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## Results for January to February 2012

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:  
January to February 2011 versus January to February 2012**

Estimates at current prices	January to February 2011 1/	January to February 2012 1/	Difference in value between January to February 2011 and January to February 2012	% change between January to February 2011 and January to February 2012
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>3 537 325</b>	<b>4 502 409</b>	<b>965 084</b>	<b>27,3</b>
-Dwelling-houses	2 813 807	3 631 897	818 090	29,1
-Flats and townhouses	674 205	771 133	96 928	14,4
-Other residential buildings	49 313	99 379	50 066	101,5
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>2 765 669</b>	<b>2 033 647</b>	<b>-732 022</b>	<b>-26,5</b>
Additions and alterations	3 065 721	3 275 199	209 478	6,8
<b>Total</b>	<b>9 368 715</b>	<b>9 811 255</b>	<b>442 540</b>	<b>4,7</b>

1/ 2011 and 2012 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

### Total value of recorded building plans passed at current prices

*The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) was 4,7% higher (R442,5 million) during January to February 2012 compared with January to February 2011 (see Table A).*

Increases were reported for residential buildings (27,3% or R965,1 million) and additions and alterations (6,8% or R209,5 million), as opposed to a decrease reported for non-residential buildings (-26,5% or -R732,0 million).

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:  
January to February 2011 versus January to February 2012**

Estimates at current prices	January to February 2011 1/	January to February 2012 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to February 2011	% change between January to February 2011 and January to February 2012	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January to February 2011 and January to February 2012 2/	Difference in value between January to February 2011 and January to February 2012
	R'000	R'000				R'000
<b>Western Cape</b>	<b>1 947 308</b>	<b>2 168 432</b>	<b>20,8</b>	<b>11,4</b>	<b>2,4</b>	<b>221 124</b>
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	<b>529 712</b>	<b>489 916</b>	<b>5,7</b>	<b>-7,5</b>	<b>-0,4</b>	<b>-39 796</b>
<b>Northern Cape</b>	<b>51 451</b>	<b>190 814</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>270,9</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>139 363</b>
<b>Free State</b>	<b>219 604</b>	<b>393 874</b>	<b>2,3</b>	<b>79,4</b>	<b>1,9</b>	<b>174 270</b>
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	<b>2 075 921</b>	<b>1 325 779</b>	<b>22,2</b>	<b>-36,1</b>	<b>-8,0</b>	<b>-750 142</b>
<b>North West</b>	<b>268 241</b>	<b>368 659</b>	<b>2,9</b>	<b>37,4</b>	<b>1,1</b>	<b>100 418</b>
<b>Gauteng</b>	<b>3 091 588</b>	<b>3 644 275</b>	<b>33,0</b>	<b>17,9</b>	<b>5,9</b>	<b>552 687</b>
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	<b>981 809</b>	<b>960 279</b>	<b>10,5</b>	<b>-2,2</b>	<b>-0,2</b>	<b>-21 530</b>
<b>Limpopo</b>	<b>203 081</b>	<b>269 227</b>	<b>2,2</b>	<b>32,6</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>66 146</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>9 368 715</b>	<b>9 811 255</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>4,7</b>	<b>4,7</b>	<b>442 540</b>

1/ 2011 and 2012 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between Jan. to Feb. 2011 and Jan. to Feb. 2012 with the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during Jan. to Feb. 2011, divided by 100.

Six provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of building plans passed during January to February 2012. The increase in the value of building plans passed was dominated by Gauteng (contributing 5,9 percentage points or R552,7 million), followed by Western Cape (contributing 2,4 percentage points or R221,1 million), Free State (contributing 1,9 percentage points or R174,3 million) and Northern Cape (contributing 1,5 percentage points or R139,4 million). The biggest decrease was reported in KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -8,0 percentage points or -R750,1 million) (see Table B).

**Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices:  
January to February 2011 versus January to February 2012**

Estimates at constant 2005 prices	January to February 2011	January to February 2012	Difference in value between January to February 2011 and January to February 2012	% change between January to February 2011 and January to February 2012
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	2 383 300	2 849 773	466 473	19,6
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	1 865 941	1 286 131	-579 810	-31,1
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	2 065 039	2 073 258	8 219	0,4
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 314 280</b>	<b>6 209 162</b>	<b>-105 118</b>	<b>-1,7</b>

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### Real value of recorded building plans passed

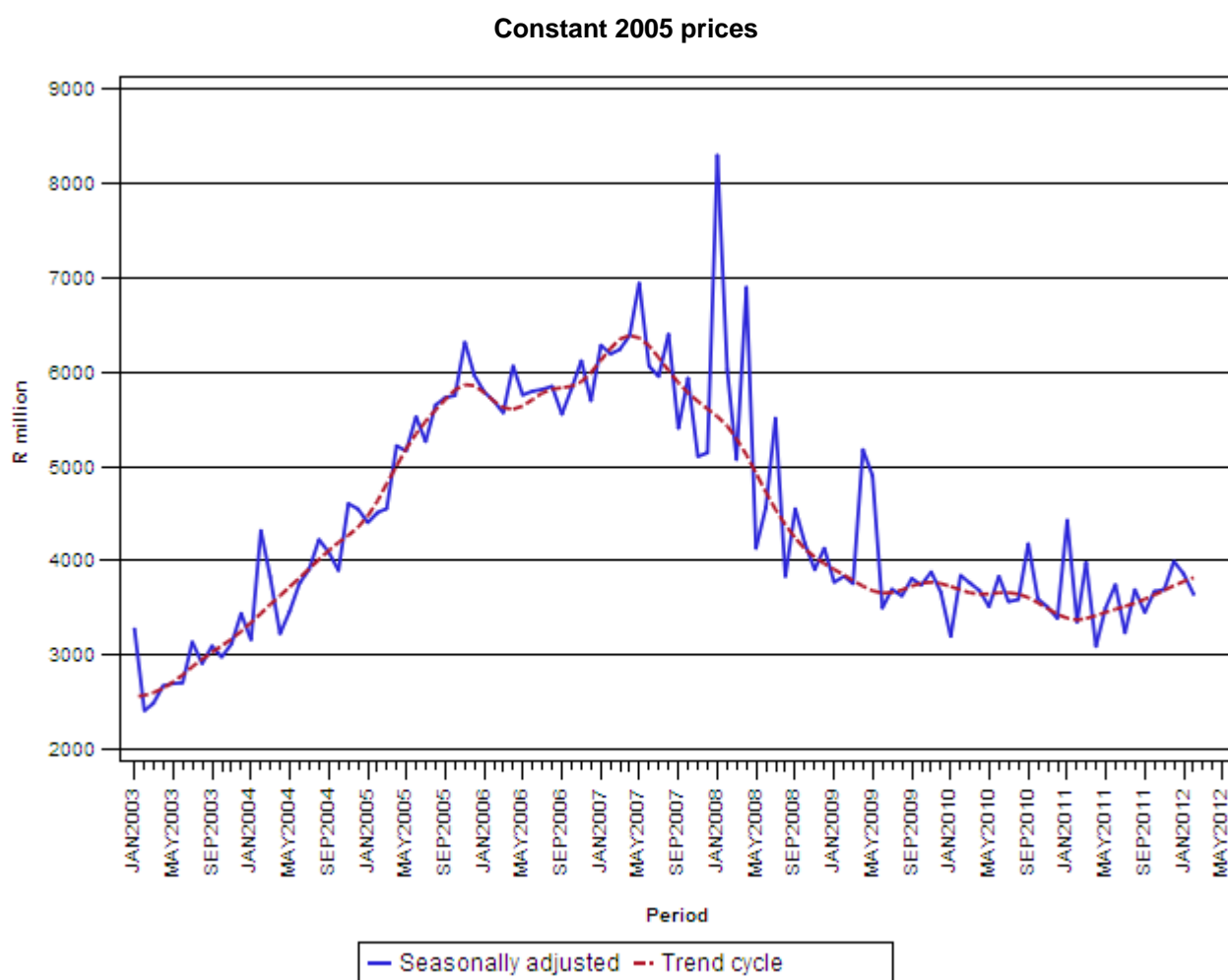
The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2005 prices) decreased year-on-year by 1,7% (-R105,1 million) during January to February 2012, which is attributable to a large decrease reported for non-residential buildings (-31,1% or -R579,8 million). Increases reported for residential buildings (19,6% or R466,5 million) and additions and alterations (0,4% or R8,2 million) counteracted the decrease reported for non-residential buildings to a large extent (see Table C).

**Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by  
larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices**

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2005 prices	September to November 2011	December 2011 to February 2012	% change between September to November 2011 and December 2011 to February 2012
	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	4 526 211	5 135 329	13,5
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	2 969 309	2 507 337	-15,6
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	3 333 857	3 859 972	15,8
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 829 377</b>	<b>11 502 638</b>	<b>6,2</b>

### Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed increased by 6,2% during the three months ended February 2012 compared with the three months ended November 2011. Increases were reported for additions and alterations (15,8%) and residential buildings (13,5%). In contrast, a decrease was reported for non-residential buildings (-15,6%) (see Table D).

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

**Table E – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices:  
January to February 2011 versus January to February 2012**

Estimates at current prices	January to February 2011 1/	January to February 2012 1/	Difference in value between January to February 2011 and January to February 2012	% change between January to February 2011 and January to February 2012
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>2 697 913</b>	<b>3 023 206</b>	<b>325 293</b>	<b>12,1</b>
-Dwelling-houses	1 836 312	2 310 875	474 563	25,8
-Flats and townhouses	584 171	693 121	108 950	18,7
-Other residential buildings	277 430	19 210	-258 220	-93,1
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1 124 813</b>	<b>1 572 945</b>	<b>448 132</b>	<b>39,8</b>
Additions and alterations	1 795 086	1 565 186	-229 900	-12,8
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 617 812</b>	<b>6 161 337</b>	<b>543 525</b>	<b>9,7</b>

1/ 2011 and 2012 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

**Total value of buildings reported as completed at current prices**

*As indicated in Table E, the value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 9,7% (R543,5 million) during January to February 2012 compared with January to February 2011.*

Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (39,8% or R448,1 million) and residential buildings (12,1% or R325,3 million) while a decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-12,8% or -R229,9 million) during the above-mentioned period.

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:  
January to February 2011 versus January to February 2012**

Estimates at current prices	January to February 2011 1/	January to February 2012 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to February 2011	% change between January to February 2011 and January to February 2012	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January to February 2011 and January to February 2012 2/	Difference in value between January to February 2011 and January to February 2012
	R'000	R'000				R'000
<b>Western Cape</b>	<b>1 412 961</b>	<b>1 754 090</b>	<b>25,2</b>	<b>24,1</b>	<b>6,1</b>	<b>341 129</b>
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	<b>289 356</b>	<b>206 610</b>	<b>5,2</b>	<b>-28,6</b>	<b>-1,5</b>	<b>-82 746</b>
<b>Northern Cape</b>	<b>31 939</b>	<b>79 785</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>149,8</b>	<b>0,9</b>	<b>47 846</b>
<b>Free State</b>	<b>189 574</b>	<b>126 908</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>-33,1</b>	<b>-1,1</b>	<b>-62 666</b>
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	<b>1 076 963</b>	<b>800 437</b>	<b>19,2</b>	<b>-25,7</b>	<b>-4,9</b>	<b>-276 526</b>
<b>North West</b>	<b>94 633</b>	<b>199 920</b>	<b>1,7</b>	<b>111,3</b>	<b>1,9</b>	<b>105 287</b>
<b>Gauteng</b>	<b>2 176 259</b>	<b>2 632 123</b>	<b>38,7</b>	<b>20,9</b>	<b>8,1</b>	<b>455 864</b>
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	<b>260 622</b>	<b>304 020</b>	<b>4,6</b>	<b>16,7</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>43 398</b>
<b>Limpopo</b>	<b>85 505</b>	<b>57 444</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>-32,8</b>	<b>-0,5</b>	<b>-28 061</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 617 812</b>	<b>6 161 337</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>9,7</b>	<b>9,7</b>	<b>543 525</b>

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2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between Jan. to Feb. 2011 and Jan. to Feb. 2012 with the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during Jan. to Feb. 2011, divided by 100.

Five provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to February 2012. The provinces mainly responsible for the increase of 9,7% were Gauteng (contributing 8,1 percentage points or R455,9 million) and Western Cape (contributing 6,1 percentage points or R341,1 million). The largest decrease was reported in KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -4,9 percentage points or -R276,5 million) (see Table F).

**Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices:  
January to February 2011 versus January to February 2012**

Estimates at constant 2005 prices	January to February 2011	January to February 2012	Difference in value between January to February 2011 and January to February 2012	% change between January to February 2011 and January to February 2012
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	1 866 950	1 983 350	116 400	6,2
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	802 162	1 082 639	280 477	35,0
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	1 256 096	1 054 200	-201 896	-16,1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 925 208</b>	<b>4 120 189</b>	<b>194 981</b>	<b>5,0</b>

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### Real value of buildings reported as completed

As indicated in Table G, the real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2005 prices) increased by 5,0% (R195,0 million) during January to February 2012 compared with January to February 2011. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (35,0% or R280,5 million) and residential buildings (6,2% or R116,4 million). In contrast, a decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-16,1% or -R201,9 million).

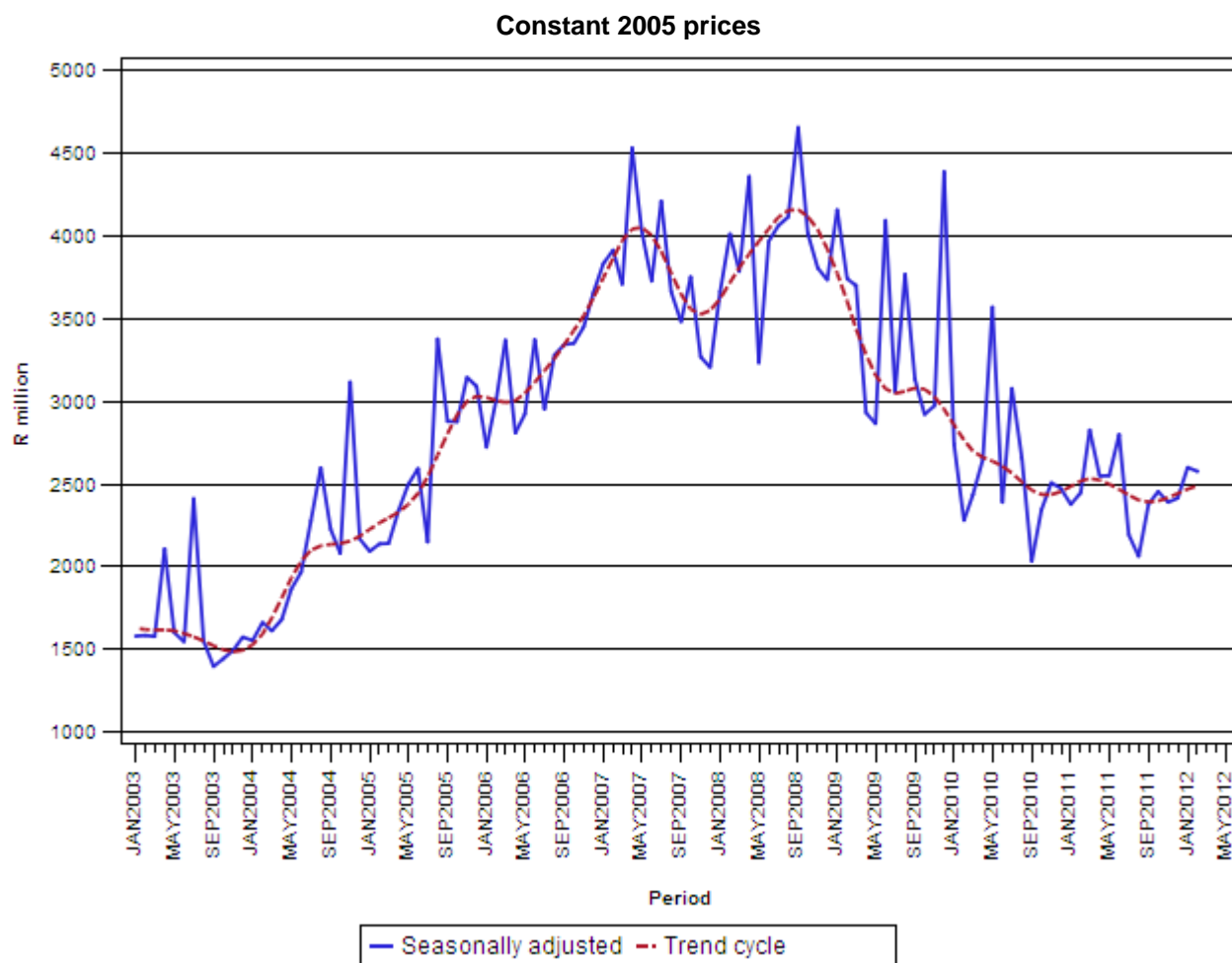
**Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to  
larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices**

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2005 prices	September to November 2011	December 2011 to February 2012	% change between September to November 2011 and December 2011 to February 2012
	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	3 627 866	3 732 291	2,9
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	1 622 087	2 025 178	24,9
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	1 975 081	1 834 448	-7,1
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 225 034</b>	<b>7 591 917</b>	<b>5,1</b>

### Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 5,1% during the three months ended February 2012 compared with the three months ended November 2011. The biggest increase was reported for non-residential buildings (24,9%), followed by residential buildings (2,9%). A decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-7,1%) during the above-mentioned period (see Table H).



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

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

Year and month		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/
2011 2/	January	1 567 041	-3,3	1 656 955	218,7	1 271 047	17,0	4 495 043	39,3
	February	1 970 284	-6,3	1 108 714	-13,6	1 794 674	-11,2	4 873 672	-9,8
	March	3 074 325	48,0	1 000 239	-35,1	1 979 564	5,8	6 054 128	10,3
	April	2 021 691	1,3	672 605	-42,8	1 411 697	-6,7	4 105 993	-12,3
	May	2 429 171	-2,9	1 473 321	34,8	1 704 865	-6,5	5 607 357	3,5
	June	2 946 729	16,9	1 355 028	-11,9	1 746 673	-2,2	6 048 430	3,5
	July	2 708 689	9,8	1 032 367	2,9	1 724 471	-23,6	5 465 527	-4,6
	August	2 707 591	7,2	1 193 475	23,0	1 884 706	1,9	5 785 772	8,2
	September	2 494 082	-8,8	1 655 937	67,5	1 937 966	-40,1	6 087 985	-12,5
	October	2 253 071	-11,4	2 495 539	143,1	1 881 737	-26,6	6 630 347	8,1
	November	2 928 568	30,2	1 000 947	-21,3	2 252 316	16,9	6 181 831	13,5
	December	2 124 496	23,4	1 319 225	47,9	1 786 060	17,5	5 229 781	26,5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>29 225 738</b>	<b>8,0</b>	<b>15 964 352</b>	<b>20,0</b>	<b>21 375 776</b>	<b>-8,8</b>	<b>66 565 866</b>	<b>4,3</b>
2012 2/	January	1 981 456	26,4	730 910	-55,9	1 478 757	16,3	4 191 123	-6,8
	February	2 520 953	27,9	1 302 737	17,5	1 796 442	0,1	5 620 132	15,3

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2011	January	2 168 352	-1,3	2 562 805	147,4	1 895 760	6,2	6 626 917	32,0
	February	2 057 278	-5,1	1 136 165	-55,7	1 822 836	-3,8	5 016 279	-24,3
	March	3 113 887	51,4	912 011	-19,7	2 005 743	10,0	6 031 641	20,2
	April	2 278 773	-26,8	787 754	-13,6	1 614 945	-19,5	4 681 472	-22,4
	May	2 232 784	-2,0	1 302 144	65,3	1 748 179	8,3	5 283 107	12,9
	June	2 601 545	16,5	1 319 392	1,3	1 782 331	2,0	5 703 268	8,0
	July	2 481 925	-4,6	909 664	-31,1	1 562 467	-12,3	4 954 056	-13,1
	August	2 559 452	3,1	1 286 420	41,4	1 817 619	16,3	5 663 491	14,3
	September	2 262 855	-11,6	1 469 177	14,2	1 597 222	-12,1	5 329 254	-5,9
	October	1 965 277	-13,2	2 060 562	40,3	1 586 344	-0,7	5 612 183	5,3
	November	2 788 611	41,9	994 351	-51,7	1 990 821	25,5	5 773 783	2,9
	December	2 705 854	-3,0	1 516 829	52,5	2 076 526	4,3	6 299 209	9,1
2012	January	2 759 796	2,0	1 157 457	-23,7	2 205 975	6,2	6 123 228	-2,8
	February	2 666 409	-3,4	1 317 466	13,8	1 823 774	-17,3	5 807 649	-5,2
	Sep. - Nov. 11	7 016 743		4 524 090		5 174 387		16 715 220	
	Dec. 11 - Feb. 12 2/	8 132 059	15,9	3 991 752	-11,8	6 106 275	18,0	18 230 086	9,1

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

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

**Table 3 – Value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2005 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/
2011 2/	January	1 060 962	-6,7	1 121 838	207,4	860 560	12,9	3 043 360	34,4
	February	1 322 338	-9,9	744 103	-16,9	1 204 479	-14,6	3 270 920	-13,3
	March	2 035 977	41,0	662 410	-38,2	1 310 970	0,8	4 009 357	5,0
	April	1 336 213	-3,5	444 551	-45,5	933 045	-11,1	2 713 809	-16,5
	May	1 605 533	-6,8	973 775	29,4	1 126 811	-10,2	3 706 119	-0,6
	June	1 937 363	12,0	890 880	-15,6	1 148 371	-6,3	3 976 614	-0,9
	July	1 764 618	4,0	672 552	-2,6	1 123 434	-27,6	3 560 604	-9,6
	August	1 760 462	1,2	775 992	16,1	1 225 427	-3,8	3 761 881	2,2
	September	1 614 293	-14,2	1 071 804	57,7	1 254 347	-43,7	3 940 444	-17,7
	October	1 453 594	-16,7	1 610 025	128,7	1 214 024	-30,9	4 277 643	1,7
	November	1 880 904	22,2	642 869	-26,2	1 446 574	9,7	3 970 347	6,5
	December	<b>1 360 113</b>	<b>15,8</b>	<b>844 574</b>	<b>38,8</b>	<b>1 143 444</b>	<b>10,3</b>	<b>3 348 131</b>	<b>18,7</b>
	Total	19 132 370	2,5	10 455 373	13,9	13 991 486	-13,5	43 579 229	-1,0
2012 2/	January	1 261 271	18,9	465 251	-58,5	941 284	9,4	2 667 806	-12,3
	February	1 588 502	20,1	820 880	10,3	1 131 974	-6,0	3 541 356	8,3

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

**Table 4 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2005 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/
2011	January	1 454 656	-2,2	1 703 846	144,3	1 273 407	5,5	4 431 909	30,7
	February	1 374 464	-5,5	757 935	-55,5	1 218 292	-4,3	3 350 691	-24,4
	March	2 054 218	49,5	604 476	-20,2	1 324 968	8,8	3 983 662	18,9
	April	1 506 825	-26,6	521 162	-13,8	1 067 754	-19,4	3 095 741	-22,3
	May	1 478 567	-1,9	858 549	64,7	1 162 738	8,9	3 499 854	13,1
	June	1 716 218	16,1	858 590	-0,0	1 173 946	1,0	3 748 754	7,1
	July	1 621 418	-5,5	594 926	-30,7	1 023 289	-12,8	3 239 633	-13,6
	August	1 676 060	3,4	830 848	39,7	1 187 254	16,0	3 694 162	14,0
	September	1 471 770	-12,2	944 829	13,7	1 038 947	-12,5	3 455 546	-6,5
	October	1 270 287	-13,7	1 384 410	46,5	1 022 466	-1,6	3 677 163	6,4
	November	1 784 154	40,5	640 070	-53,8	1 272 444	24,4	3 696 668	0,5
	December	1 717 788	-3,7	958 770	49,8	1 318 270	3,6	3 994 828	8,1
2012	January	1 744 001	1,5	722 641	-24,6	1 394 897	5,8	3 861 539	-3,3
	February	1 673 540	-4,0	825 926	14,3	1 146 805	-17,8	3 646 271	-5,6
	Sep. - Nov. 11	4 526 211		2 969 309		3 333 857		10 829 377	
	Dec. 11 - Feb. 12 2/	5 135 329	13,5	2 507 337	-15,6	3 859 972	15,8	11 502 638	6,2

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

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

**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/
2011 2/	January	1 125 745	-8,0	444 436	-40,5	741 775	21,5	2 311 956	-10,4
	February	1 572 168	2,0	680 377	12,0	1 053 311	20,0	3 305 856	9,2
	March	1 970 910	23,7	1 006 080	-14,4	1 333 781	53,6	4 310 771	18,5
	April	1 499 150	-2,2	1 030 371	15,9	804 453	-16,8	3 333 974	-1,6
	May	1 794 272	-28,2	1 073 391	-27,2	810 876	-19,6	3 678 539	-26,1
	June	1 855 347	10,4	1 067 467	46,8	1 060 307	26,0	3 983 121	22,6
	July	1 753 772	-6,5	809 374	-46,1	932 648	-33,4	3 495 794	-26,8
	August	1 534 533	-14,8	552 989	-22,0	898 305	-24,6	2 985 827	-19,4
	September	1 985 697	29,9	650 495	2,4	973 206	21,6	3 609 398	21,8
	October	2 048 160	25,1	1 146 807	-19,3	936 292	15,4	4 131 259	6,8
	November	2 174 964	4,5	912 244	-10,5	1 115 957	2,1	4 203 165	0,2
	December	2 062 568	2,1	705 605	4,9	811 523	3,0	3 579 696	2,9
	<b>Total</b>	<b>21 377 286</b>	<b>1,7</b>	<b>10 079 636</b>	<b>-12,9</b>	<b>11 472 434</b>	<b>1,9</b>	<b>42 929 356</b>	<b>-2,1</b>
2012 2/	January	1 264 748	12,3	692 164	55,7	633 116	-14,6	2 590 028	12,0
	February	1 758 458	11,8	880 781	29,5	932 070	-11,5	3 571 309	8,0

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2011	January	1 704 773	-2,3	702 732	-14,9	986 314	4,1	3 393 819	-3,6
	February	1 744 782	2,3	727 853	3,6	1 020 410	3,5	3 493 045	2,9
	March	1 918 012	9,9	926 010	27,2	1 206 173	18,2	4 050 195	16,0
	April	1 767 750	-7,8	1 028 800	11,1	859 762	-28,7	3 656 312	-9,7
	May	1 873 724	6,0	908 734	-11,7	858 698	-0,1	3 641 156	-0,4
	June	1 877 303	0,2	1 076 891	18,5	1 118 583	30,3	4 072 777	11,9
	July	1 730 669	-7,8	734 947	-31,8	779 260	-30,3	3 244 876	-20,3
	August	1 524 825	-11,9	677 475	-7,8	821 976	5,5	3 024 276	-6,8
	September	1 811 533	18,8	712 987	5,2	973 228	18,4	3 497 748	15,7
	October	1 832 558	1,2	811 264	13,8	954 219	-2,0	3 598 041	2,9
	November	1 775 356	-3,1	816 322	0,6	949 227	-0,5	3 540 905	-1,6
	December	1 768 308	-0,4	856 375	4,9	966 506	1,8	3 591 189	1,4
2012	January	1 924 956	8,9	1 096 548	28,0	854 327	-11,6	3 875 831	7,9
	February	1 965 056	2,1	968 628	-11,7	905 666	6,0	3 839 350	-0,9
	Sep. - Nov. 11	5 419 447		2 340 573		2 876 674		10 636 694	
	Dec. 11 - Feb. 12 2/	5 658 320	4,4	2 921 551	24,8	2 726 499	-5,2	11 306 370	6,3

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

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

**Table 7 – Value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2005 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/
2011 2/	January	779 556	-11,4	317 908	-39,6	520 544	16,9	1 618 008	-12,6
	February	1 087 394	-1,4	484 254	14,9	735 552	15,6	2 307 200	6,8
	March	1 358 894	19,3	715 053	-12,7	927 525	48,4	3 001 472	16,2
	April	1 031 803	-5,8	732 839	17,9	558 260	-19,8	2 322 902	-3,7
	May	1 230 322	-31,3	762 893	-27,0	558 070	-23,5	2 551 285	-28,4
	June	1 267 623	5,9	754 394	43,0	727 733	19,4	2 749 750	17,8
	July	1 191 192	-10,0	567 982	-48,1	641 436	-36,0	2 400 610	-29,8
	August	1 033 990	-18,2	386 166	-24,8	618 667	-27,1	2 038 823	-22,4
	September	1 327 393	24,2	452 361	-1,1	669 330	17,6	2 449 084	16,9
	October	1 369 517	19,9	795 841	-22,2	642 176	11,3	2 807 534	2,4
	November	1 452 450	0,4	627 835	-14,8	763 831	-1,7	2 844 116	-4,0
	December	1 369 616	-2,3	484 286	-0,6	553 563	-0,6	2 407 465	-1,6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>14 499 750</b>	<b>-2,4</b>	<b>7 081 812</b>	<b>-14,4</b>	<b>7 916 687</b>	<b>-1,9</b>	<b>29 498 249</b>	<b>-5,4</b>
2012 2/	January	830 277	6,5	476 041	49,7	428 650	-17,7	1 734 968	7,2
	February	1 153 073	6,0	606 598	25,3	625 550	-15,0	2 385 221	3,4

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

2/ Preliminary figures.



**Table 8 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2005 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/
2011	January	1 184 244	-2,1	505 802	-15,6	686 665	3,5	2 376 711	-3,9
	February	1 211 896	2,3	525 860	4,0	710 627	3,5	2 448 383	3,0
	March	1 326 266	9,4	661 508	25,8	839 100	18,1	2 826 874	15,5
	April	1 217 721	-8,2	731 289	10,5	599 724	-28,5	2 548 734	-9,8
	May	1 287 604	5,7	665 153	-9,0	598 155	-0,3	2 550 912	0,1
	June	1 274 234	-1,0	749 608	12,7	776 216	29,8	2 800 058	9,8
	July	1 169 460	-8,2	501 922	-33,0	522 401	-32,7	2 193 783	-21,7
	August	1 025 740	-12,3	462 046	-7,9	575 406	10,1	2 063 192	-6,0
	September	1 221 671	19,1	489 898	6,0	668 419	16,2	2 379 988	15,4
	October	1 228 568	0,6	568 430	16,0	657 713	-1,6	2 454 711	3,1
	November	1 177 627	-4,1	563 759	-0,8	648 949	-1,3	2 390 335	-2,6
	December	1 171 873	-0,5	589 183	4,5	653 561	0,7	2 414 617	1,0
2012	January	1 267 124	8,1	758 802	28,8	574 589	-12,1	2 600 515	7,7
	February	1 293 294	2,1	677 193	-10,8	606 298	5,5	2 576 785	-0,9
	Sep. - Nov. 11	3 627 866		1 622 087		1 975 081		7 225 034	
	Dec. 11 - Feb. 12 2/	3 732 291	2,9	2 025 178	24,9	1 834 448	-7,1	7 591 917	5,1

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

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

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

			Feb. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Jan. - Feb. 2011	Jan. - Feb. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	1 716	2 075	1 244	2 444	3 319	35,8
		square metres	79 018	92 820	63 153	112 801	155 973	38,3
		R'000	158 125	265 268	197 083	255 873	462 351	80,7
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	1 121	1 108	1 505	1 986	2 613	31,6
		square metres	291 400	249 689	348 833	526 181	598 522	13,7
		R'000	1 428 424	1 302 076	1 867 470	2 557 934	3 169 546	23,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	771	707	942	1 538	1 649	7,2
		square metres	77 605	65 411	83 979	143 952	149 390	3,8
		R'000	377 132	346 506	424 627	674 205	771 133	14,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 187	12 401	7 822	9 958	20 223	103,1
		R'000	6 603	67 606	31 773	49 313	99 379	101,5
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	1 970 284	1 981 456	2 520 953	3 537 325	4 502 409	27,3
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	51 901	10 332	47 557	60 178	57 889	-3,8
		R'000	358 979	62 137	283 484	399 874	345 621	-13,6
	2. Shopping space	square metres	48 172	48 610	86 673	206 814	135 283	-34,6
		R'000	216 712	271 300	453 032	1 338 938	724 332	-45,9
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	88 989	78 090	121 823	176 073	199 913	13,5
		R'000	379 430	319 894	498 570	696 435	818 464	17,5
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	31 544	20 189	13 764	65 570	33 953	-48,2
		R'000	153 593	77 579	67 651	330 422	145 230	-56,0
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 108 714	730 910	1 302 737	2 765 669	2 033 647	-26,5
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	255 885	209 167	260 303	464 366	469 470	1,1
		R'000	1 166 553	1 041 723	1 295 305	2 127 290	2 337 028	9,9
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	86 228	71 807	62 013	144 771	133 820	-7,6
		R'000	628 121	437 034	501 137	938 431	938 171	-0,0
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 794 674	1 478 757	1 796 442	3 065 721	3 275 199	6,8
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	4 873 672	4 191 123	5 620 132	9 368 715	9 811 255	4,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

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

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

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

			Feb. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Jan. - Feb. 2011	Jan. - Feb. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	900	230	360	1 294	590	-54,4
		square metres	38 661	9 776	16 624	55 514	26 400	-52,4
		R'000	56 878	24 098	40 706	95 255	64 804	-32,0
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	209	196	257	387	453	17,1
		square metres	51 901	55 734	59 022	100 464	114 756	14,2
		R'000	222 181	291 162	292 633	440 856	583 795	32,4
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	140	155	276	347	431	24,2
		square metres	20 675	18 328	20 234	44 882	38 562	-14,1
		R'000	87 434	102 132	98 608	199 392	200 740	0,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	7 058	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	39 684	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	366 493	417 392	431 947	775 187	849 339	9,6
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	5 711	3 921	28 242	6 824	32 163	371,3
		R'000	25 425	21 173	152 606	30 246	173 779	474,6
	2. Shopping space	square metres	22 221	30 121	5 850	31 937	35 971	12,6
		R'000	90 109	171 201	31 734	133 345	202 935	52,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 746	22 619	8 448	10 391	31 067	199,0
		R'000	21 284	99 205	41 200	41 033	140 405	242,2
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	4 922	2 009	2 607	7 121	4 616	-35,2
		R'000	20 783	7 929	13 163	32 642	21 092	-35,4
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	157 601	299 508	238 703	237 266	538 211	126,8
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	67 860	53 915	65 041	125 179	118 956
R'000			263 554	244 115	302 550	503 725	546 665	8,5
2. Other buildings 4/		square metres	23 748	13 532	9 268	48 792	22 800	-53,3
		R'000	315 155	118 824	115 393	431 130	234 217	-45,7
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	578 709	362 939	417 943	934 855	780 882	-16,5
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 102 803	1 079 839	1 088 593	1 947 308	2 168 432	11,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

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

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

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

			Feb. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Jan. - Feb. 2011	Jan. - Feb. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	<b>Number</b>	26	139	13	32	152	375,0
		<b>square metres</b>	1 458	5 830	746	1 841	6 576	257,2
		<b>R'000</b>	5 275	7 354	2 950	6 594	10 304	56,3
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	<b>Number</b>	81	46	53	140	99	-29,3
		<b>square metres</b>	17 521	11 269	10 093	30 681	21 362	-30,4
		<b>R'000</b>	70 319	45 327	45 314	131 980	90 641	-31,3
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	<b>Number</b>	54	276	60	102	336	229,4
		<b>square metres</b>	3 748	14 898	4 994	6 238	19 892	218,9
		<b>R'000</b>	18 399	62 052	18 542	25 975	80 594	210,3
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	<b>square metres</b>	1 361	440	70	1 361	510	-62,5
		<b>R'000</b>	3 133	2 640	420	3 133	3 060	-2,3
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>97 126</b>	<b>117 373</b>	<b>67 226</b>	<b>167 682</b>	<b>184 599</b>	<b>10,1</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	<b>square metres</b>	1 752	723	0	4 889	723	-85,2
		<b>R'000</b>	7 075	2 415	0	19 903	2 415	-87,9
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	<b>square metres</b>	8 948	1 127	0	9 678	1 127	-88,4
		<b>R'000</b>	35 792	5 140	0	38 712	5 140	-86,7
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	<b>square metres</b>	9 439	4 599	10 631	16 725	15 230	-8,9
		<b>R'000</b>	38 564	12 461	33 401	63 197	45 862	-27,4
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	<b>square metres</b>	5 513	5 066	1 714	5 513	6 780	23,0
		<b>R'000</b>	15 712	20 183	7 214	15 712	27 397	74,4
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>97 143</b>	<b>40 199</b>	<b>40 615</b>	<b>137 524</b>	<b>80 814</b>	<b>-41,2</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	<b>square metres</b>	26 137	18 731	25 049	44 874	43 780	-2,4
		<b>R'000</b>	98 566	79 445	96 066	168 758	175 511	4,0
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	<b>square metres</b>	15 560	6 566	9 133	19 372	15 699	-19,0
		<b>R'000</b>	41 832	21 820	27 172	55 748	48 992	-12,1
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>140 398</b>	<b>101 265</b>	<b>123 238</b>	<b>224 506</b>	<b>224 503</b>	<b>-0,0</b>
<b>4. Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>334 667</b>	<b>258 837</b>	<b>231 079</b>	<b>529 712</b>	<b>489 916</b>	<b>-7,5</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

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

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

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

			Feb. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Jan. - Feb. 2011	Jan. - Feb. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	<b>Number</b>	2	496	4	2	500	24 900,0
		<b>square metres</b>	112	20 524	222	112	20 746	18 423,2
		<b>R'000</b>	397	86 277	850	397	87 127	21 846,3
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	<b>Number</b>	11	10	22	20	32	60,0
		<b>square metres</b>	1 692	2 619	5 004	3 884	7 623	96,3
		<b>R'000</b>	7 355	11 467	20 398	16 983	31 865	87,6
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	<b>Number</b>	1	0	2	1	2	100,0
		<b>square metres</b>	247	0	142	247	142	-42,5
		<b>R'000</b>	1 112	0	639	1 112	639	-42,5
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	<b>square metres</b>	0	0	0	0	0	..
		<b>R'000</b>	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>8 864</b>	<b>97 744</b>	<b>21 887</b>	<b>18 492</b>	<b>119 631</b>	<b>546,9</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	<b>square metres</b>	0	149	2 514	0	2 663	..
		<b>R'000</b>	0	671	11 315	0	11 986	..
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	<b>square metres</b>	490	0	0	857	0	..
		<b>R'000</b>	2 205	0	0	3 856	0	..
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	<b>square metres</b>	1 041	249	0	1 041	249	-76,1
		<b>R'000</b>	4 268	1 151	0	4 268	1 151	-73,0
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	<b>square metres</b>	0	0	592	0	592	..
		<b>R'000</b>	0	0	2 013	0	2 013	..
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>6 473</b>	<b>1 822</b>	<b>13 328</b>	<b>8 124</b>	<b>15 150</b>	<b>86,5</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	<b>square metres</b>	3 112	3 931	5 778	5 110	9 709	90,0
		<b>R'000</b>	12 878	16 939	24 645	21 381	41 584	94,5
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	<b>square metres</b>	701	856	2 050	701	2 906	314,6
		<b>R'000</b>	3 454	3 635	10 814	3 454	14 449	318,3
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>16 332</b>	<b>20 574</b>	<b>35 459</b>	<b>24 835</b>	<b>56 033</b>	<b>125,6</b>
<b>4. Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>31 669</b>	<b>120 140</b>	<b>70 674</b>	<b>51 451</b>	<b>190 814</b>	<b>270,9</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

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

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

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

			Feb. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Jan. - Feb. 2011	Jan. - Feb. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	132	121	59	140	180	28,6
		square metres	6 737	6 094	3 026	7 260	9 120	25,6
		R'000	12 302	11 036	6 215	14 133	17 251	22,1
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	36	67	56	109	123	12,8
		square metres	6 711	14 799	13 410	19 799	28 209	42,5
		R'000	24 172	58 047	53 981	73 634	112 028	52,1
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	9	0	0	28	0	..
		square metres	598	0	0	2 241	0	..
		R'000	2 147	0	0	9 541	0	..
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	10 147	1 338	0	11 485	..
		R'000	0	55 533	7 020	0	62 553	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	38 621	124 616	67 216	97 308	191 832	97,1
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	461	110	36	1 170	146	-87,5
		R'000	1 600	548	144	4 436	692	-84,4
	2. Shopping space	square metres	2 528	84	420	2 528	504	-80,1
		R'000	7 684	244	1 627	7 684	1 871	-75,7
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	772	727	543	1 499	176,1
		R'000	0	3 316	2 598	2 118	5 914	179,2
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 615	319	802	3 803	1 121	-70,5
		R'000	9 150	1 187	2 807	14 012	3 994	-71,5
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	18 434	5 295	7 176	28 250	12 471	-55,9
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 052	9 868	14 325	19 034	24 193	27,1
		R'000	29 793	36 197	50 759	66 007	86 956	31,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 506	17 410	1 598	4 766	19 008	298,8
		R'000	20 766	93 887	8 728	28 039	102 615	266,0
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	50 559	130 084	59 487	94 046	189 571	101,6
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	107 614	259 995	133 879	219 604	393 874	79,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

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

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

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

			Feb. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Jan. - Feb. 2011	Jan. - Feb. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	30	38	15	68	53	-22,1
		square metres	1 737	2 206	896	3 915	3 102	-20,8
		R'000	10 505	14 823	6 024	25 615	20 847	-18,6
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	133	75	135	227	210	-7,5
		square metres	34 358	21 497	41 016	63 476	62 513	-1,5
		R'000	240 477	163 480	273 328	442 036	436 808	-1,2
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	41	98	151	177	249	40,7
		square metres	4 499	10 855	13 693	17 359	24 548	41,4
		R'000	25 962	73 349	75 149	86 159	148 498	72,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	329	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	1 625	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	276 944	251 652	354 501	555 435	606 153	9,1
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	6 512	624	8 263	8 635	8 887	2,9
		R'000	44 550	2 500	68 097	60 260	70 597	17,2
	2. Shopping space	square metres	9 038	6 549	0	113 731	6 549	-94,2
		R'000	60 292	42 688	0	677 172	42 688	-93,7
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	19 626	16 742	16 541	33 532	33 283	-0,7
		R'000	79 209	63 657	66 796	132 101	130 453	-1,2
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	9 418	796	1 891	19 673	2 687	-86,3
		R'000	52 415	2 817	9 545	114 416	12 362	-89,2
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	236 466	111 662	144 438	983 949	256 100	-74,0
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	32 210	20 518	25 594	58 637	46 112	-21,4
		R'000	198 391	134 399	172 634	365 902	307 033	-16,1
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	14 537	4 352	16 035	26 798	20 387	-23,9
		R'000	102 405	34 482	122 011	170 635	156 493	-8,3
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	300 796	168 881	294 645	536 537	463 526	-13,6
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	814 206	532 195	793 584	2 075 921	1 325 779	-36,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

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

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

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

			Feb. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Jan. - Feb. 2011	Jan. - Feb. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	<b>Number</b>	54	5	5	75	10	-86,7
		<b>square metres</b>	3 208	300	314	4 420	614	-86,1
		<b>R'000</b>	4 334	1 153	1 117	7 518	2 270	-69,8
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	<b>Number</b>	101	93	104	175	197	12,6
		<b>square metres</b>	22 727	17 415	22 871	37 970	40 286	6,1
		<b>R'000</b>	73 010	70 647	101 822	124 116	172 469	39,0
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	<b>Number</b>	45	24	30	100	54	-46,0
		<b>square metres</b>	4 607	1 599	6 660	9 268	8 259	-10,9
		<b>R'000</b>	17 871	6 848	23 246	35 188	30 094	-14,5
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	<b>square metres</b>	826	0	0	1 097	0	..
		<b>R'000</b>	3 470	0	0	4 419	0	..
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>98 685</b>	<b>78 648</b>	<b>126 185</b>	<b>171 241</b>	<b>204 833</b>	<b>19,6</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	<b>square metres</b>	110	118	484	110	602	447,3
		<b>R'000</b>	320	509	1 936	320	2 445	664,1
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	<b>square metres</b>	1 300	926	1 413	1 572	2 339	48,8
		<b>R'000</b>	3 900	3 728	5 656	4 808	9 384	95,2
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	<b>square metres</b>	506	1 375	1 267	846	2 642	212,3
		<b>R'000</b>	1 518	4 125	3 642	2 198	7 767	253,4
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	<b>square metres</b>	1 090	1 095	1 235	1 591	2 330	46,4
		<b>R'000</b>	3 501	3 614	4 912	4 931	8 526	72,9
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>9 239</b>	<b>11 976</b>	<b>16 146</b>	<b>12 257</b>	<b>28 122</b>	<b>129,4</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	<b>square metres</b>	13 700	12 442	14 701	23 354	27 143	16,2
		<b>R'000</b>	45 372	49 353	55 945	76 041	105 298	38,5
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	<b>square metres</b>	514	3 468	4 029	2 179	7 497	244,1
		<b>R'000</b>	2 024	14 252	16 154	8 702	30 406	249,4
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>47 396</b>	<b>63 605</b>	<b>72 099</b>	<b>84 743</b>	<b>135 704</b>	<b>60,1</b>
<b>4. Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>155 320</b>	<b>154 229</b>	<b>214 430</b>	<b>268 241</b>	<b>368 659</b>	<b>37,4</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

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

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



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

			Feb. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Jan. - Feb. 2011	Jan. - Feb. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	496	975	698	626	1 673	167,3
		square metres	23 046	44 365	36 705	29 439	81 070	175,4
		R'000	54 698	106 883	126 337	76 933	233 220	203,1
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	361	465	678	594	1 143	92,4
		square metres	118 342	93 408	153 004	194 881	246 412	26,4
		R'000	637 790	523 655	872 304	1 027 818	1 395 959	35,8
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	379	65	369	443	434	-2,0
		square metres	34 142	5 936	31 561	39 315	37 497	-4,6
		R'000	185 680	43 269	180 894	216 099	224 163	3,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 814	6 365	0	8 179	..
		R'000	0	9 433	24 165	0	33 598	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	878 168	683 240	1 203 700	1 320 850	1 886 940	42,9
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	36 785	4 687	5 139	36 785	9 826
R'000			277 444	34 321	40 642	277 444	74 963	-73,0
2. Shopping space		square metres	2 634	7 582	4 930	3 313	12 512	277,7
		R'000	12 664	39 511	31 432	16 806	70 943	322,1
3. Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	41 518	21 583	64 269	89 785	85 852	-4,4
		R'000	185 318	94 919	270 915	355 226	365 834	3,0
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	7 972	5 017	4 776	22 176	9 793	-55,8
		R'000	51 972	21 969	27 350	121 031	49 319	-59,3
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	527 398	190 720	370 339	770 507	561 059	-27,2
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	86 166	75 274	91 685	153 065	166 959
	R'000		447 793	420 939	519 211	788 192	940 150	19,3
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	27 126	20 959	19 585	38 866	40 544	4,3
		R'000	138 552	122 130	133 996	212 039	256 126	20,8
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	586 345	543 069	653 207	1 000 231	1 196 276	19,6
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 991 911	1 417 029	2 227 246	3 091 588	3 644 275	17,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

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

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

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

			Feb. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Jan. - Feb. 2011	Jan. - Feb. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	62	64	83	181	147	-18,8
		square metres	3 145	3 338	4 218	8 615	7 556	-12,3
		R'000	9 629	11 800	10 982	21 851	22 782	4,3
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	148	111	160	262	271	3,4
		square metres	28 183	21 513	32 813	57 816	54 326	-6,0
		R'000	108 644	84 049	153 736	224 061	237 785	6,1
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	31	9	12	248	21	-91,5
		square metres	2 621	637	2 064	15 019	2 701	-82,0
		R'000	9 969	2 302	8 256	59 063	10 558	-82,1
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	113	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	452	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	128 242	98 151	172 974	305 427	271 125	-11,2
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	570	0	2 879	1 555	2 879	85,1
		R'000	2 565	0	8 744	6 465	8 744	35,3
	2. Shopping space	square metres	736	1 014	74 060	42 921	75 074	74,9
		R'000	3 096	4 563	382 583	455 585	387 146	-15,0
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	11 113	7 382	18 397	21 077	25 779	22,3
		R'000	49 269	29 359	74 156	88 160	103 515	17,4
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	14	5 733	147	5 693	5 880	3,3
		R'000	60	19 418	647	27 678	20 065	-27,5
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	54 990	53 340	466 130	577 888	519 470	-10,1
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 429	9 367	11 503	22 440	20 870
R'000			39 496	37 600	44 501	83 456	82 101	-1,6
2. Other buildings 4/		square metres	0	3 869	76	450	3 945	776,7
		R'000	758	21 688	65 895	15 038	87 583	482,4
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	40 254	59 288	110 396	98 494	169 684	72,3
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	223 486	210 779	749 500	981 809	960 279	-2,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

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

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

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

			Feb. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Jan. - Feb. 2011	Jan. - Feb. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	14	7	7	26	14	-46,2
		square metres	914	387	402	1 685	789	-53,2
		R'000	4 107	1 844	1 902	7 577	3 746	-50,6
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	41	45	40	72	85	18,1
		square metres	9 965	11 435	11 600	17 210	23 035	33,8
		R'000	44 476	54 242	53 954	76 450	108 196	41,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	71	80	42	92	122	32,6
		square metres	6 468	13 158	4 631	9 383	17 789	89,6
		R'000	28 558	56 554	19 293	41 676	75 847	82,0
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	49	0	49	..
		R'000	0	0	168	0	168	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	77 141	112 640	75 317	125 703	187 957	49,5
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	210	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	800	0	..
	2. Shopping space	square metres	277	1 207	0	277	1 207	335,7
		R'000	970	4 225	0	970	4 225	335,6
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	2 769	1 543	2 133	4 312	102,2
		R'000	0	11 701	5 862	8 134	17 563	115,9
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	154	0	0	154	..
		R'000	0	462	0	0	462	..
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	970	16 388	5 862	9 904	22 250	124,7
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 219	5 121	6 627	12 673	11 748	-7,3
		R'000	30 710	22 736	28 994	53 828	51 730	-3,9
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	536	795	239	2 847	1 034	-63,7
		R'000	3 175	6 316	974	13 646	7 290	-46,6
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	33 885	29 052	29 968	67 474	59 020	-12,5
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	111 996	158 080	111 147	203 081	269 227	32,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

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

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

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

			Feb. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Jan. - Feb. 2011	Jan. - Feb. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	<b>Number</b>	1 761	1 470	828	2 413	2 298	-4,8
		<b>square metres</b>	75 146	65 771	39 160	104 562	104 931	0,4
		<b>R'000</b>	169 629	153 463	122 274	245 027	275 737	12,5
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	<b>Number</b>	832	808	966	1 410	1 774	25,8
		<b>square metres</b>	201 598	183 463	231 804	353 989	415 267	17,3
		<b>R'000</b>	920 735	863 586	1 171 552	1 591 285	2 035 138	27,9
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	<b>Number</b>	713	603	933	1 288	1 536	19,3
		<b>square metres</b>	65 341	51 121	84 364	113 707	135 485	19,2
		<b>R'000</b>	329 910	243 658	449 463	584 171	693 121	18,7
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	<b>square metres</b>	27 536	819	5 504	44 505	6 323	-85,8
		<b>R'000</b>	151 894	4 041	15 169	277 430	19 210	-93,1
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 572 168</b>	<b>1 264 748</b>	<b>1 758 458</b>	<b>2 697 913</b>	<b>3 023 206</b>	<b>12,1</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	<b>square metres</b>	36 815	29 803	13 254	50 213	43 057	-14,3
		<b>R'000</b>	169 373	122 857	90 623	246 178	213 480	-13,3
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	<b>square metres</b>	55 329	15 594	80 137	60 461	95 731	58,3
		<b>R'000</b>	245 974	74 949	457 929	278 796	532 878	91,1
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	<b>square metres</b>	61 482	100 146	80 931	114 336	181 077	58,4
		<b>R'000</b>	238 827	396 489	302 665	451 076	699 154	55,0
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	<b>square metres</b>	5 529	17 207	7 897	48 329	25 104	-48,1
		<b>R'000</b>	26 203	97 869	29 564	148 763	127 433	-14,3
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>680 377</b>	<b>692 164</b>	<b>880 781</b>	<b>1 124 813</b>	<b>1 572 945</b>	<b>39,8</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	<b>square metres</b>	155 972	110 775	136 540	288 124	247 315	-14,2
		<b>R'000</b>	691 927	486 250	621 591	1 260 185	1 107 841	-12,1
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	<b>square metres</b>	71 959	28 518	54 969	104 114	83 487	-19,8
		<b>R'000</b>	361 384	146 866	310 479	534 901	457 345	-14,5
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 053 311</b>	<b>633 116</b>	<b>932 070</b>	<b>1 795 086</b>	<b>1 565 186</b>	<b>-12,8</b>
<b>4. Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 305 856</b>	<b>2 590 028</b>	<b>3 571 309</b>	<b>5 617 812</b>	<b>6 161 337</b>	<b>9,7</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

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

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

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

			Feb. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Jan. - Feb. 2011	Jan. - Feb. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	345	304	211	423	515	21,7
		square metres	14 804	12 574	9 066	18 186	21 640	19,0
		R'000	26 245	21 448	17 962	32 224	39 410	22,3
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	229	195	242	343	437	27,4
		square metres	56 243	53 792	60 190	91 056	113 982	25,2
		R'000	219 733	225 924	265 398	353 916	491 322	38,8
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	42	86	113	105	199	89,5
		square metres	4 598	9 456	13 276	9 392	22 732	142,0
		R'000	17 118	37 306	58 130	34 672	95 436	175,3
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	8 198	438	0	8 375	438	-94,8
		R'000	35 251	3 066	0	36 051	3 066	-91,5
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	298 347	287 744	341 490	456 863	629 234	37,7
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	28 997	8 572	231	28 997	8 803
R'000			127 035	37 411	997	127 035	38 408	-69,8
2. Shopping space		square metres	30 324	12 700	44 097	30 324	56 797	87,3
		R'000	116 747	56 835	237 196	116 747	294 031	151,9
3. Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	19 703	51 829	11 591	28 745	63 420	120,6
		R'000	84 347	226 845	41 745	125 117	268 590	114,7
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	3 994	867	3 715	41 512	4 582	-89,0
		R'000	20 131	3 516	5 836	120 065	9 352	-92,2
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	348 260	324 607	285 774	488 964	610 381	24,8
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	51 658	47 200	54 039	89 433	101 239
	R'000		181 756	167 852	202 846	325 629	370 698	13,8
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	17 781	11 418	16 559	28 940	27 977	-3,3
		R'000	76 003	52 003	91 774	141 505	143 777	1,6
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	257 759	219 855	294 620	467 134	514 475	10,1
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	904 366	832 206	921 884	1 412 961	1 754 090	24,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

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

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

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

			Feb. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Jan. - Feb. 2011	Jan. - Feb. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	<b>Number</b>	348	310	157	644	467	-27,5
		<b>square metres</b>	14 168	12 623	6 466	26 204	19 089	-27,2
		<b>R'000</b>	26 192	12 518	12 511	48 982	25 029	-48,9
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	<b>Number</b>	50	25	41	105	66	-37,1
		<b>square metres</b>	12 709	5 874	7 190	24 536	13 064	-46,8
		<b>R'000</b>	44 132	24 489	24 059	83 741	48 548	-42,0
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	<b>Number</b>	5	2	2	24	4	-83,3
		<b>square metres</b>	363	384	200	2 372	584	-75,4
		<b>R'000</b>	1 333	1 152	751	8 925	1 903	-78,7
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	<b>square metres</b>	0	0	5 504	247	5 504	2 128,3
		<b>R'000</b>	0	0	15 169	839	15 169	1 708,0
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>71 657</b>	<b>38 159</b>	<b>52 490</b>	<b>142 487</b>	<b>90 649</b>	<b>-36,4</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	<b>square metres</b>	635	15 660	0	1 330	15 660	1 077,4
		<b>R'000</b>	1 465	47 547	0	3 743	47 547	1 170,3
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	<b>square metres</b>	5 363	0	0	5 363	0	..
		<b>R'000</b>	14 728	0	0	14 728	0	..
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	<b>square metres</b>	3 352	0	1 443	3 352	1 443	-57,0
		<b>R'000</b>	8 835	0	3 765	8 835	3 765	-57,4
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	<b>square metres</b>	0	164	0	1 130	164	-85,5
		<b>R'000</b>	0	636	0	4 520	636	-85,9
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>25 028</b>	<b>48 183</b>	<b>3 765</b>	<b>31 826</b>	<b>51 948</b>	<b>63,2</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	<b>square metres</b>	16 159	6 888	8 167	31 782	15 055	-52,6
		<b>R'000</b>	50 373	22 419	25 503	99 432	47 922	-51,8
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	<b>square metres</b>	3 045	2 228	2 116	4 805	4 344	-9,6
		<b>R'000</b>	8 851	8 746	7 345	15 611	16 091	3,1
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>59 224</b>	<b>31 165</b>	<b>32 848</b>	<b>115 043</b>	<b>64 013</b>	<b>-44,4</b>
<b>4. Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>155 909</b>	<b>117 507</b>	<b>89 103</b>	<b>289 356</b>	<b>206 610</b>	<b>-28,6</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

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

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

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

			Feb. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Jan. - Feb. 2011	Jan. - Feb. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	36	2	1	96	3	-96,9
		square metres	1 440	113	60	3 840	173	-95,5
		R'000	1 800	410	269	4 800	679	-85,9
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	3	7	9	11	16	45,5
		square metres	481	1 553	1 468	2 314	3 021	30,6
		R'000	2 023	6 673	6 390	9 709	13 063	34,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	0	5	2	1	7	600,0
		square metres	0	725	301	136	1 026	654,4
		R'000	0	3 559	1 264	571	4 823	744,7
	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	3 823	10 642	7 923	15 080	18 565	23,1
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	190	0	16	190	1 087,5
		R'000	0	855	0	66	855	1 195,5
	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	40	0	40	..
		R'000	0	0	180	0	180	..
	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	855	180	66	1 035	1 468,2
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 475	4 552	5 569	3 436	10 121	194,6
		R'000	6 122	19 278	23 681	14 280	42 959	200,8
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	656	851	2 991	656	3 842	485,7
		R'000	2 513	3 830	13 396	2 513	17 226	585,5
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	8 635	23 108	37 077	16 793	60 185	258,4
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	12 458	34 605	45 180	31 939	79 785	149,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

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

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

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

			Feb. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Jan. - Feb. 2011	Jan. - Feb. 2012	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	14	14	14	19	28	47,4	
		square metres	838	826	851	1 148	1 677	46,1	
		R'000	2 648	2 778	1 585	3 660	4 363	19,2	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	39	39	48	97	87	-10,3	
		square metres	5 493	8 998	9 045	19 205	18 043	-6,1	
		R'000	16 926	29 115	29 753	60 608	58 868	-2,9	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	17	12	0	31	12	-61,3	
		square metres	2 282	1 497	0	3 086	1 497	-51,5	
		R'000	6 782	6 000	0	9 597	6 000	-37,5	
	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	26 356	37 893	31 338	73 865	69 231	-6,3	
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	365	0	1 560	365	1 560	327,4
R'000			1 643	0	5 616	1 643	5 616	241,8	
2. Shopping space		square metres	3 614	220	666	4 168	886	-78,7	
		R'000	10 684	880	2 700	13 177	3 580	-72,8	
3. Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	3 641	0	0	3 641	0	..	
		R'000	10 923	0	0	10 923	0	..	
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	821	364	0	821	364	-55,7	
		R'000	2 135	1 092	0	2 135	1 092	-48,9	
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	25 385	1 972	8 316	27 878	10 288	-63,1	
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 712	6 106	2 511	19 216	8 617	-55,2
			R'000	23 930	18 297	8 663	56 949	26 960	-52,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 222	583	3 100	8 009	3 683	-54,0	
		R'000	14 586	4 276	16 153	30 882	20 429	-33,8	
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	38 516	22 573	24 816	87 831	47 389	-46,0	
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	90 257	62 438	64 470	189 574	126 908	-33,1	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

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

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



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

			Feb. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Jan. - Feb. 2011	Jan. - Feb. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	48	31	40	56	71	26,8
		square metres	2 661	1 827	2 356	3 121	4 183	34,0
		R'000	17 907	10 374	14 935	19 967	25 309	26,8
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	97	70	89	155	159	2,6
		square metres	24 922	16 641	26 016	39 589	42 657	7,7
		R'000	157 679	98 642	172 473	250 657	271 115	8,2
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	92	25	74	256	99	-61,3
		square metres	17 787	4 409	16 151	32 728	20 560	-37,2
		R'000	108 927	22 862	106 386	194 802	129 248	-33,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	381	0	2 172	381	-82,5
		R'000	0	975	0	12 482	975	-92,2
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	284 513	132 853	293 794	477 908	426 647	-10,7
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	680	836	0	1 764	836	-52,6
		R'000	5 032	6 041	0	10 135	6 041	-40,4
	2. Shopping space	square metres	15 427	0	9 077	15 427	9 077	-41,2
		R'000	99 833	0	61 102	99 833	61 102	-38,8
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	11 278	0	3 164	15 098	3 164	-79,0
		R'000	46 993	0	13 504	61 891	13 504	-78,2
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	528	3 325	444	1 459	3 769	158,3
		R'000	3 379	17 731	2 886	8 940	20 617	130,6
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	155 237	23 772	77 492	180 799	101 264	-44,0
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	26 753	13 316	16 263	41 921	-29,4
			R'000	198 563	99 239	121 189	303 460	-27,4
		2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	11 298	5 789	3 198	18 686	-51,9
			R'000	79 333	34 285	17 813	52 098	-54,6
		3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	277 896	133 524	139 002	418 256	-34,8
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	717 646	290 149	510 288	1 076 963	800 437	-25,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

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

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

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

			Feb. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Jan. - Feb. 2011	Jan. - Feb. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	33	5	8	34	13	-61,8
		square metres	2 019	260	437	2 082	697	-66,5
		R'000	2 758	783	1 230	2 947	2 013	-31,7
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	34	73	41	49	114	132,7
		square metres	7 504	13 696	8 119	10 938	21 815	99,4
		R'000	22 079	47 484	31 738	35 262	79 222	124,7
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	59	69	101	112	170	51,8
		square metres	3 771	4 811	5 588	7 524	10 399	38,2
		R'000	12 002	18 620	23 325	27 790	41 945	50,9
	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	36 839	66 887	56 293	65 999	123 180	86,6
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	820	2 518	113	3 338	2 854,0
		R'000	0	4 100	11 500	509	15 600	2 964,8
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	0	215	0	215	..
		R'000	0	0	527	0	527	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 508	0	8 872	1 508	8 872	488,3
		R'000	3 016	0	30 704	3 016	30 704	918,0
	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	3 016	4 100	42 731	3 525	46 831	1 228,5
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 650	3 912	3 478	6 423	7 390	15,1
		R'000	12 729	11 239	9 651	17 734	20 890	17,8
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 071	1 459	732	2 689	2 191	-18,5
		R'000	5 602	5 117	3 902	7 375	9 019	22,3
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	18 331	16 356	13 553	25 109	29 909	19,1
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	58 186	87 343	112 577	94 633	199 920	111,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

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

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

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

			Feb. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Jan. - Feb. 2011	Jan. - Feb. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	<b>Number</b>	896	762	380	1 045	1 142	9,3
		<b>square metres</b>	37 021	35 364	18 807	44 655	54 171	21,3
		<b>R'000</b>	84 211	98 268	68 909	110 239	167 177	51,6
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	<b>Number</b>	272	306	356	446	662	48,4
		<b>square metres</b>	74 802	64 867	87 033	129 094	151 900	17,7
		<b>R'000</b>	386 664	358 019	509 479	660 207	867 498	31,4
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	<b>Number</b>	473	392	542	641	934	45,7
		<b>square metres</b>	34 575	28 677	36 823	48 915	65 500	33,9
		<b>R'000</b>	175 180	149 283	205 337	265 268	354 620	33,7
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	<b>square metres</b>	19 338	0	0	32 994	0	..
		<b>R'000</b>	116 643	0	0	225 891	0	..
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>762 698</b>	<b>605 570</b>	<b>783 725</b>	<b>1 261 605</b>	<b>1 389 295</b>	<b>10,1</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	<b>square metres</b>	3 680	3 725	8 549	15 170	12 274	-19,1
		<b>R'000</b>	24 046	26 903	70 728	92 895	97 631	5,1
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	<b>square metres</b>	601	2 605	26 082	5 179	28 687	453,9
		<b>R'000</b>	3 982	16 922	156 404	34 311	173 326	405,2
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	<b>square metres</b>	19 877	48 317	50 966	49 498	99 283	100,6
		<b>R'000</b>	73 713	169 644	192 615	188 390	362 259	92,3
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	<b>square metres</b>	186	12 425	3 498	1 914	15 923	731,9
		<b>R'000</b>	558	74 586	19 842	7 131	94 428	1 224,2
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>102 299</b>	<b>288 055</b>	<b>439 589</b>	<b>322 727</b>	<b>727 644</b>	<b>125,5</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	<b>square metres</b>	35 246	24 602	35 596	75 129	60 198	-19,9
		<b>R'000</b>	180 847	132 041	191 248	377 994	323 289	-14,5
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	<b>square metres</b>	30 683	5 587	25 518	38 126	31 105	-18,4
		<b>R'000</b>	166 210	36 253	155 642	213 933	191 895	-10,3
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>347 057</b>	<b>168 294</b>	<b>346 890</b>	<b>591 927</b>	<b>515 184</b>	<b>-13,0</b>
<b>4. Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 212 054</b>	<b>1 061 919</b>	<b>1 570 204</b>	<b>2 176 259</b>	<b>2 632 123</b>	<b>20,9</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

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

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

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

			Feb. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Jan. - Feb. 2011	Jan. - Feb. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	30	39	11	34	50	47,1
		square metres	1 566	2 030	759	1 736	2 789	60,7
		R'000	5 037	6 191	3 262	5 453	9 453	73,4
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	95	77	122	173	199	15,0
		square metres	16 597	15 430	28 954	30 635	44 384	44,9
		R'000	58 967	61 953	115 637	107 995	177 590	64,4
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	24	12	93	36	105	191,7
		square metres	1 823	1 162	9 228	2 784	10 390	273,2
		R'000	7 773	4 876	44 520	11 925	49 396	314,2
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	717	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	2 167	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	71 777	73 020	163 419	127 540	236 439	85,4
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	1 818	0	0	1 818	0
R'000			7 272	0	0	7 272	0	..
2. Shopping space		square metres	0	69	0	0	69	..
		R'000	0	312	0	0	312	..
3. Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	2 123	0	3 200	11 819	3 200	-72,9
		R'000	11 000	0	12 800	49 866	12 800	-74,3
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	62	240	1 493	302	-79,8
		R'000	0	308	1 000	5 972	1 308	-78,1
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	18 272	620	13 800	63 110	14 420	-77,2
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 697	3 585	9 924	20 083	13 509
	R'000		34 942	13 254	34 579	61 686	47 833	-22,5
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 203	213	755	2 203	968	-56,1
		R'000	8 286	874	4 454	8 286	5 328	-35,7
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	43 228	14 128	39 033	69 972	53 161	-24,0
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	133 277	87 768	216 252	260 622	304 020	16,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

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

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

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

			Feb. 2011	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012	Jan. - Feb. 2011	Jan. - Feb. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	Number	11	3	6	62	9	-85,5
		square metres	629	154	358	3 590	512	-85,7
		R'000	2 831	693	1 611	16 755	2 304	-86,2
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	Number	13	16	18	31	34	9,7
		square metres	2 847	2 612	3 789	6 622	6 401	-3,3
		R'000	12 532	11 287	16 625	29 190	27 912	-4,4
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	Number	1	0	6	82	6	-92,7
		square metres	142	0	2 797	6 770	2 797	-58,7
		R'000	795	0	9 750	30 621	9 750	-68,2
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>16 158</b>	<b>11 980</b>	<b>27 986</b>	<b>76 566</b>	<b>39 966</b>	<b>-47,8</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	square metres	640	0	396	640	396	-38,1
		R'000	2 880	0	1 782	2 880	1 782	-38,1
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	square metres	0	0	1 655	675	1 655	145,2
		R'000	0	0	7 352	3 038	7 352	142,0
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>2 880</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9 134</b>	<b>5 918</b>	<b>9 134</b>	<b>54,3</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	square metres	622	614	993	701	1 607	129,2
		R'000	2 665	2 631	4 231	3 021	6 862	127,1
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	square metres	0	390	0	0	390	..
		R'000	0	1 482	0	0	1 482	..
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	R'000	<b>2 665</b>	<b>4 113</b>	<b>4 231</b>	<b>3 021</b>	<b>8 344</b>	<b>176,2</b>
<b>4. Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	R'000	<b>21 703</b>	<b>16 093</b>	<b>41 351</b>	<b>85 505</b>	<b>57 444</b>	<b>-32,8</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

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

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

## Explanatory notes

<b>Introduction</b>	<p><b>1</b> Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and therefore do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the National Department of Housing.</p> <p><b>2</b> 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>
<b>Purpose of the survey</b>	<p><b>3</b> The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.</p>
<b>Scope of the survey</b>	<p><b>4</b> This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• passing of building plans; and</li> <li>• final inspection of completed buildings.</li> </ul>
<b>Classification</b>	<p><b>5</b> Building activities are 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 SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC)</i> with suitable adaptations for local conditions.</p>
<b>Collection rate</b>	<p><b>6</b> The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for February 2012 was 96,4%. Collection rate for January 2012 was 96,4%.</p>
<b>Statistical unit</b>	<p><b>7</b> The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.</p>
<b>Survey methodology and design</b>	<p><b>8</b> Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 88 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>
<b>Constant prices</b>	<p><b>9</b> The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2005. 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 2005=100.</p>

- 10** 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 9). 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 2008 is obtained by deflating the current value of dwelling-houses completed for January 2008 with the price index of a month six months prior to January 2008. 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.

#### Seasonal adjustment

- 11** 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.
- 12** 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

- 13** 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.

#### Revised figures

- 14** Revised figures are due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or to respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. Figures for the latest two years are therefore preliminary. Data are edited at municipal level.
- 15** Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* 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 2009 where applicable.

#### Related publications

- 16** 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.
  - *Bulletin of Statistics* issued quarterly.
  - *South African Statistics* issued annually.
  - *Building Statistics (Report no. 50-11-01)* issued annually.

#### Rounding-off of figures

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

**Symbols and abbreviations**

<b>18</b>	..	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

**2010 World Cup note**

- 19** Information relating to the 2010 Soccer World Cup new stadia and renovations, as well as other public sector infrastructure spending e.g. Eskom expansions and the Gautrain project, will not be included in the private sector building data series, as these are partially public sector funded.



## Glossary

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

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<b>Reference period</b>	One calendar month.
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses, flats, townhouses and other residential buildings.
<b>Townhouses</b>	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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