
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	7 169 456	6 784 664	-5,4
Non-residential buildings	2 193 146	1 926 868	-12,1
Additions and alterations	3 200 136	3 043 347	-4,9
Total	12 562 738	11 754 879	-6,4

As indicated in Table C, the seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities during the three months ended February 2006 decreased by 6,4% compared with the previous three months. This decrease was due to decreases in the seasonally adjusted real value of non-residential buildings (-12,1%), residential buildings (-5,4%) and additions and alterations (-4,9%).

Figure 1 shows both the seasonally adjusted and the trend series for recorded building plans passed at constant 2000 prices between January 2002 and February 2006. The trend series reflects a slight increase in early 2002, showing a steep increase as from May 2003 and a downward trend as from October 2005.

Figure 1 – Real value of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2000 prices

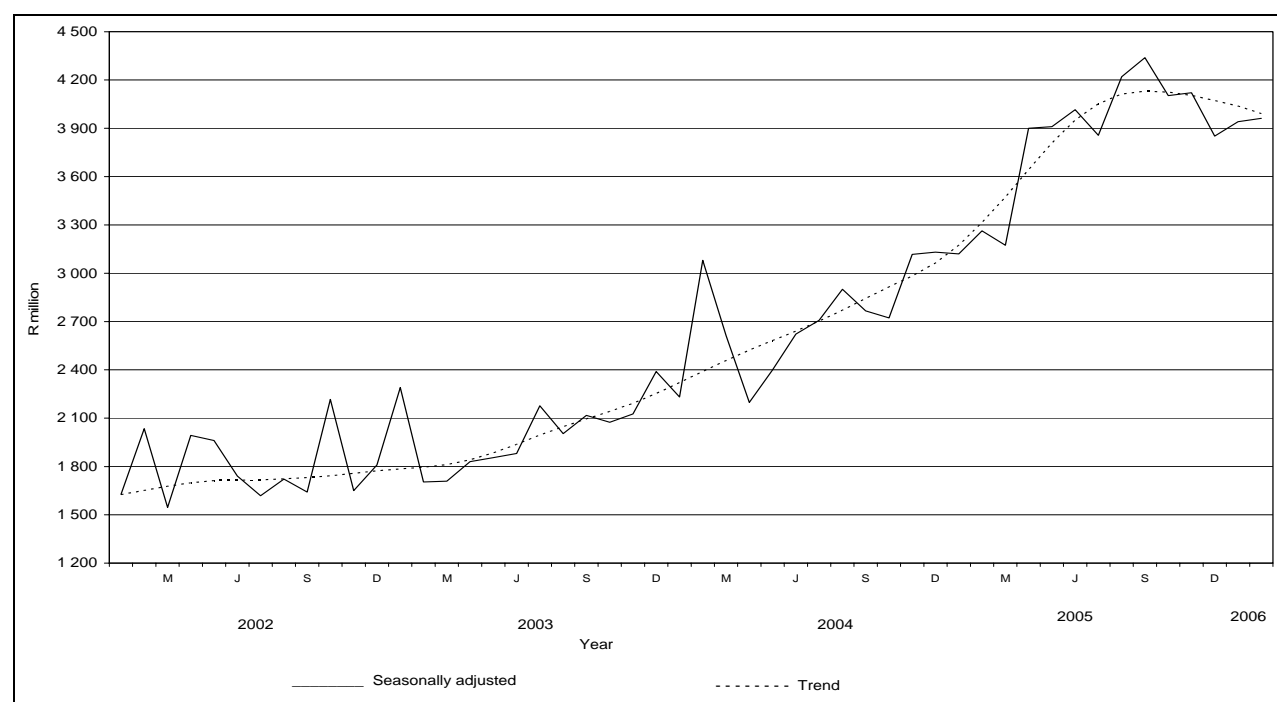


Table D – Selected key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices for February 2006

Estimates at current prices	January to February 2005 R'000	January to February 2006 1/ R'000	Difference in value between January to February 2005 and January to February 2006 R'000	Percentage change between January to February 2005 and January to February 2006
Residential buildings	2 073 303	2 810 354	+737 051	+ 35,5
Dwelling-houses	1 421 533	1 753 047	+331 514	+ 23,3
Flats and townhouses	635 141	1 049 896	+414 755	+ 65,3
Other residential buildings	16 629	7 411	-9 218	- 55,4
Non-residential buildings	454 823	684 907	+230 084	+ 50,6
Additions and alterations	629 518	866 992	+237 474	+ 37,7
Total	3 157 644	4 362 253	+1 204 609	+ 38,1

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Total value of buildings reported as completed increased

As indicated in Table D, the value of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities (at current prices) during the first two months of 2006 increased by 38,1% (+R1 204,6 million) compared with the first two months of 2005. The largest increase in the value of buildings completed was reported for non-residential buildings (+50,6% or R230,1 million), followed by additions and alterations (+37,7% or R237,5 million) and residential buildings (+35,5% or R737,1 million).

Table E – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level

Estimates at current prices	January to February 2005 R'000	January to February 2006 1/ R'000	Percentage contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to February 2005	Percentage change between January to February 2005 and January to February 2006	Contribution (percentage points) to the percentage change in the value of buildings completed between January to February 2005 and January to February 2006 2/ R'000	Difference in value between January to February 2005 and January to February 2006 R'000
Western Cape	782 118	1 310 079	24,8	+ 67,5	+ 16,7	+ 527 961
Eastern Cape	163 013	173 202	5,2	+ 6,3	+ 0,3	+ 10 189
Northern Cape	37 856	23 139	1,2	-38,9	-0,5	-14 717
Free State	65 743	94 356	2,1	+ 43,5	+ 0,9	+ 28 613
KwaZulu-Natal	634 866	560 252	20,1	-11,8	-2,4	-74 614
North West	124 424	247 292	3,9	+ 98,7	+ 3,9	+ 122 868
Gauteng	1 251 517	1 717 305	39,6	+ 37,2	+ 14,8	+ 465 788
Mpumalanga	69 180	154 009	2,2	+ 122,6	+ 2,7	+ 84 829
Limpopo	28 927	82 619	0,9	+ 185,6	+ 1,7	+ 53 692
Total	3 157 644	4 362 253	100,0	+ 38,1	+ 38,1	+ 1 204 609

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2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January to February 2005 and January to February 2006 with the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January to February 2005, divided by 100.

Seven provinces reported increases in the value of buildings completed (see Table E). The largest contributors to the increase of 38,1% were Western Cape (+16,7 percentage points or R528,0 million) and Gauteng (+14,8 percentage points or R465,8 million).

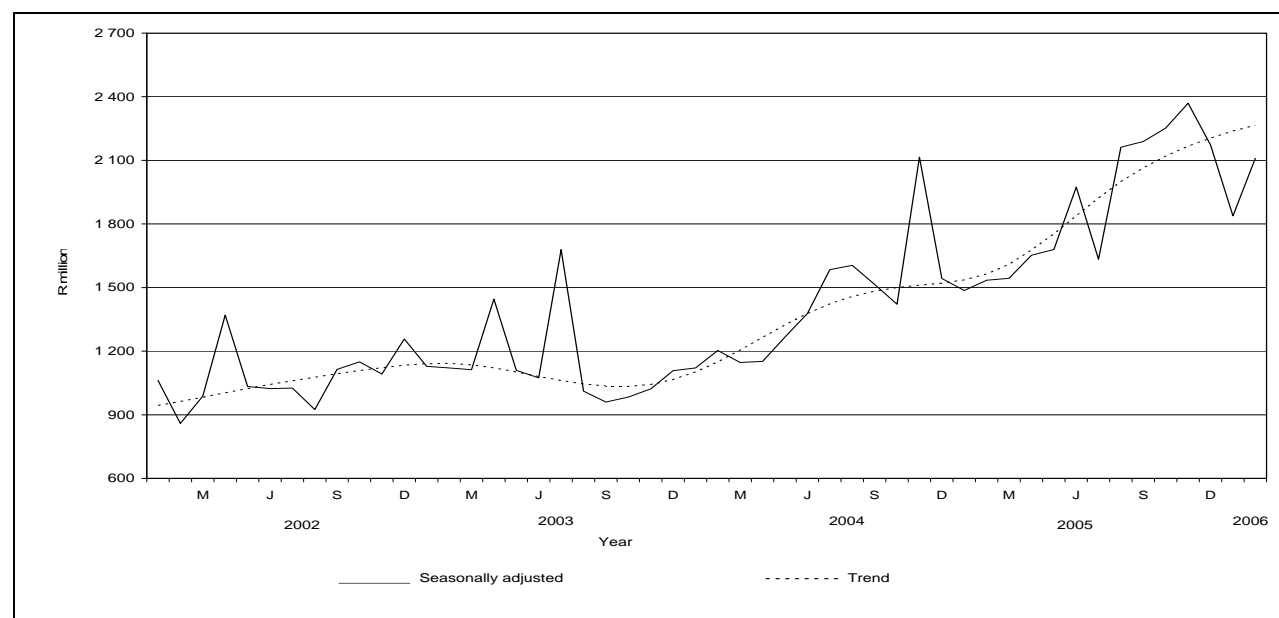
Table F – Comparison between the current quarter and the previous quarter: Seasonally adjusted estimates of buildings reported as completed at constant 2000 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2000 prices	September to November 2005	December 2005 to February 2006	Percentage change between September to November 2005 and December 2005 to February 2006
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	4 761 565	4 214 777	- 11,5
Non-residential buildings	1 023 415	837 075	- 18,2
Additions and alterations	1 025 359	1 068 047	+ 4,2
Total	6 810 339	6 119 899	- 10,1

As indicated in Table F, the seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities during the three months ended February 2006 decreased by 10,1% compared with the previous three months. This decrease was due to decreases in the seasonally adjusted real value of non-residential buildings (-18,2%) and residential buildings (-11,5%). However, the seasonally adjusted real value of additions and alterations increased by 4,2% during the above-mentioned period.

Figure 2 shows both the seasonally adjusted and trend series for buildings reported as completed to municipalities at constant 2000 prices between January 2002 and February 2006. The trend series reflects a slight increase in early 2002 and then slowing again until September 2003. Since November 2003 the trend series has been rising.

Figure 2 - Real value of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2000 prices



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Subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses

The figures obtained from local government institutions do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses completed or under construction, supplied by the provincial governments and co-ordinated by the National Department of Housing, are shown in table 29 (page 36).

Response rate

The response rate for February 2006 was 94,9%.

Table 1 - Values 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		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2005	January	1 729 745	+35,1	526 612	+61,1	897 216	+70,4	3 153 573	+47,8
	February	2 400 811	-2,1	610 183	+52,2	1 073 077	+32,2	4 084 071	+11,4
	March	2 399 650	+21,4	1 000 626	+36,9	1 291 482	+45,5	4 691 758	+30,5
	April	2 841 724	+78,9	888 593	+114,8	1 390 966	+106,0	5 121 283	+91,3
	May	3 749 352	+66,6	807 018	+106,3	1 556 446	+72,2	6 112 816	+72,4
	June	3 316 964	+48,9	989 135	+100,5	1 645 061	+74,8	5 951 160	+62,5
	July	3 577 905	+41,1	1 137 112	+108,0	1 624 067	+52,5	6 339 084	+52,9
	August	3 862 661	+52,9	1 370 984	+98,1	1 714 506	+43,3	6 948 151	+57,4
	September	4 220 838	+71,2	904 286	+59,3	1 736 160	+64,4	6 861 284	+67,8
	October	3 805 074	+49,1	1 033 353	+62,5	1 873 059	+84,7	6 711 486	+59,7
	November	3 718 337	+26,7	1 252 618	+120,8	1 526 861	+29,3	6 497 816	+38,8
	December	2 751 980	+47,6	583 365	-12,9	1 296 832	+31,4	4 632 177	+31,6
	Total	38 375 041	+44,0	11 103 885	+72,5	17 625 733	+56,7	67 104 659	+51,4
2006	January	2 365 404	+36,7	815 069	+54,8	985 459	+9,8	4 165 932	+32,1
	February 2/	3 017 099	+25,7	873 855	+43,2	1 339 661	+24,8	5 230 615	+28,1

1/ The annual/monthly percentage change is the change in the values of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the relevant year/month compared with the values 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 values 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		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2005	January	2 440 691	+3,5	721 993	-7,3	1 244 095	+0,9	4 406 779	+0,8
	February	2 588 969	+6,1	763 275	+5,7	1 256 965	+1,0	4 609 209	+4,6
	March	2 483 851	-4,1	739 240	-3,1	1 288 083	+2,5	4 511 174	-2,1
	April	3 073 940	+23,8	971 073	+31,4	1 529 918	+18,8	5 574 931	+23,6
	May	3 389 592	+10,3	822 458	-15,3	1 383 503	-9,6	5 595 553	+0,4
	June	3 267 919	-3,6	923 800	+12,3	1 582 883	+14,4	5 774 602	+3,2
	July	3 156 952	-3,4	1 008 938	+9,2	1 430 108	-9,7	5 595 998	-3,1
	August	3 509 113	+11,2	1 146 527	+13,6	1 503 229	+5,1	6 158 869	+10,1
	September	3 781 940	+7,8	934 628	-18,5	1 651 879	+9,9	6 368 447	+3,4
	October	3 434 451	-9,2	1 013 237	+8,4	1 597 474	-3,3	6 045 162	-5,1
	November	3 354 595	-2,3	1 294 665	+27,8	1 467 744	-8,1	6 117 004	+1,2
	December	3 468 247	+3,4	661 834	-48,9	1 592 651	+8,5	5 722 732	-6,4
2006	January	3 387 926	-2,3	1 114 450	+68,4	1 388 332	-12,8	5 890 708	+2,9
	February	3 279 223	-3,2	1 098 529	-1,4	1 564 501	+12,7	5 942 253	+0,9
	Sep.-Nov.05	10 570 986		3 242 530		4 717 097		18 530 613	
	Dec.05-Feb.06 2/	10 135 396	-4,1	2 874 813	-11,3	4 545 484	-3,6	17 555 693	-5,3

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

Table 3 - Values and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2000 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/
2005	January	1 227 640	+24,8	373 749	+48,9	636 775	+57,4	2 238 164	+36,5
	February	1 700 291	-8,6	432 141	+42,1	759 970	+23,5	2 892 402	+4,1
	March	1 688 705	+13,5	704 170	+28,0	908 854	+36,0	3 301 729	+22,0
	April	1 983 059	+67,1	620 093	+100,5	970 667	+92,3	3 573 819	+78,6
	May	2 612 789	+56,4	562 382	+93,7	1 084 631	+61,7	4 259 802	+61,9
	June	2 303 447	+40,4	686 899	+89,1	1 142 403	+64,9	4 132 749	+53,2
	July	2 457 352	+32,1	780 984	+94,7	1 115 431	+42,8	4 353 767	+43,1
	August	2 638 430	+43,2	936 464	+85,5	1 171 111	+34,2	4 746 005	+47,4
	September	2 875 230	+60,2	615 999	+49,1	1 182 670	+53,8	4 673 899	+57,0
	October	2 586 726	+40,1	702 483	+52,7	1 273 324	+73,5	4 562 533	+50,1
	November	2 519 199	+19,3	848 657	+107,9	1 034 459	+21,8	4 402 315	+30,7
	December	1 860 703	+38,8	394 432	-18,1	876 830	+23,6	3 131 965	+23,7
	Total	26 453 571	+34,8	7 658 453	+61,7	12 157 125	+47,0	46 269 149	+41,8
2006	January	1 587 519	+29,3	547 026	+46,4	661 382	+3,9	2 795 927	+24,9
	February 2/	2 014 085	+18,5	583 348	+35,0	894 300	+17,7	3 491 733	+20,7

1/ The annual/monthly percentage change is the change in the values of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the relevant year/month compared with the values 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 values and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2000 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/
2005	January	1 728 738	+2,7	509 398	-10,3	881 395	+0,1	3 119 531	-0,4
	February	1 833 266	+6,0	538 667	+5,7	890 670	+1,1	3 262 603	+4,6
	March	1 748 178	-4,6	518 197	-3,8	907 038	+1,8	3 173 413	-2,7
	April	2 150 024	+23,0	679 620	+31,2	1 070 271	+18,0	3 899 915	+22,9
	May	2 369 216	+10,2	574 391	-15,5	965 971	-9,7	3 909 578	+0,2
	June	2 272 233	-4,1	642 283	+11,8	1 100 305	+13,9	4 014 821	+2,7
	July	2 175 396	-4,3	695 847	+8,3	985 489	-10,4	3 856 732	-3,9
	August	2 405 646	+10,6	784 713	+12,8	1 029 704	+4,5	4 220 063	+9,4
	September	2 577 760	+7,2	635 768	-19,0	1 125 091	+9,3	4 338 619	+2,8
	October	2 332 919	-9,5	686 335	+8,0	1 084 226	-3,6	4 103 480	-5,4
	November	2 258 777	-3,2	871 043	+26,9	990 819	-8,6	4 120 639	+0,4
	December	2 328 348	+3,1	453 879	-47,9	1 069 073	+7,9	3 851 300	-6,5
2006	January	2 268 805	-2,6	742 579	+63,6	929 903	-13,0	3 941 287	+2,3
	February	2 187 511	-3,6	730 410	-1,6	1 044 371	+12,3	3 962 292	+0,5
	Sep.-Nov.05	7 169 456		2 193 146		3 200 136		12 562 738	
	Dec.05-Feb.06 2/	6 784 664	-5,4	1 926 868	-12,1	3 043 347	-4,9	11 754 879	-6,4

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

Table 5 - Values 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/
2005	January	855 167	+39,0	274 144	+35,3	312 090	+17,6	1 441 401	+33,1
	February	1 218 136	+59,2	180 679	-22,1	317 428	+2,2	1 716 243	+31,2
	March	1 348 002	+46,3	312 817	+45,3	314 410	+11,1	1 975 229	+39,1
	April	1 426 604	+52,4	227 778	+41,0	338 472	+51,5	1 992 854	+50,9
	May	1 747 044	+41,2	399 714	+24,2	480 773	+52,0	2 627 531	+40,1
	June	1 671 417	+41,9	391 696	+81,2	538 580	+66,9	2 601 693	+51,5
	July	1 740 635	+20,9	257 635	-24,3	380 933	+4,4	2 379 203	+10,9
	August	2 318 732	+71,0	594 474	+9,2	428 532	+9,5	3 341 738	+45,8
	September	2 364 089	+92,0	382 050	-29,0	476 278	+39,4	3 222 417	+52,6
	October	2 378 975	+83,8	525 261	+38,4	527 503	+39,5	3 431 739	+67,3
	November	2 901 953	+11,0	585 424	+105,0	496 159	+15,7	3 983 536	+19,7
	December	2 211 410	+70,3	230 657	-31,0	499 567	+70,1	2 941 634	+52,7
	Total	22 182 164	+49,0	4 362 329	+15,7	5 110 725	+30,4	31 655 218	+40,2
2006	January	1 170 652	+36,9	305 260	+11,4	382 930	+22,7	1 858 842	+29,0
	February 2/	1 639 702	+34,6	379 647	+110,1	484 062	+52,5	2 503 411	+45,9

1/ The annual/monthly percentage change is the change in the values of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the relevant year/month compared with the values 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 values 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/
2005	January	1 232 528	-6,5	355 548	-4,9	360 748	+6,5	1 948 824	-4,0
	February	1 452 852	+17,9	237 201	-33,3	321 013	-11,0	2 011 066	+3,2
	March	1 416 900	-2,5	317 638	+33,9	336 236	+4,7	2 070 774	+3,0
	April	1 561 072	+10,2	278 414	-12,3	392 307	+16,7	2 231 793	+7,8
	May	1 597 777	+2,4	265 773	-4,5	416 140	+6,1	2 279 690	+2,1
	June	1 737 811	+8,8	449 996	+69,3	512 801	+23,2	2 700 608	+18,5
	July	1 613 669	-7,1	276 453	-38,6	358 857	-30,0	2 248 979	-16,7
	August	2 087 462	+29,4	504 186	+82,4	410 915	+14,5	3 002 563	+33,5
	September	2 256 589	+8,1	344 438	-31,7	473 806	+15,3	3 074 833	+2,4
	October	2 183 786	-3,2	499 226	+44,9	477 247	+0,7	3 160 259	+2,8
	November	2 341 165	+7,2	520 281	+4,2	469 311	-1,7	3 330 757	+5,4
	December	2 220 308	-5,2	262 252	-49,6	565 120	+20,4	3 047 680	-8,5
2006	January	1 736 453	-21,8	387 379	+47,7	445 027	-21,3	2 568 859	-15,7
	February	1 956 944	+12,7	489 861	+26,5	492 513	+10,7	2 939 318	+14,4
	Sep.-Nov.05	6 781 540		1 363 945		1 420 364		9 565 849	
	Dec.05-Feb.06 2/	5 913 705	-12,8	1 139 492	-16,5	1 502 660	+5,8	8 555 857	-10,6

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

Table 7 - Values and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2000 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/
2005	January	634 696	+33,0	211 694	+26,0	239 700	+14,7	1 086 090	+27,1
	February	901 153	+52,1	139 413	-26,7	240 658	-1,0	1 281 224	+24,9
	March	992 451	+39,1	241 558	+37,6	236 755	+7,3	1 470 764	+32,6
	April	1 043 028	+44,1	176 026	+35,0	252 969	+46,1	1 472 023	+43,2
	May	1 270 208	+32,6	309 376	+19,8	356 921	+45,7	1 936 505	+32,5
	June	1 211 901	+33,0	303 170	+75,4	396 598	+59,0	1 911 669	+43,4
	July	1 251 321	+12,9	197 876	-26,1	279 481	-0,8	1 728 678	+4,3
	August	1 661 959	+60,7	450 701	+5,8	312 569	+3,5	2 425 229	+37,6
	September	1 686 595	+80,6	287 688	-31,4	346 636	+31,4	2 320 919	+43,5
	October	1 681 560	+72,3	392 572	+33,5	381 695	+30,6	2 455 827	+57,2
	November	2 052 685	+3,2	434 613	+96,5	356 949	+7,5	2 844 247	+11,8
	December	1 556 725	+60,2	169 851	-34,3	359 142	+58,0	2 085 718	+43,1
	Total	15 944 282	+40,0	3 314 538	+11,1	3 760 073	+23,7	23 018 893	+32,2
2006	January	814 407	+28,3	223 962	+5,8	271 774	+13,4	1 310 143	+20,6
	February 2/	1 135 204	+26,0	276 912	+98,6	342 820	+42,5	1 754 936	+37,0

1/ The annual/monthly percentage change is the change in the values of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the relevant year/month compared with the values 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 values and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2000 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/
2005	January	933 718	-6,0	275 494	-4,8	276 836	+6,5	1 486 048	-3,7
	February	1 107 196	+18,6	183 646	-33,3	243 986	-11,9	1 534 828	+3,3
	March	1 045 860	-5,5	244 679	+33,2	253 291	+3,8	1 543 830	+0,6
	April	1 144 569	+9,4	214 139	-12,5	293 775	+16,0	1 652 483	+7,0
	May	1 164 612	+1,8	204 208	-4,6	310 158	+5,6	1 678 978	+1,6
	June	1 250 506	+7,4	345 328	+69,1	377 733	+21,8	1 973 567	+17,5
	July	1 157 001	-7,5	212 354	-38,5	264 128	-30,1	1 633 483	-17,2
	August	1 478 033	+27,7	383 576	+80,6	300 643	+13,8	2 162 252	+32,4
	September	1 584 368	+7,2	260 127	-32,2	344 438	+14,6	2 188 933	+1,2
	October	1 532 523	-3,3	375 044	+44,2	344 493	-0,0	2 252 060	+2,9
	November	1 644 674	+7,3	388 244	+3,5	336 428	-2,3	2 369 346	+5,2
	December	1 576 113	-4,2	193 441	-50,2	402 790	+19,7	2 172 344	-8,3
2006	January	1 237 565	-21,5	285 163	+47,4	315 579	-21,7	1 838 307	-15,4
	February	1 401 099	+13,2	358 471	+25,7	349 678	+10,8	2 109 248	+14,7
	Sep.-Nov.05	4 761 565		1 023 415		1 025 359		6 810 339	
	Dec.05-Feb.06 2/	4 214 777	-11,5	837 075	-18,2	1 068 047	+4,2	6 119 899	-10,1

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

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Feb. 2005*	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Jan. - Feb. 2005	Jan. - Feb. 2006	% Change 1/	
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2 551	2 204	3 384	4 747	5 588	+17,7	
		square metres	104 684	92 529	146 365	204 435	238 894	+16,9	
		R'000	151 079	138 549	205 034	275 091	343 583	+24,9	
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	2 820	2 105	2 594	4 805	4 699	-2,2	
		square metres	657 032	476 668	620 132	1 105 930	1 096 800	-0,8	
		R'000	1 616 288	1 307 874	1 664 550	2 677 812	2 972 424	+11,0	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	1 630	1 998	3 144	2 960	5 142	+73,7	
		square metres	229 924	311 303	385 114	433 124	696 417	+60,8	
		R'000	602 573	896 950	1 081 643	1 129 032	1 978 593	+75,2	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	9 896	7 617	26 842	16 682	34 459	+106,6	
		R'000	30 871	22 031	65 872	48 621	87 903	+80,8	
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	2 400 811	2 365 404	3 017 099	4 130 556	5 382 503	+30,3	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	71 252	59 496	89 226	123 001	148 722	+20,9	
		R'000	184 568	189 097	277 238	334 175	466 335	+39,5	
	2. Shopping space	square metres	59 163	107 748	40 035	157 242	147 783	-6,0	
		R'000	146 207	308 736	137 164	344 444	445 900	+29,5	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	100 894	112 065	152 617	174 299	264 682	+51,9	
		R'000	223 706	285 595	371 010	386 218	656 605	+70,0	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	29 404	13 616	35 019	36 798	48 635	+32,2	
		R'000	55 702	31 641	88 443	71 958	120 084	+66,9	
		5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	610 183	815 069	873 855	1 136 795	1 688 924	+48,6
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	377 683	337 320	428 107	665 854	765 427	+15,0
R'000			821 260	808 901	1 083 731	1 497 074	1 892 632	+26,4	
2. Other buildings 4/		square metres	97 472	64 574	93 097	175 242	157 671	-10,0	
		R'000	251 817	176 558	255 930	473 219	432 488	-8,6	
		3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 073 077	985 459	1 339 661	1 970 293	2 325 120	+18,0
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	4 084 071	4 165 932	5 230 615	7 237 644	9 396 547	+29,8	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2005 and 2006.

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.

* Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Feb. 2005*	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Jan. - Feb. 2005	Jan. - Feb. 2006	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	445	243	632	989	875	-11,5
		square metres	20 912	10 869	26 192	48 773	37 061	-24,0
		R'000	34 989	18 283	33 939	66 186	52 222	-21,1
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	775	552	567	1 303	1 119	-14,1
		square metres	177 802	123 220	121 160	302 019	244 380	-19,1
		R'000	463 252	374 250	355 880	779 520	730 130	-6,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	347	214	348	674	562	-16,6
		square metres	43 205	27 135	36 985	81 497	64 120	-21,3
		R'000	108 583	77 288	120 598	198 230	197 886	-0,2
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	513	0	327	3 343	327	-90,2
		R'000	1 243	0	962	10 514	962	-90,9
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	608 067	469 821	511 379	1 054 450	981 200	-6,9
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	5 938	21 211	28 386	6 483	49 597	+665,0
		R'000	15 041	70 376	92 927	16 806	163 303	+871,7
	2. Shopping space	square metres	12 532	3 874	6 225	58 410	10 099	-82,7
		R'000	44 018	13 425	48 159	129 555	61 584	-52,5
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	21 948	70 580	38 858	48 057	109 438	+127,7
		R'000	50 467	192 370	112 419	118 915	304 789	+156,3
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	9 231	1 087	6 525	12 102	7 612	-37,1
		R'000	18 671	3 135	20 604	26 128	23 739	-9,1
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	128 197	279 306	274 109	291 404	553 415	+89,9
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	119 780	88 306	116 642	212 825	204 948	-3,7
		R'000	262 953	229 501	321 675	492 092	551 176	+12,0
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	19 947	17 275	32 453	39 946	49 728	+24,5
		R'000	70 547	51 571	94 438	132 038	146 009	+10,6
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	333 500	281 072	416 113	624 130	697 185	+11,7
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 069 764	1 030 199	1 201 601	1 969 984	2 231 800	+13,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2005 and 2006.

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.

* Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Feb. 2005*	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Jan. - Feb. 2005	Jan. - Feb. 2006	% Change 1/	
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	194	51	49	436	100	-77,1	
		square metres	8 220	2 829	2 503	18 488	5 332	-71,2	
		R'000	5 967	5 417	4 221	12 291	9 638	-21,6	
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	161	155	201	293	356	+21,5	
		square metres	37 603	34 554	39 843	68 159	74 397	+9,2	
		R'000	91 621	78 855	96 442	156 466	175 297	+12,0	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	59	17	176	123	193	+56,9	
		square metres	5 196	3 866	22 500	14 701	26 366	+79,3	
		R'000	10 289	7 333	51 987	29 872	59 320	+98,6	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	209	702	0	911	..	
		R'000	0	383	1 578	0	1 961	..	
	5. Total residential buildings		R'000	107 877	91 988	154 228	198 629	246 216	+24,0
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 894	139	234	2 033	+768,8
			R'000	0	4 618	302	585	4 920	+741,0
2. Shopping space		square metres	3 761	8 871	1 853	3 936	10 724	+172,5	
		R'000	4 519	20 179	4 467	4 943	24 646	+398,6	
3. Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	1 243	1 072	1 025	2 678	2 097	-21,7	
		R'000	2 952	2 079	1 441	6 195	3 520	-43,2	
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	584	831	1 786	1 175	2 617	+122,7	
		R'000	808	2 024	3 942	2 149	5 966	+177,6	
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	8 279	28 900	10 152	13 872	39 052	+181,5	
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	24 862	32 367	34 056	45 062	66 423	+47,4
	R'000		48 450	70 983	77 534	89 512	148 517	+65,9	
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	9 695	6 419	6 351	17 654	12 770	-27,7	
		R'000	20 250	14 972	12 810	40 639	27 782	-31,6	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	68 700	85 955	90 344	130 151	176 299	+35,5	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	184 856	206 843	254 724	342 652	461 567	+34,7	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2005 and 2006.

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.

* Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Feb. 2005*	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Jan. - Feb. 2005	Jan. - Feb. 2006	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	107	152	31	116	183	+57,8
		square metres	3 449	7 676	2 357	3 917	10 033	+156,1
		R'000	2 036	7 901	4 714	2 737	12 615	+360,9
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	25	13	24	47	37	-21,3
		square metres	4 540	2 178	4 217	8 255	6 395	-22,5
		R'000	7 960	3 810	8 010	14 535	11 820	-18,7
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	37	36	5	46	41	-10,9
		square metres	5 304	4 691	498	7 057	5 189	-26,5
		R'000	9 547	9 357	971	12 702	10 328	-18,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	19 543	21 068	13 695	29 974	34 763	+16,0
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	2. Shopping space	square metres	4 490	258	247	4 490	505	-88,8
		R'000	6 000	500	370	6 000	870	-85,5
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	97	4 157	717	97	4 874	+4 924,7
		R'000	146	14 714	1 434	146	16 148	+10 960,3
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	207	171	167	207	338	+63,3
		R'000	518	342	251	518	593	+14,5
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	6 664	15 556	2 055	6 664	17 611	+164,3
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 214	3 794	3 844	9 248	7 638	-17,4
		R'000	12 168	7 377	7 504	18 031	14 881	-17,5
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 579	0	0	4 493	0	-100,0
		R'000	3 288	40	0	10 573	40	-99,6
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	15 456	7 417	7 504	28 604	14 921	-47,8
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	41 663	44 041	23 254	65 242	67 295	+3,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2005 and 2006.

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.

* Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Feb. 2005*	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Jan. - Feb. 2005	Jan. - Feb. 2006	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	318	11	5	764	16	-97,9
		square metres	13 174	600	316	31 641	916	-97,1
		R'000	8 138	1 082	569	21 792	1 651	-92,4
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	105	49	88	218	137	-37,2
		square metres	18 101	8 591	16 291	36 394	24 882	-31,6
		R'000	33 601	17 735	32 694	65 386	50 429	-22,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	33	12	63	71	75	+5,6
		square metres	4 266	4 398	8 979	9 184	13 377	+45,7
		R'000	8 958	10 032	20 351	18 578	30 383	+63,5
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	5 441	802	0	5 924	802	-86,5
		R'000	19 044	3 000	0	19 913	3 000	-84,9
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	69 741	31 849	53 614	125 669	85 463	-32,0
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	690	1 256	1 394	690	2 650	+284,1
		R'000	2 070	3 768	4 182	2 070	7 950	+284,1
	2. Shopping space	square metres	4 559	1 005	1 101	5 160	2 106	-59,2
		R'000	7 891	1 650	2 305	9 694	3 955	-59,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 469	1 171	3 391	4 685	4 562	-2,6
		R'000	2 913	2 516	2 662	6 238	5 178	-17,0
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	625	154	0	1 491	154	-89,7
		R'000	704	216	0	1 521	216	-85,8
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	13 578	8 150	9 149	19 523	17 299	-11,4
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 350	8 636	16 252	30 000	24 888	-17,0
		R'000	19 476	13 853	29 013	43 056	42 866	-0,4
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 783	336	4 672	4 231	5 008	+18,4
		R'000	3 736	1 446	8 761	8 019	10 207	+27,3
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	23 212	15 299	37 774	51 075	53 073	+3,9
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	106 531	55 298	100 537	196 267	155 835	-20,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2005 and 2006.

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.

* Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Feb. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Jan. - Feb. 2005	Jan. - Feb. 2006	% Change 1/	
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	385	63	60	674	123	-81,8	
		square metres	13 296	3 178	3 236	23 773	6 414	-73,0	
		R'000	15 555	6 031	5 921	26 841	11 952	-55,5	
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	186	242	220	355	462	+30,1	
		square metres	43 309	48 217	48 141	82 909	96 358	+16,2	
		R'000	102 285	124 182	119 231	195 623	243 413	+24,4	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	417	318	323	899	641	-28,7	
		square metres	81 782	62 503	63 619	175 915	126 122	-28,3	
		R'000	221 307	190 287	197 291	494 709	387 578	-21,7	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	180	8 218	93	8 398	+8 930,1	
R'000		0	170	14 382	166	14 552	+8 666,3		
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	339 147	320 670	336 825	717 339	657 495	-8,3	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	3 122	899	10 021	3 122	10 920	+249,8	
		R'000	8 280	1 724	23 230	8 280	24 954	+201,4	
	2. Shopping space	square metres	9 805	28 388	11 041	24 187	39 429	+63,0	
		R'000	22 982	97 028	24 452	43 814	121 480	+177,3	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	8 838	13 870	54 451	29 096	68 321	+134,8	
		R'000	16 958	27 925	101 649	49 509	129 574	+161,7	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 565	2 532	16 537	4 559	19 069	+318,3	
		R'000	8 052	4 844	39 920	10 029	44 764	+346,3	
		5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	56 272	131 521	189 251	111 632	320 772	+187,3
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	48 758	56 595	55 497	85 117	112 092	+31,7
R'000			92 654	125 378	140 238	179 669	265 616	+47,8	
2. Other buildings 4/		square metres	31 283	18 764	10 719	46 092	29 483	-36,0	
		R'000	64 089	46 935	36 619	113 009	83 554	-26,1	
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	156 743	172 313	176 857	292 678	349 170	+19,3	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	552 162	624 504	702 933	1 121 649	1 327 437	+18,3	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2005 and 2006.

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.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Feb. 2005*	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Jan. - Feb. 2005	Jan. - Feb. 2006	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	58	96	33	154	+366,7
		square metres	728	3 366	5 955	2 066	9 321	+351,2
		R'000	1 153	4 914	8 067	3 820	12 981	+239,8
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	178	150	160	334	310	-7,2
		square metres	32 238	32 241	28 470	64 412	60 711	-5,7
		R'000	67 458	80 042	67 060	141 172	147 102	+4,2
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	38	103	125	101	228	+125,7
		square metres	3 770	13 688	12 053	10 275	25 741	+150,5
		R'000	8 430	39 607	30 789	25 172	70 396	+179,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	77 041	124 563	105 916	170 164	230 479	+35,4
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	1 518	1 156	2 903	5 295	4 059	-23,3
		R'000	2 881	3 604	5 195	10 028	8 799	-12,3
	2. Shopping space	square metres	1 630	2 897	822	2 750	3 719	+35,2
		R'000	2 874	4 823	2 500	5 674	7 323	+29,1
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	7 639	2 664	4 844	9 882	7 508	-24,0
		R'000	8 883	4 550	20 078	12 235	24 628	+101,3
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	5 275	664	1 382	5 891	2 046	-65,3
		R'000	11 605	1 649	5 252	13 146	6 901	-47,5
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	26 243	14 626	33 025	41 083	47 651	+16,0
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 176	8 620	9 207	19 884	17 827	-10,3
		R'000	17 771	16 740	18 228	37 339	34 968	-6,3
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 089	2 224	2 805	2 389	5 029	+110,5
		R'000	3 579	6 997	8 790	6 221	15 787	+153,8
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	21 350	23 737	27 018	43 560	50 755	+16,5
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	124 634	162 926	165 959	254 807	328 885	+29,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2005 and 2006.

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.

* Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Feb. 2005*	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Jan. - Feb. 2005	Jan. - Feb. 2006	% Change 1/	
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 015	1 545	2 431	1 381	3 976	+187,9	
		square metres	40 701	59 352	100 816	60 051	160 168	+166,7	
		R'000	77 881	84 558	135 023	125 139	219 581	+75,5	
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 135	725	1 065	1 786	1 790	+0,2	
		square metres	294 780	181 256	299 675	453 887	480 931	+6,0	
		R'000	756 221	513 616	827 975	1 144 985	1 341 591	+17,2	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	616	1 160	1 965	849	3 125	+268,1	
		square metres	76 885	177 818	221 202	113 445	399 020	+251,7	
		R'000	219 009	525 974	615 218	312 420	1 141 192	+265,3	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 430	70	16 500	5 810	16 570	+185,2	
		R'000	6 804	245	45 803	14 248	46 048	+223,2	
		5. Total residential buildings	R'000	1 059 915	1 124 393	1 624 019	1 596 792	2 748 412	+72,1
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	56 784	30 306	44 523	92 904	74 829	-19,5
R'000			149 318	99 267	147 326	247 339	246 593	-0,3	
2. Shopping space		square metres	18 992	59 080	17 609	40 031	76 689	+91,6	
		R'000	49 961	164 136	51 911	107 341	216 047	+101,3	
3. Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	44 898	16 415	39 979	62 342	56 394	-9,5	
		R'000	109 541	37 408	107 299	152 365	144 707	-5,0	
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	7 064	6 740	7 864	7 603	14 604	+92,1	
		R'000	12 022	16 289	16 329	12 883	32 618	+153,2	
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	320 842	317 100	322 865	519 928	639 965	+23,1	
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	131 916	111 889	164 188	222 567	276 077	+24,0
			R'000	337 129	292 025	428 537	563 834	720 562	+27,8
		2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	30 855	13 312	31 819	56 178	45 131	-19,7
			R'000	84 283	37 405	82 621	152 930	120 026	-21,5
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	421 412	329 430	511 158	716 764	840 588	+17,3	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 802 169	1 770 923	2 458 042	2 833 484	4 228 965	+49,2	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2005 and 2006.

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.

* Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Feb. 2005*	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Jan. - Feb. 2005	Jan. - Feb. 2006	% Change 1/	
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	47	46	44	116	90	-22,4	
		square metres	2 433	2 454	2 844	5 396	5 298	-1,8	
		R'000	2 542	5 003	7 688	5 576	12 691	+127,6	
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	182	160	162	344	322	-6,4	
		square metres	36 361	33 686	38 645	67 845	72 331	+6,6	
		R'000	69 071	83 863	99 587	135 474	183 450	+35,4	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	54	79	116	161	195	+21,1	
		square metres	6 821	13 273	15 204	17 158	28 477	+66,0	
		R'000	12 477	26 750	34 982	30 764	61 732	+100,7	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 512	5 889	1 095	1 512	6 984	+361,9	
		R'000	3 780	16 233	3 147	3 780	19 380	+412,7	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	87 870	131 849	145 404	175 594	277 253	+57,9	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	1 216	1 598	80	1 515	1 678	+10,8	
		R'000	2 613	2 800	160	2 933	2 960	+0,9	
	2. Shopping space	square metres	955	1 282	1 137	9 463	2 419	-74,4	
		R'000	2 388	3 647	3 000	15 388	6 647	-56,8	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	10 964	1 518	7 513	12 378	9 031	-27,0	
		R'000	26 037	2 877	19 772	29 753	22 649	-23,9	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 853	1 265	758	3 770	2 023	-46,3	
		R'000	3 322	2 542	2 145	5 584	4 687	-16,1	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	34 360	11 866	25 077	53 658	36 943	-31,2
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 855	17 058	19 937	27 463	36 995	+34,7
			R'000	20 847	37 390	42 314	49 116	79 704	+62,3
2. Other buildings 4/		square metres	908	2 582	2 972	3 273	5 554	+69,7	
		R'000	1 404	6 754	9 706	6 981	16 460	+135,8	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	22 251	44 144	52 020	56 097	96 164	+71,4	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	144 481	187 859	222 501	285 349	410 360	+43,8	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2005 and 2006.

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.

* Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Feb. 2005*	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Jan. - Feb. 2005	Jan. - Feb. 2006	% Change 1/	
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	29	35	36	238	71	-70,2	
		square metres	1 771	2 205	2 146	10 330	4 351	-57,9	
		R'000	2 818	5 360	4 892	10 709	10 252	-4,3	
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	73	59	107	125	166	+32,8	
		square metres	12 298	12 725	23 690	22 050	36 415	+65,1	
		R'000	24 819	31 521	57 671	44 651	89 192	+99,8	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	29	59	23	36	82	+127,8	
		square metres	2 695	3 931	4 074	3 892	8 005	+105,7	
		R'000	3 973	10 322	9 456	6 585	19 778	+200,3	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	467	0	0	467	..	
		R'000	0	2 000	0	0	2 000	..	
	5. Total residential buildings		R'000	31 610	49 203	72 019	61 945	121 222	+95,7
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	1 984	1 176	1 780	12 758	2 956	-76,8
			R'000	4 365	2 940	3 916	46 134	6 856	-85,1
2. Shopping space		square metres	2 439	2 093	0	8 815	2 093	-76,3	
		R'000	5 574	3 348	0	22 035	3 348	-84,8	
3. Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	2 798	618	1 839	5 084	2 457	-51,7	
		R'000	5 809	1 156	4 256	10 862	5 412	-50,2	
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	172	0	0	172	..	
		R'000	0	600	0	0	600	..	
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	15 748	8 044	8 172	79 031	16 216	-79,5	
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 772	10 055	8 484	13 688	18 539	+35,4
	R'000		9 812	15 654	18 688	24 425	34 342	+40,6	
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	333	3 662	1 306	986	4 968	+403,9	
		R'000	641	10 438	2 185	2 809	12 623	+349,4	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	10 453	26 092	20 873	27 234	46 965	+72,4	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	57 811	83 339	101 064	168 210	184 403	+9,6	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2005 and 2006.

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.

* Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Feb. 2005*	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Jan. - Feb. 2005	Jan. - Feb. 2006	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2 140	1 392	2 271	4 029	3 663	-9,1
		square metres	77 188	60 120	90 104	147 272	150 224	+2,0
		R'000	81 895	105 443	131 107	151 258	236 550	+56,4
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 462	1 077	1 641	2 647	2 718	+2,7
		square metres	318 792	245 324	361 036	579 746	606 360	+4,6
		R'000	696 286	611 742	904 755	1 270 275	1 516 497	+19,4
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	1 364	1 266	1 878	2 346	3 144	+34,0
		square metres	188 320	181 261	216 840	284 412	398 101	+40,0
		R'000	424 115	452 707	597 189	635 141	1 049 896	+65,3
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	6 367	422	3 233	6 793	3 655	-46,2
		R'000	15 840	760	6 651	16 629	7 411	-55,4
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	1 218 136	1 170 652	1 639 702	2 073 303	2 810 354	+35,5
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	11 375	12 023	13 578	18 127	25 601	+41,2
		R'000	28 918	29 375	32 868	42 235	62 243	+47,4
	2. Shopping space	square metres	14 169	71 104	50 672	46 310	121 776	+163,0
		R'000	28 345	173 283	193 087	103 121	366 370	+255,3
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	70 429	34 145	62 823	103 095	96 968	-5,9
		R'000	116 512	80 353	130 511	164 441	210 864	+28,2
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 964	9 304	13 767	60 597	23 071	-61,9
		R'000	6 904	22 249	23 181	145 026	45 430	-68,7
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	180 679	305 260	379 647	454 823	684 907	+50,6
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	113 436	126 647	185 710	243 114	312 357	+28,5
		R'000	211 741	292 779	374 441	452 557	667 220	+47,4
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	41 139	34 222	40 281	72 025	74 503	+3,4
		R'000	105 687	90 151	109 621	176 961	199 772	+12,9
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	317 428	382 930	484 062	629 518	866 992	+37,7
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 716 243	1 858 842	2 503 411	3 157 644	4 362 253	+38,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2005 and 2006.

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.

* Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Feb. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Jan. - Feb. 2005	Jan. - Feb. 2006	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	782	165	521	987	686	-30,5
		square metres	24 877	6 349	19 128	32 757	25 477	-22,2
		R'000	21 134	8 107	24 423	28 637	32 530	+13,6
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	488	311	477	819	788	-3,8
		square metres	103 783	76 379	102 324	174 481	178 703	+2,4
		R'000	215 793	202 487	271 733	360 220	474 220	+31,6
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	409	317	319	627	636	+1,4
		square metres	47 582	32 092	50 211	69 615	82 303	+18,2
		R'000	98 046	90 790	134 357	137 792	225 147	+63,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	6 367	0	2 548	6 577	2 548	-61,3
		R'000	15 840	0	5 081	16 240	5 081	-68,7
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	350 813	301 384	435 594	542 889	736 978	+35,8
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	581	2 179	3 289	1 387	5 468	+294,2
		R'000	1 306	5 780	10 898	2 723	16 678	+512,5
	2. Shopping space	square metres	3 550	1 529	21 322	3 550	22 851	+543,7
		R'000	7 686	4 281	57 300	7 686	61 581	+701,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	8 106	14 658	30 928	18 352	45 586	+148,4
		R'000	12 647	37 601	64 979	32 974	102 580	+211,1
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 058	3 350	5 570	1 563	8 920	+470,7
		R'000	2 110	8 043	8 708	3 190	16 751	+425,1
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	23 749	55 705	141 885	46 573	197 590	+324,3
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	45 430	54 990	68 217	81 017	123 207	+52,1
		R'000	76 368	140 796	148 964	137 367	289 760	+110,9
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	10 177	15 826	13 163	19 625	28 989	+47,7
		R'000	34 341	47 966	37 785	55 289	85 751	+55,1
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	110 709	188 762	186 749	192 656	375 511	+94,9
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	485 271	545 851	764 228	782 118	1 310 079	+67,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2005 and 2006.

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.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Feb. 2005*	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Jan. - Feb. 2005	Jan. - Feb. 2006	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	71	93	167	164	260	+58,5
		square metres	3 010	4 146	6 930	6 778	11 076	+63,4
		R'000	2 434	6 898	7 471	5 664	14 369	+153,7
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	121	122	76	236	198	-16,1
		square metres	20 745	24 194	16 366	45 404	40 560	-10,7
		R'000	45 448	49 274	35 818	101 555	85 092	-16,2
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	41	32	7	50	39	-22,0
		square metres	4 205	5 025	942	5 374	5 967	+11,0
		R'000	5 460	11 471	1 972	7 544	13 443	+78,2
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
		square metres	2 994	0	5 230	2 994	5 230	+74,7
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	R'000	5 240	0	9 000	5 240	9 000	+71,8
		square metres	0	1 362	266	0	1 628	..
		R'000	0	3 152	620	0	3 772	..
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	5 240	3 152	9 620	5 240	12 772	+143,7
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 019	7 727	9 969	20 866	17 696	-15,2
		R'000	16 961	14 253	19 577	34 260	33 830	-1,3
		square metres	1 988	3 544	2 796	5 255	6 340	+20,6
	2. Other buildings 4/	R'000	4 221	5 988	7 708	8 750	13 696	+56,5
		3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	21 182	20 241	27 285	43 010	+10,5
		1. Total at current prices	R'000	79 764	91 036	82 166	163 013	+6,3
4. Recorded buildings completed								

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2005 and 2006.

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.

* Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Feb. 2005*	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Jan. - Feb. 2005	Jan. - Feb. 2006	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	0	0	1	0	-100,0
		square metres	50	0	0	50	0	-100,0
		R'000	90	0	0	90	0	-100,0
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	15	5	24	29	29	-0,0
		square metres	3 439	1 007	4 209	6 604	5 216	-21,0
		R'000	6 108	2 014	8 024	11 657	10 038	-13,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	16	5	3	38	8	-78,9
		square metres	2 456	434	438	5 864	872	-85,1
		R'000	4 421	868	876	10 720	1 744	-83,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	10 619	2 882	8 900	22 467	11 782	-47,6
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	1 620	0	1 620	..
		R'000	0	0	3 240	0	3 240	..
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	1 015	599	1 015	+69,4
		R'000	0	0	2 030	1 318	2 030	+54,0
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	5 270	1 318	5 270	+299,8
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 163	401	2 023	4 714	2 424	-48,6
		R'000	4 249	764	3 953	9 159	4 717	-48,5
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	226	0	0	2 144	0	-100,0
		R'000	576	40	1 330	4 912	1 370	-72,1
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	4 825	804	5 283	14 071	6 087	-56,7
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	15 444	3 686	19 453	37 856	23 139	-38,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2005 and 2006.

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.

* Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Feb. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Jan. - Feb. 2005	Jan. - Feb. 2006	% Change 1/	
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	200	11	22	385	33	-91,4	
		square metres	8 135	606	1 236	15 808	1 842	-88,3	
		R'000	4 778	1 093	2 078	10 497	3 171	-69,8	
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	31	19	33	66	52	-21,2	
		square metres	5 754	3 968	5 425	10 777	9 393	-12,8	
		R'000	10 391	7 704	9 827	19 688	17 531	-11,0	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	35	33	111	113	144	+27,4	
		square metres	4 581	5 442	6 445	7 853	11 887	+51,4	
		R'000	7 216	12 180	12 876	12 124	25 056	+106,7	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	422	204	0	626	..	
		R'000	0	760	367	0	1 127	..	
	5. Total residential buildings		R'000	22 385	21 737	25 148	42 309	46 885	+10,8
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	1 508	674	318	1 508	992	-34,2
			R'000	2 996	1 500	954	2 996	2 454	-18,1
		2. Shopping space	square metres	0	660	7 767	173	8 427	+4 771,1
R'000			0	1 100	22 898	438	23 998	+5 379,0	
3. Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	2 666	735	651	3 536	1 386	-60,8	
		R'000	3 775	1 088	520	5 375	1 608	-70,1	
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	0	0	445	0	-100,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	356	0	-100,0	
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	6 771	3 688	24 372	9 165	28 060	+206,2	
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 810	2 979	6 949	6 459	9 928	+53,7
	R'000		4 523	4 885	10 193	10 208	15 078	+47,7	
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 737	792	1 361	2 085	2 153	+3,3	
		R'000	3 174	1 709	2 624	4 061	4 333	+6,7	
	3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	7 697	6 594	12 817	14 269	19 411	+36,0
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices		R'000	36 853	32 019	62 337	65 743	94 356	+43,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2005 and 2006.

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.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Feb. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Jan. - Feb. 2005	Jan. - Feb. 2006	% Change 1/	
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	435	105	127	1 229	232	-81,1	
		square metres	15 322	5 210	5 247	40 344	10 457	-74,1	
		R'000	17 652	11 337	7 644	38 867	18 981	-51,2	
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	134	129	105	306	234	-23,5	
		square metres	26 696	25 363	20 371	61 351	45 734	-25,5	
		R'000	56 371	62 336	49 177	133 599	111 513	-16,5	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	176	186	275	500	461	-7,8	
		square metres	32 639	39 690	40 454	52 193	80 144	+53,6	
		R'000	74 893	102 349	109 874	118 242	212 223	+79,5	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	216	0	-100,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	389	0	-100,0	
		5. Total residential buildings	R'000	148 916	176 022	166 695	291 097	342 717	+17,7
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	5 201	2 612	0	5 905	2 612	-55,8	
		R'000	13 134	6 918	0	15 350	6 918	-54,9	
	2. Shopping space	square metres	1 493	5 094	2 719	1 891	7 813	+313,2	
		R'000	3 790	7 490	11 272	4 790	18 762	+291,7	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	27 206	13 874	0	40 539	13 874	-65,8	
		R'000	27 884	31 800	0	38 720	31 800	-17,9	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 245	3 160	6 321	53 210	9 481	-82,2	
		R'000	2 533	7 150	10 418	132 233	17 568	-86,7	
		5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	47 341	53 358	21 690	191 093	75 048	-60,7
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	23 485	22 742	21 095	61 609	43 837	-28,8
			R'000	47 284	51 676	47 365	117 215	99 041	-15,5
		2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	7 303	8 316	6 832	13 558	15 148	+11,7
R'000			18 696	20 442	23 004	35 461	43 446	+22,5	
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	65 980	72 118	70 369	152 676	142 487	-6,7	
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	262 237	301 498	258 754	634 866	560 252	-11,8	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2005 and 2006.

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.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Feb. 2005*	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Jan. - Feb. 2005	Jan. - Feb. 2006	% Change 1/	
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	270	24	23	384	47	-87,8	
		square metres	8 789	1 409	1 497	12 591	2 906	-76,9	
		R'000	6 445	2 206	1 875	9 801	4 081	-58,4	
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	68	66	119	156	185	+18,6	
		square metres	13 361	14 354	21 950	28 346	36 304	+28,1	
		R'000	27 969	37 651	43 950	58 706	81 601	+39,0	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	73	59	21	89	80	-10,1	
		square metres	8 344	5 697	2 173	10 265	7 870	-23,3	
		R'000	21 658	13 208	4 503	26 038	17 711	-32,0	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	5. Total residential buildings		R'000	56 072	53 065	50 328	94 545	103 393	+9,4
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	572	0	-100,0
			R'000	0	0	0	1 144	0	-100,0
		2. Shopping space	square metres	3 731	19 880	6 963	3 872	26 843	+593,3
R'000			8 801	52 860	61 790	9 154	114 650	+1 152,5	
3. Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	0	0	0	125	0	-100,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	142	0	-100,0	
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	144	247	0	234	247	+5,6	
		R'000	432	543	0	522	543	+4,0	
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	9 233	53 403	61 790	10 962	115 193	+950,8	
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 741	5 245	3 949	7 929	9 194	+16,0
			R'000	3 439	9 220	5 659	12 366	14 879	+20,3
		2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 051	4 343	1 867	3 871	6 210	+60,4
	R'000		5 102	10 834	2 993	6 551	13 827	+111,1	
	3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	8 541	20 054	8 652	18 917	28 706	+51,7
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices		R'000	73 846	126 522	120 770	124 424	247 292	+98,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2005 and 2006.

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.

* Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Feb. 2005*	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Jan. - Feb. 2005	Jan. - Feb. 2006	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	258	870	1 241	624	2 111	+238,3
		square metres	11 294	37 869	49 928	26 569	87 797	+230,4
		R'000	22 634	66 851	79 609	45 335	146 460	+223,1
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	522	328	680	871	1 008	+15,7
		square metres	128 901	83 709	165 906	223 406	249 615	+11,7
		R'000	300 562	210 838	426 883	529 599	637 721	+20,4
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	592	450	1 069	874	1 519	+73,8
		square metres	85 340	73 095	109 140	127 675	182 235	+42,7
		R'000	206 408	182 001	311 591	312 206	493 592	+58,1
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	529 604	459 690	818 083	887 140	1 277 773	+44,0
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	3 879	4 717	6 456	8 549	11 173	+30,7
		R'000	11 070	10 319	13 558	19 610	23 877	+21,8
	2. Shopping space	square metres	1 786	37 897	10 940	33 215	48 837	+47,0
		R'000	3 822	96 552	38 290	76 807	134 842	+75,6
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	26 131	4 878	19 848	32 904	24 726	-24,9
		R'000	60 548	9 864	43 051	72 886	52 915	-27,4
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 443	914	1 292	4 997	2 206	-55,9
		R'000	1 750	2 991	2 640	8 491	5 631	-33,7
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	77 190	119 726	97 539	177 794	217 265	+22,2
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	26 499	28 332	68 627	57 312	96 959	+69,2
		R'000	56 541	64 096	128 453	126 590	192 549	+52,1
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	15 503	1 399	11 468	24 333	12 867	-47,1
		R'000	37 674	3 075	26 643	59 993	29 718	-50,5
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	94 215	67 171	155 096	186 583	222 267	+19,1
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	701 009	646 587	1 070 718	1 251 517	1 717 305	+37,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2005 and 2006.

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.

* Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Feb. 2005*	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Jan. - Feb. 2005	Jan. - Feb. 2006	% Change 1/	
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	109	107	154	232	261	+12,5	
		square metres	4 872	3 457	5 067	10 974	8 524	-22,3	
		R'000	4 931	6 316	5 406	9 337	11 722	+25,5	
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	62	72	90	123	162	+31,7	
		square metres	12 491	11 660	16 828	21 837	28 488	+30,5	
		R'000	26 404	27 257	40 274	39 812	67 531	+69,6	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	21	132	41	54	173	+220,4	
		square metres	2 992	12 088	3 331	5 392	15 419	+186,0	
		R'000	5 760	20 478	12 450	10 222	32 928	+222,1	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	481	0	481	..	
		R'000	0	0	1 203	0	1 203	..	
	5. Total residential buildings		R'000	37 095	54 051	59 333	59 371	113 384	+91,0
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 416	163	0	1 579	..
			R'000	0	3 795	408	0	4 203	..
2. Shopping space		square metres	3 497	6 044	0	3 497	6 044	+72,8	
		R'000	4 000	11 000	0	4 000	11 000	+175,0	
3. Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	968	0	4 031	1 688	4 031	+138,8	
		R'000	1 230	0	7 683	2 598	7 683	+195,7	
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	74	271	318	148	589	+298,0	
		R'000	79	370	795	234	1 165	+397,9	
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	5 309	15 165	8 886	6 832	24 051	+252,0	
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	412	3 259	4 046	1 655	7 305	+341,4
	R'000		705	5 231	9 015	2 393	14 246	+495,3	
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	196	0	791	196	791	+303,6	
		R'000	543	94	2 234	584	2 328	+298,6	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	1 248	5 325	11 249	2 977	16 574	+456,7	
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	43 652	74 541	79 468	69 180	154 009	+122,6	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2005 and 2006.

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.

* Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Feb. 2005*	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Jan. - Feb. 2005	Jan. - Feb. 2006	% Change 1/	
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	14	17	16	23	33	+43,5	
		square metres	839	1 074	1 071	1 401	2 145	+53,1	
		R'000	1 797	2 635	2 601	3 030	5 236	+72,8	
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	21	25	37	41	62	+51,2	
		square metres	3 622	4 690	7 657	7 540	12 347	+63,8	
		R'000	7 240	12 181	19 069	15 439	31 250	+102,4	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	1	52	32	1	84	+8 300,0	
		square metres	181	7 698	3 706	181	11 404	+6 200,6	
		R'000	253	19 362	8 690	253	28 052	+10 987,7	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	5. Total residential buildings		R'000	9 290	34 178	30 360	18 722	64 538	+244,7
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	206	425	1 732	206	2 157	+947,1
			R'000	412	1 063	3 810	412	4 873	+1 082,8
		2. Shopping space	square metres	112	0	961	112	961	+758,0
R'000			246	0	1 537	246	1 537	+524,8	
3. Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	2 358	0	1 120	2 358	1 120	-52,5	
		R'000	5 188	0	3 248	5 188	3 248	-37,4	
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	5 846	1 063	8 595	5 846	9 658	+65,2	
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	877	972	835	1 553	1 807	+16,4
	R'000		1 671	1 858	1 262	2 999	3 120	+4,0	
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	958	2	2 003	958	2 005	+109,3	
		R'000	1 360	3	5 300	1 360	5 303	+289,9	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	3 031	1 861	6 562	4 359	8 423	+93,2	
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	18 167	37 102	45 517	28 927	82 619	+185,6	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2005 and 2006.

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.

* Revised.

Table 29 - Subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses completed or under construction by province 1/

Province	Year	Number of subsidised dwelling-houses completed or under construction 2/	Square metres 3/	Value of low-cost dwelling-houses R'000 3/
Western Cape	2002	19 534	531 116	168 852
	2003	16 926	507 780	247 187
	2004	12 751	382 530	211 424
Eastern Cape	2002	46 700	1 575 675	473 806
	2003	35 005	1 050 150	511 213
	2004	34 923	1 047 690	579 058
Northern Cape	2002	5 189	164 906	68 078
	2003	4 354	130 620	63 586
	2004	3 645	109 350	60 438
Free State	2002	8 617	348 492	154 121
	2003	14 848	445 440	216 840
	2004	16 522	495 660	273 951
KwaZulu-Natal	2002	21 958	831 349	234 041
	2003	31 372	941 160	458 157
	2004	35 968	1 079 040	596 385
North West	2002	21 309	630 115	210 439
	2003	13 809	414 270	201 667
	2004	10 149	304 470	168 281
Gauteng	2002	29 939	991 571	321 943
	2003	42 862	1 285 860	625 957
	2004	33 260	997 800	551 484
Mpumalanga	2002	19 883	660 505	253 931
	2003	21 336	640 080	246 079
	2004	18 808	564 240	311 855
Limpopo	2002	15 382	605 877	183 769
	2003	15 596	467 880	227 764
	2004	16 338	490 140	270 900
South Africa	2002	188 511	6 339 606	2 068 980
	2003	196 108	5 883 240	2 798 450
	2004	182 364	5 470 920	3 023 777

1/ Source: Provincial Governments co-ordinated by the National Department of Housing.

2/ As soon as building commences, dwelling-houses are recorded as completed or under construction.

3/ Estimates by the National Department of Housing.

Explanatory notes

Introduction	<p>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. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses completed or under construction, supplied by the provincial governments and co-ordinated by the National Department of Housing, are shown in table 29 (page 36).</p> <p>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.</p>
Purpose of the survey	<p>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.</p>
Scope of the survey	<p>4 This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	<p>5 Building activities is classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities, (SIC) Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02</i>. The <i>SIC</i> is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC)</i> with suitable adaptations for local conditions.</p>
Statistical unit	<p>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.</p>
Survey methodology and design	<p>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 90 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.</p> <p>According to the municipalities, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses completed or under construction, supplied by the provincial governments and co-ordinated by the National Department of Housing, are shown in table 29 (page 36).</p>
Constant prices	<p>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 2000. 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>JBCC Contract Price Adjustment Provisions Work Group Indices</i>. In order to be applicable, these indices (base February 1991=100) are converted to the base year 2000=100.</p> <p>9 The value of buildings completed at constant prices is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with the price index which is used to calculate building plans passed at constant prices (see paragraph 8). Since the completion of buildings may extend over a few months to a few years, the current value of buildings completed is deflated by price indices which prevailed at the time the plans were passed. Therefore, the duration of the completion of different types of buildings are taken into account in ascertaining the deflators e.g. the value of dwelling-houses completed at constant prices at January 2006 is obtained by deflating the current value of dwelling-houses completed for January 2006 with the price index of a month six months prior to January 2006. Furthermore, the value of other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and additions and alterations at constant prices is obtained by deflating the current values with price indices of 12 months, 18 months and 12 months prior to the relevant month, respectively.</p>

Seasonal adjustment	10	Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-11 Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by US Bureau of the Census Economic Research and Analyses Division, 1968.
	11	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.
Trend cycle	12	The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-11 Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.
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	14	Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3 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 for 2005 where applicable.
Related publications	15	Users may also wish to refer to the following publications: <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. • <i>Bulletin of Statistics</i> issued quarterly. • <i>South African Statistics</i> issued annually. • <i>Report 50-11-01</i> issued annually.
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Symbols and abbreviations	19	.. no meaningful percentage change between two specified periods available since either one or both of the totals are nil
	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
	JBCC	Joint Building Contracts Committee
	CD	Compact Disc
	US	United States
	SARB	South African Reserve Bank
	DTI	Department of Trade and Industry

Glossary

Additions and alterations	Additions and alterations include extensions to existing buildings as well as internal and external alterations of existing buildings.
Blocks of flats	Blocks of flats are regarded as 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 dwelling-house refers to a free-standing, complete structure on a separate stand or a self-contained dwelling-unit, granny flat, on the same premises as an existing residence. Out-buildings and garages are included.
Local government institutions	Local government institutions include – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District municipalities; • Metropolitan municipalities; and • Local municipalities.
Municipality	Municipality is 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. A municipality is an institution consisting of a municipal council (elected political representatives) and municipal administration (appointed officials).
District municipality	District municipality means 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	Metropolitan municipality means 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	Local municipality means municipalities that share municipal executive and legislative authority in its areas with a district municipality within whose area it falls, that is described in section 155(1) of the constitution as a category B municipality.
Non-residential buildings	Non-residential buildings comprise factories, 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	Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, old people’s homes, hostels, hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation, entertainment centres and casinos.
Percentage change	<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	Reference period is one calendar month.
Residential buildings	Residential buildings comprise dwelling-houses, flats, townhouses and other residential buildings.
Townhouses	Townhouses are multiple, medium-density dwelling-units and include 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 excludes blocks of flats.

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