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## Results for January to February 2019

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:  
January to February 2018 versus January to February 2019**

Estimates at current prices	January to February 2018	January to February 2019	Difference in value between January to February 2018 and January to February 2019	% change between January to February 2018 and January to February 2019
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>8 152 778</b>	<b>9 778 951</b>	<b>1 626 173</b>	<b>19,9</b>
-Dwelling-houses	4 986 241	4 144 245	-841 996	-16,9
-Flats and townhouses	3 115 149	5 464 297	2 349 148	75,4
-Other residential buildings	51 388	170 409	119 021	231,6
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>4 622 698</b>	<b>3 584 607</b>	<b>-1 038 091</b>	<b>-22,5</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	<b>4 408 974</b>	<b>4 256 395</b>	<b>-152 579</b>	<b>-3,5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>17 184 450</b>	<b>17 619 953</b>	<b>435 503</b>	<b>2,5</b>

1/ 2018 and 2019 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

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

The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) increased by 2,5% (R435,5 million) during January to February 2019 compared with January to February 2018.

Residential buildings increased by 19,9% (R1 626,2 million). Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-22,5% or -R1 038,1 million) and additions and alterations (-3,5% or -R152,6 million) – see Table A.

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:  
January to February 2018 versus January to February 2019**

Estimates at current prices	January to February 2018	January to February 2019	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to February 2018	% change between January to February 2018 and January to February 2019	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January to February 2018 and January to February 2019	Difference in value between January to February 2018 and January to February 2019
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000			2/ R'000	R'000
Western Cape	5 298 089	4 197 772	30,8	-20,8	-6,4	-1 100 317
Eastern Cape	1 170 223	718 121	6,8	-38,6	-2,6	-452 102
Northern Cape	242 480	140 929	1,4	-41,9	-0,6	-101 551
Free State	789 958	455 780	4,6	-42,3	-1,9	-334 178
KwaZulu-Natal	3 265 208	3 211 968	19,0	-1,6	-0,3	-53 240
North West	589 879	358 315	3,4	-39,3	-1,3	-231 564
Gauteng	4 964 264	7 619 891	28,9	53,5	15,5	2 655 627
Mpumalanga	593 890	517 755	3,5	-12,8	-0,4	-76 135
Limpopo	270 459	399 422	1,6	47,7	0,8	128 963
<b>Total</b>	<b>17 184 450</b>	<b>17 619 953</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>2,5</b>	<b>2,5</b>	<b>435 503</b>

1/ 2018 and 2019 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January to February 2018 and January to February 2019 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during January to February 2018, divided by 100.

The largest positive contribution to the total increase of 2,5% (R435,5 million) was made by Gauteng (contributing 15,5 percentage points or R2 655,6 million). Western Cape (contributing -6,4 percentage points or -R1 100,3 million), Eastern Cape (contributing -2,6 percentage points or -R452,1 million) and Free State (contributing -1,9 percentage points or -R334,2 million) were the largest negative contributors – see Table B.

**Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices:  
January to February 2018 versus January to February 2019**

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to February 2018 1/	January to February 2018 1/	Difference in value between January to February 2018 and January to February 2019	% change between January to February 2018 and January to February 2019
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	7 089 372	8 189 382	1 100 010	15,5
Non-residential buildings	4 019 738	3 005 768	-1 013 970	-25,2
Additions and alterations	3 833 891	3 568 437	-265 454	-6,9
<b>Total</b>	<b>14 943 001</b>	<b>14 763 587</b>	<b>-179 414</b>	<b>-1,2</b>

1/ 2018 and 2019 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

### Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 1,2% (-R179,4 million) during January to February 2019 compared with January to February 2018. Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-25,2% or -R1 014,0 million) and additions and alterations (-6,9% or -R265,5 million). An increase was recorded for residential buildings (15,5% or R1 100,0 million) – see Table C.

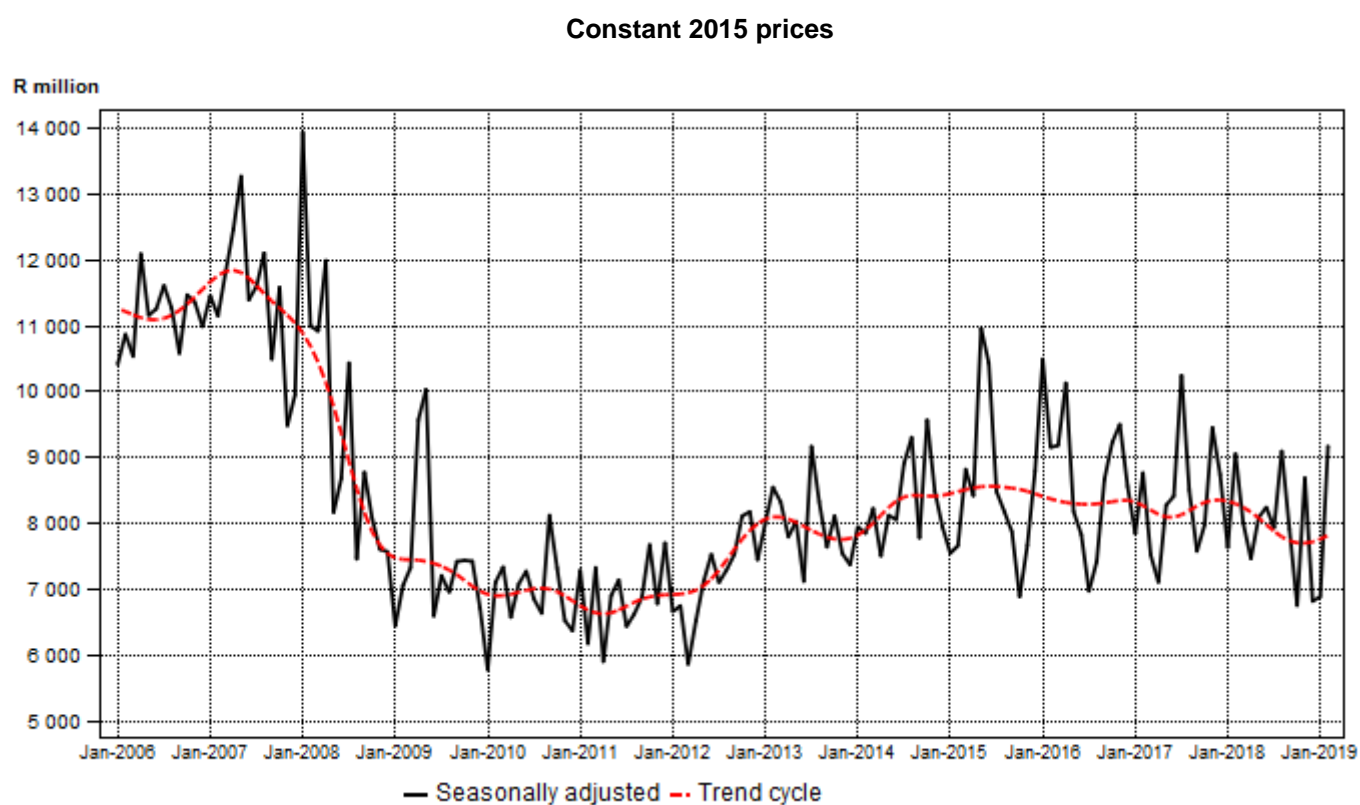
**Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices**

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	September to November 2018	December 2018 to February 2019	% change between September to November 2018 and December 2018 to February 2019
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	11 155 722	12 944 772	16,0
Non-residential buildings 1/	6 055 310	3 819 902	-36,9
Additions and alterations	6 165 614	6 125 788	-0,6
<b>Total</b>	<b>23 376 646</b>	<b>22 890 462</b>	<b>-2,1</b>

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

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed decreased by 2,1% in the three months ended February 2019 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-36,9%) and additions and alterations (-0,6%) – 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 2018 versus January to February 2019**

Estimates at current prices	January to February 2018	January to February 2019	Difference in value between January to February 2018 and January to February 2019	% change between January to February 2018 and January to February 2019
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>5 682 342</b>	<b>6 847 860</b>	<b>1 165 518</b>	<b>20,5</b>
-Dwelling-houses	3 175 597	3 289 452	113 855	3,6
-Flats and townhouses	2 467 028	3 439 715	972 687	39,4
-Other residential buildings	39 717	118 693	78 976	198,8
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>2 328 453</b>	<b>4 278 114</b>	<b>1 949 661</b>	<b>83,7</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1 846 234</b>	<b>1 699 213</b>	<b>-147 021</b>	<b>-8,0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>9 857 029</b>	<b>12 825 187</b>	<b>2 968 158</b>	<b>30,1</b>

1/ 2018 and 2019 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

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

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 30,1% (R2 968,2 million) during January to February 2019 compared with January to February 2018.

Increases were recorded for non-residential buildings (83,7% or R1 949,7 million) and residential buildings (20,5% or R1 165,5 million). Additions and alterations fell by 8,0% (-R147,0 million) – see Table E.

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:  
January to February 2018 versus January to February 2019**

Estimates at current prices	January to February 2018	January to February 2019	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to February 2018	% change between January to February 2018 and January to February 2019	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January to February 2018 and January to February 2019	Difference in value between January to February 2018 and January to February 2019
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000				R'000
Western Cape	2 510 481	2 594 724	25,5	3,4	0,9	84 243
Eastern Cape	275 849	570 976	2,8	107,0	3,0	295 127
Northern Cape	45 655	116 991	0,5	156,3	0,7	71 336
Free State	233 594	138 830	2,4	-40,6	-1,0	-94 764
KwaZulu-Natal	1 060 963	2 138 477	10,8	101,6	10,9	1 077 514
North West	563 475	360 228	5,7	-36,1	-2,1	-203 247
Gauteng	4 877 005	6 361 948	49,5	30,4	15,1	1 484 943
Mpumalanga	190 591	428 558	1,9	124,9	2,4	237 967
Limpopo	99 416	114 455	1,0	15,1	0,2	15 039
<b>Total</b>	<b>9 857 029</b>	<b>12 825 187</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>30,1</b>	<b>30,1</b>	<b>2 968 158</b>

1/ 2018 and 2019 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January to February 2018 and January to February 2019 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January to February 2018, divided by 100.

Seven provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to February 2019, of which Gauteng (contributing 15,1 percentage points or R1 484,9 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 10,9 percentage points or R1 077,5 million) were the largest positive contributors. North West (contributing -2,1 percentage points or -R203,2 million) and Free State (contributing -1,0 percentage point or -R94,8 million) were the only negative contributors – see Table F.

**Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices:  
January to February 2018 versus January to February 2019**

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to February 2018	January to February 2019	Difference in value between January to February 2018 and January to February 2019	% change between January to February 2018 and January to February 2019
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	4 941 167	5 743 236	802 069	16,2
Non-residential buildings	2 024 742	3 580 589	1 555 847	76,8
Additions and alterations	1 605 421	1 424 329	-181 092	-11,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>8 571 330</b>	<b>10 748 154</b>	<b>2 176 824</b>	<b>25,4</b>

1/ 2018 and 2019 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

### Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2015 prices) increased by 25,4% (R2 176,8 million) during January to February 2019 compared with January to February 2018. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (76,8% or R1 555,8 million) and residential buildings (16,2% or R802,1 million). Additions and alterations fell by 11,3% (-R181,1 million) – see Table G.

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

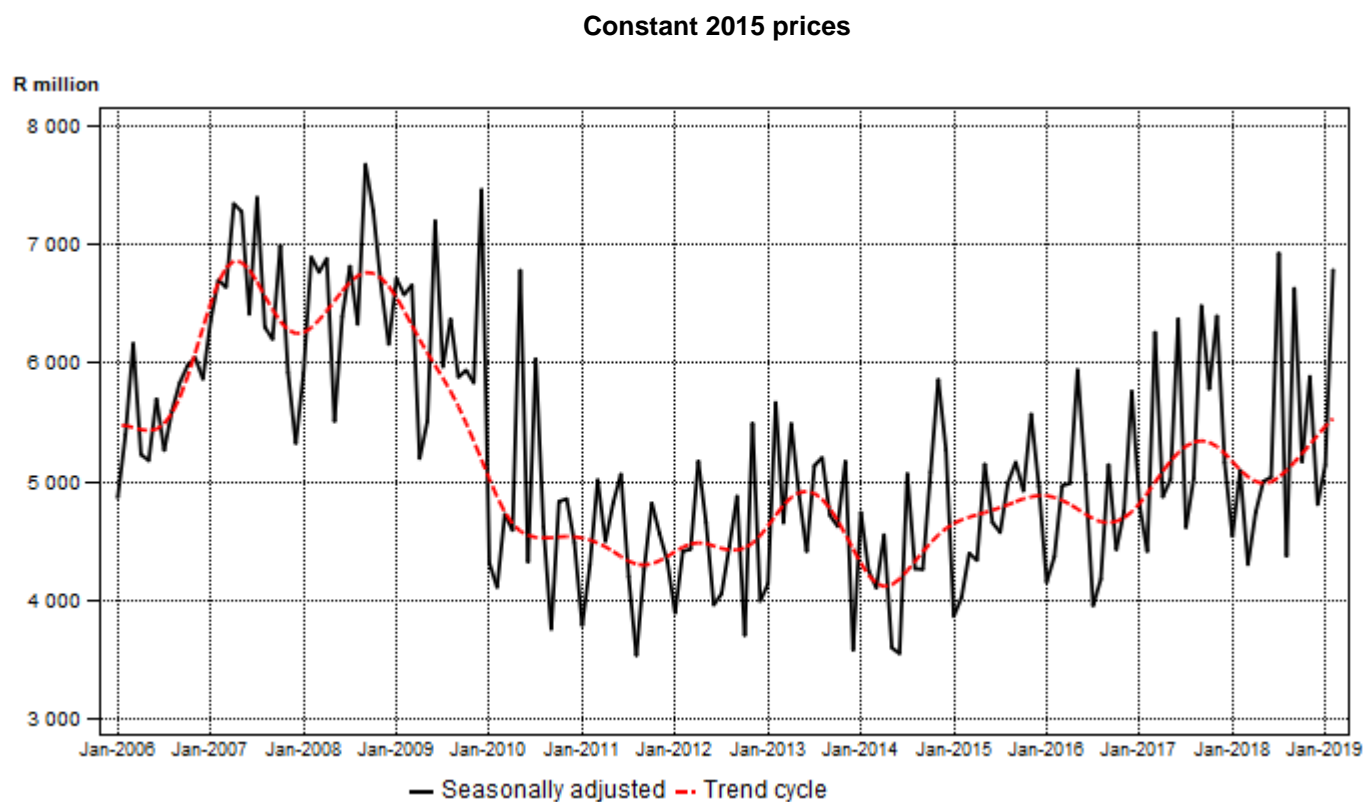
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	September to November 2018	December 2018 to February 2019	% change between September to November 2018 and December 2018 to February 2019
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	10 647 888	9 754 856	-8,4
Non-residential buildings 1/	4 511 559	4 589 101	1,7
Additions and alterations	2 518 604	2 386 029	-5,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>17 678 051</b>	<b>16 729 986</b>	<b>-5,4</b>

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

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased by 5,4% in the three months ended February 2019 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were recorded for residential buildings (-8,4%) and additions and alterations (-5,3%). Non-residential buildings increased by 1,7% – see Table H.



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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2018	January	3 423 823	8,3	1 326 388	-30,8	2 048 834	20,3	6 799 045	0,3
	February	4 728 955	4,2	3 296 310	11,5	2 360 140	9,2	10 385 405	7,5
	March	4 324 029	-8,5	1 689 517	-5,9	2 549 303	11,9	8 562 849	-2,7
	April	4 675 832	15,3	1 769 055	70,1	2 162 953	9,0	8 607 840	21,6
	May	5 663 085	21,8	1 817 021	-24,9	2 476 180	1,4	9 956 286	4,7
	June	4 961 410	-3,1	2 201 982	-4,6	2 702 425	2,3	9 865 817	-2,0
	July	5 177 874	-16,7	1 928 957	-31,2	2 732 053	4,0	9 838 884	-15,5
	August	6 483 327	41,4	2 599 885	-9,5	2 464 165	-16,7	11 547 377	10,8
	September	4 637 296	3,4	2 337 867	40,6	2 474 656	-8,5	9 449 819	6,7
	October	4 179 241	-21,2	1 832 076	-3,7	3 170 956	5,9	9 182 273	-10,0
	November	5 236 853	11,9	3 035 828	-22,2	2 596 278	-6,8	10 868 959	-4,4
	December	3 993 296	-5,6	969 634	-61,8	1 866 810	-5,8	6 829 740	-21,9
	<b>Total</b>	<b>57 485 021</b>	<b>3,1</b>	<b>24 804 520</b>	<b>-11,8</b>	<b>29 604 753</b>	<b>1,2</b>	<b>111 894 294</b>	<b>-1,1</b>
2019	January	3 155 533	-7,8	1 611 299	21,5	1 837 473	-10,3	6 604 305	-2,9
	February	6 623 418	40,1	1 973 308	-40,1	2 418 922	2,5	11 015 648	6,1

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
<b>2018</b>	January	4 756 086	-5,6	1 326 388	-47,7	2 665 716	5,2	8 748 190	-13,4
	February	4 658 019	-2,1	3 296 310	148,5	2 452 970	-8,0	10 407 299	19,0
	March	4 702 931	1,0	1 689 517	-48,7	2 920 761	19,1	9 313 209	-10,5
	April	4 567 719	-2,9	1 769 055	4,7	2 247 130	-23,1	8 583 904	-7,8
	May	5 128 045	12,3	1 817 021	2,7	2 416 229	7,5	9 361 295	9,1
	June	4 716 322	-8,0	2 201 982	21,2	2 622 725	8,5	9 541 029	1,9
	July	5 054 114	7,2	1 928 957	-12,4	2 406 334	-8,3	9 389 405	-1,6
	August	5 844 394	15,6	2 599 885	34,8	2 205 177	-8,4	10 649 456	13,4
	September	4 640 469	-20,6	2 337 867	-10,1	2 364 275	7,2	9 342 611	-12,3
	October	3 654 663	-21,2	1 832 076	-21,6	2 541 985	7,5	8 028 724	-14,1
	November	4 972 426	36,1	3 035 828	65,7	2 417 516	-4,9	10 425 770	29,9
	December	4 846 586	-2,5	969 634	-68,1	2 384 454	-1,4	8 200 674	-21,3
<b>2019</b>	January	4 142 358	-14,5	1 611 299	66,2	2 394 843	0,4	8 148 500	-0,6
	February	6 486 398	56,6	1 973 308	22,5	2 519 530	5,2	10 979 236	34,7
	<b>Sep. – Nov. 18</b>	<b>13 267 558</b>		<b>7 205 771</b>		<b>7 323 776</b>		<b>27 797 105</b>	
	<b>Dec. 18 – Feb. 19 2/</b>	<b>15 475 342</b>	<b>16,6</b>	<b>4 554 241</b>	<b>-36,8</b>	<b>7 298 827</b>	<b>-0,3</b>	<b>27 328 410</b>	<b>-1,7</b>

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
<b>2018</b>	January	2 977 237	3,6	1 153 381	-33,8	1 781 595	15,1	5 912 213	-4,1
	February	4 112 135	0,4	2 866 357	7,4	2 052 296	5,2	9 030 788	3,6
	March	3 756 758	-11,7	1 467 869	-9,2	2 214 859	8,0	7 439 486	-6,1
	April	4 048 339	11,1	1 531 649	63,9	1 872 687	5,1	7 452 675	17,1
	May	4 894 628	18,3	1 570 459	-27,1	2 140 173	-1,6	8 605 260	1,6
	June	4 269 716	-6,6	1 894 993	-8,2	2 325 667	-1,5	8 490 376	-5,6
	July	4 406 701	-20,6	1 641 666	-34,5	2 325 151	-0,8	8 373 518	-19,5
	August	5 536 573	35,9	2 220 226	-13,0	2 104 325	-19,9	9 861 124	6,6
	September	3 923 262	-0,8	1 977 891	34,9	2 093 618	-12,3	7 994 771	2,4
	October	3 506 075	-24,5	1 536 977	-7,8	2 660 198	1,5	7 703 250	-13,7
	November	4 382 304	7,6	2 540 442	-25,2	2 172 618	-10,4	9 095 364	-8,1
	December	3 352 893	-8,9	814 134	-63,1	1 567 431	-9,1	5 734 458	-24,6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>49 166 621</b>	<b>-0,8</b>	<b>21 216 044</b>	<b>-15,0</b>	<b>25 310 618</b>	<b>-2,6</b>	<b>95 693 283</b>	<b>-4,8</b>
<b>2019</b>	January	2 660 652	-10,6	1 358 599	17,8	1 549 303	-13,0	5 568 554	-5,8
	February	5 528 730	34,4	1 647 169	-42,5	2 019 134	-1,6	9 195 033	1,8

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
<b>2018</b>	January	4 182 837	-3,5	1 153 381	-47,7	2 301 040	4,2	7 637 258	-12,7
	February	4 063 573	-2,9	2 866 357	148,5	2 130 927	-7,4	9 060 857	18,6
	March	4 063 665	0,0	1 467 869	-48,8	2 479 576	16,4	8 011 110	-11,6
	April	3 992 800	-1,7	1 531 649	4,3	1 944 788	-21,6	7 469 237	-6,8
	May	4 427 185	10,9	1 570 459	2,5	2 093 267	7,6	8 090 911	8,3
	June	4 080 841	-7,8	1 894 993	20,7	2 274 975	8,7	8 250 809	2,0
	July	4 249 376	4,1	1 641 666	-13,4	2 047 003	-10,0	7 938 045	-3,8
	August	4 977 952	17,1	2 220 226	35,2	1 901 432	-7,1	9 099 610	14,6
	September	3 932 346	-21,0	1 977 891	-10,9	2 008 401	5,6	7 918 638	-13,0
	October	3 095 907	-21,3	1 536 977	-22,3	2 126 777	5,9	6 759 661	-14,6
	November	4 127 469	33,3	2 540 442	65,3	2 030 436	-4,5	8 698 347	28,7
	December	4 004 932	-3,0	814 134	-68,0	2 006 361	-1,2	6 825 427	-21,5
<b>2019</b>	January	3 513 580	-12,3	1 358 599	66,9	2 019 862	0,7	6 892 041	1,0
	February	5 426 260	54,4	1 647 169	21,2	2 099 565	3,9	9 172 994	33,1
	<b>Sep. – Nov. 18</b>	<b>11 155 722</b>		<b>6 055 310</b>		<b>6 165 614</b>		<b>23 376 646</b>	
	<b>Dec. 18 – Feb. 19 2/</b>	<b>12 944 772</b>	<b>16,0</b>	<b>3 819 902</b>	<b>-36,9</b>	<b>6 125 788</b>	<b>-0,6</b>	<b>22 890 462</b>	<b>-2,1</b>

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2018	January	2 685 943	13,8	807 034	-39,1	792 693	4,9	4 285 670	-3,4
	February	2 996 399	0,3	1 521 419	91,7	1 053 541	25,5	5 571 359	20,6
	March	2 823 654	-21,4	1 044 722	-57,7	1 068 288	-2,6	4 936 664	-31,0
	April	3 373 893	-9,4	1 205 988	44,3	890 508	29,3	5 470 389	4,3
	May	3 191 090	6,5	1 473 491	1,0	903 658	-3,7	5 568 239	3,2
	June	3 381 928	6,2	1 478 214	-47,4	1 020 156	-8,9	5 880 298	-17,3
	July	4 918 774	76,2	1 649 068	16,2	1 362 088	55,0	7 929 930	55,8
	August	2 862 038	-5,3	1 060 192	-31,1	1 181 840	5,4	5 104 070	-10,2
	September	4 790 862	58,8	2 712 580	-22,5	955 730	-22,6	8 459 172	9,1
	October	3 696 841	10,9	1 566 033	-41,3	1 142 493	37,4	6 405 367	-6,3
	November	5 964 109	62,8	1 078 925	-66,9	1 121 099	-1,8	8 164 133	1,3
	December	3 779 538	-9,1	1 201 138	39,1	825 065	-13,9	5 805 741	-2,9
	<b>Total</b>	<b>44 465 069</b>	<b>14,5</b>	<b>16 798 804</b>	<b>-26,8</b>	<b>12 317 159</b>	<b>6,1</b>	<b>73 581 032</b>	<b>0,3</b>
2019	January	3 215 693	19,7	1 129 725	40,0	704 984	-11,1	5 050 402	17,8
	February	3 632 167	21,2	3 148 389	106,9	994 229	-5,6	7 774 785	39,5

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
<b>2018</b>	January	3 396 458	-15,1	807 034	-6,5	1 034 232	-5,6	5 237 724	-12,1
	February	3 288 693	-3,2	1 521 419	88,5	1 043 230	0,9	5 853 342	11,8
	March	2 872 033	-12,7	1 044 722	-31,3	1 027 305	-1,5	4 944 060	-15,5
	April	3 367 059	17,2	1 205 988	15,4	892 139	-13,2	5 465 186	10,5
	May	3 379 630	0,4	1 473 491	22,2	926 085	3,8	5 779 206	5,7
	June	3 402 986	0,7	1 478 214	0,3	963 652	4,1	5 844 852	1,1
	July	5 070 040	49,0	1 649 068	11,6	1 404 249	45,7	8 123 357	39,0
	August	2 955 732	-41,7	1 060 192	-35,7	1 097 424	-21,8	5 113 348	-37,1
	September	4 214 225	42,6	2 712 580	155,9	909 069	-17,2	7 835 874	53,2
	October	3 520 571	-16,5	1 566 033	-42,3	1 062 304	16,9	6 148 908	-21,5
	November	4 955 066	40,7	1 078 925	-31,1	1 025 869	-3,4	7 059 860	14,8
	December	3 616 200	-27,0	1 201 138	11,3	931 247	-9,2	5 748 585	-18,6
<b>2019</b>	January	4 063 852	12,4	1 129 725	-5,9	922 161	-1,0	6 115 738	6,4
	February	3 975 728	-2,2	3 148 389	178,7	994 457	7,8	8 118 574	32,7
	<b>Sep. – Nov. 18</b>	<b>12 689 862</b>		<b>5 357 538</b>		<b>2 997 242</b>		<b>21 044 642</b>	
	<b>Dec. 18 – Feb. 19 2/</b>	<b>11 655 780</b>	<b>-8,1</b>	<b>5 479 252</b>	<b>2,3</b>	<b>2 847 865</b>	<b>-5,0</b>	<b>19 982 897</b>	<b>-5,0</b>

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2018	January	2 335 603	8,9	701 769	-41,7	689 298	0,4	3 726 670	-7,6
	February	2 605 564	-3,4	1 322 973	84,7	916 123	20,9	4 844 660	16,2
	March	2 453 218	-24,1	907 665	-59,2	928 139	-6,0	4 289 022	-33,4
	April	2 921 119	-12,7	1 044 145	39,0	771 003	24,6	4 736 267	0,5
	May	2 758 073	3,3	1 273 545	-2,0	781 035	-6,5	4 812 653	0,2
	June	2 910 437	2,3	1 272 129	-49,3	877 931	-12,2	5 060 497	-20,4
	July	4 186 191	67,9	1 403 462	10,8	1 159 224	47,8	6 748 877	48,5
	August	2 444 097	-8,9	905 373	-33,7	1 009 257	1,3	4 358 727	-13,6
	September	4 053 183	52,3	2 294 907	-25,7	808 570	-25,7	7 156 660	4,7
	October	3 101 377	6,3	1 313 786	-43,8	958 467	31,6	5 373 630	-10,2
	November	4 990 886	56,5	902 866	-68,1	938 158	-5,6	6 831 910	-2,6
	December	3 173 416	-12,3	1 008 512	34,4	692 750	-16,9	4 874 678	-6,3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>37 933 164</b>	<b>10,0</b>	<b>14 351 132</b>	<b>-29,5</b>	<b>10 529 955</b>	<b>2,1</b>	<b>62 814 251</b>	<b>-3,6</b>
2019	January	2 711 377	16,1	952 551	35,7	594 422	-13,8	4 258 350	14,3
	February	3 031 859	16,4	2 628 038	98,6	829 907	-9,4	6 489 804	34,0

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
<b>2018</b>	January	2 942 008	-15,0	701 769	-6,5	895 507	-5,8	4 539 284	-12,0
	February	2 862 787	-2,7	1 322 973	88,5	908 750	1,5	5 094 510	12,2
	March	2 502 205	-12,6	907 665	-31,4	890 538	-2,0	4 300 408	-15,6
	April	2 920 809	16,7	1 044 145	15,0	774 691	-13,0	4 739 645	10,2
	May	2 927 273	0,2	1 273 545	22,0	801 406	3,4	5 002 224	5,5
	June	2 932 673	0,2	1 272 129	-0,1	830 632	3,6	5 035 434	0,7
	July	4 325 960	47,5	1 403 462	10,3	1 196 666	44,1	6 926 088	37,5
	August	2 529 909	-41,5	905 373	-35,5	936 635	-21,7	4 371 917	-36,9
	September	3 563 916	40,9	2 294 907	153,5	768 514	-17,9	6 627 337	51,6
	October	2 960 732	-16,9	1 313 786	-42,8	891 226	16,0	5 165 744	-22,1
	November	4 123 240	39,3	902 866	-31,3	858 864	-3,6	5 884 970	13,9
	December	3 019 521	-26,8	1 008 512	11,7	780 110	-9,2	4 808 143	-18,3
<b>2019</b>	January	3 412 516	13,0	952 551	-5,5	774 482	-0,7	5 139 549	6,9
	February	3 322 819	-2,6	2 628 038	175,9	831 437	7,4	6 782 294	32,0
	<b>Sep. – Nov. 18</b>	<b>10 647 888</b>		<b>4 511 559</b>		<b>2 518 604</b>		<b>17 678 051</b>	
	<b>Dec. 18 – Feb. 19 2/</b>	<b>9 754 856</b>	<b>-8,4</b>	<b>4 589 101</b>	<b>1,7</b>	<b>2 386 029</b>	<b>-5,3</b>	<b>16 729 986</b>	<b>-5,4</b>

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

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

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

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

			Feb. 2018	Jan. 2019	Feb. 2019	Jan. - Feb. 2018	Jan. - Feb. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 883	364	919	3 440	1 283	-62,7
		square metres	89 307	20 355	47 530	158 107	67 885	-57,1
		R'000	513 878	122 677	270 366	782 804	393 043	-49,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 201	802	1 108	2 168	1 910	-11,9
		square metres	317 893	219 507	289 936	587 538	509 443	-13,3
		R'000	2 267 365	1 609 032	2 142 170	4 203 437	3 751 202	-10,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	3 283	1 555	3 991	5 291	5 546	4,8
		square metres	282 646	155 625	484 888	442 229	640 513	44,8
		R'000	1 927 278	1 388 537	4 075 760	3 115 149	5 464 297	75,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	3 791	4 959	16 921	8 789	21 880	148,9
		R'000	20 434	35 287	135 122	51 388	170 409	231,6
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>4 728 955</b>	<b>3 155 533</b>	<b>6 623 418</b>	<b>8 152 778</b>	<b>9 778 951</b>	<b>19,9</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	127 400	29 255	38 447	160 193	67 702	-57,7
		R'000	1 294 176	304 397	309 320	1 618 864	613 717	-62,1
	Shopping space	square metres	74 539	55 480	71 964	115 925	127 444	9,9
		R'000	569 300	433 283	525 304	858 629	958 587	11,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	151 038	104 691	130 991	243 469	235 682	-3,2
		R'000	942 058	658 189	784 458	1 492 499	1 442 647	-3,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	63 050	29 012	50 279	83 336	79 291	-4,9
		R'000	490 776	215 430	354 226	652 706	569 656	-12,7
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 296 310</b>	<b>1 611 299</b>	<b>1 973 308</b>	<b>4 622 698</b>	<b>3 584 607</b>	<b>-22,5</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	228 987	175 311	233 374	406 840	408 685	0,5
		R'000	1 627 618	1 336 917	1 772 085	2 896 185	3 109 002	7,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	71 907	41 389	53 728	160 363	95 117	-40,7
		R'000	732 522	500 556	646 837	1 512 789	1 147 393	-24,2
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 360 140</b>	<b>1 837 473</b>	<b>2 418 922</b>	<b>4 408 974</b>	<b>4 256 395</b>	<b>-3,5</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>10 385 405</b>	<b>6 604 305</b>	<b>11 015 648</b>	<b>17 184 450</b>	<b>17 619 953</b>	<b>2,5</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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. 2018	Jan. 2019	Feb. 2019	Jan. - Feb. 2018	Jan. - Feb. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	857	116	432	934	548	-41,3
		square metres	40 343	5 683	18 366	44 322	24 049	-45,7
		R'000	228 211	38 741	92 827	256 110	131 568	-48,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	469	234	358	787	592	-24,8
		square metres	107 493	58 018	93 401	185 667	151 419	-18,4
		R'000	729 627	378 123	632 190	1 249 881	1 010 313	-19,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2 054	215	262	2 577	477	-81,5
		square metres	166 671	29 240	36 207	219 978	65 447	-70,2
		R'000	1 016 110	214 628	273 245	1 442 336	487 873	-66,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	600	4 711	6 877	1 577	11 588	634,8
		R'000	3 599	33 371	55 590	10 246	88 961	768,3
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 977 547</b>	<b>664 863</b>	<b>1 053 852</b>	<b>2 958 573</b>	<b>1 718 715</b>	<b>-41,9</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	11 652	0	22 089	17 499	22 089	26,2
		R'000	85 009	0	186 868	131 029	186 868	42,6
	Shopping space	square metres	38 572	41 387	10 463	43 782	51 850	18,4
		R'000	311 293	328 231	82 487	354 920	410 718	15,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	35 578	18 944	27 288	54 766	46 232	-15,6
		R'000	259 619	125 234	187 207	372 115	312 441	-16,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	34 020	22 357	38 474	38 150	60 831	59,5
		R'000	256 497	168 769	271 849	285 975	440 618	54,1
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>912 418</b>	<b>622 234</b>	<b>728 411</b>	<b>1 144 039</b>	<b>1 350 645</b>	<b>18,1</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	69 134	44 683	67 805	125 616	112 488	-10,5
		R'000	458 296	304 372	451 833	836 348	756 205	-9,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	22 926	15 537	19 678	36 041	35 215	-2,3
		R'000	232 282	155 413	216 794	359 129	372 207	3,6
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>690 578</b>	<b>459 785</b>	<b>668 627</b>	<b>1 195 477</b>	<b>1 128 412</b>	<b>-5,6</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 580 543</b>	<b>1 746 882</b>	<b>2 450 890</b>	<b>5 298 089</b>	<b>4 197 772</b>	<b>-20,8</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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. 2018	Jan. 2019	Feb. 2019	Jan. - Feb. 2018	Jan. - Feb. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	341	16	14	463	30	-93,5
		square metres	15 092	980	771	20 318	1 751	-91,4
		R'000	102 219	5 728	4 772	122 622	10 500	-91,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	98	61	86	155	147	-5,2
		square metres	22 752	12 381	17 058	35 683	29 439	-17,5
		R'000	145 314	82 618	115 597	227 971	198 215	-13,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	37	25	26	943	51	-94,6
		square metres	3 737	4 100	2 982	51 508	7 082	-86,3
		R'000	24 756	23 136	19 680	319 039	42 816	-86,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	224	0	0	224	0	..
		R'000	1 511	0	0	1 511	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>273 800</b>	<b>111 482</b>	<b>140 049</b>	<b>671 143</b>	<b>251 531</b>	<b>-62,5</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 312	1 238	1 767	2 345	3 005	28,1
		R'000	8 329	7 837	11 309	14 886	19 146	28,6
	Shopping space	square metres	120	451	6 633	1 255	7 084	464,5
		R'000	571	2 223	35 201	7 776	37 424	381,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	22 856	13 492	7 303	23 320	20 795	-10,8
		R'000	140 411	85 634	46 626	143 356	132 260	-7,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 791	296	790	4 433	1 086	-75,5
		R'000	23 408	1 469	5 667	27 485	7 136	-74,0
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>172 719</b>	<b>97 163</b>	<b>98 803</b>	<b>193 503</b>	<b>195 966</b>	<b>1,3</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	21 758	14 823	17 529	34 938	32 352	-7,4
		R'000	135 570	94 626	112 938	220 576	207 564	-5,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	5 579	6 256	4 339	12 827	10 595	-17,4
		R'000	39 743	37 411	25 649	85 001	63 060	-25,8
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>175 313</b>	<b>132 037</b>	<b>138 587</b>	<b>305 577</b>	<b>270 624</b>	<b>-11,4</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>621 832</b>	<b>340 682</b>	<b>377 439</b>	<b>1 170 223</b>	<b>718 121</b>	<b>-38,6</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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. 2018	Jan. 2019	Feb. 2019	Jan. - Feb. 2018	Jan. - Feb. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	0	2	2	2	0,0
		square metres	53	0	102	103	102	-1,0
		R'000	426	0	760	828	760	-8,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	40	9	23	48	32	-33,3
		square metres	6 314	1 880	4 331	8 037	6 211	-22,7
		R'000	41 453	12 610	29 793	52 696	42 403	-19,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	0	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	294	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	2 058	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>41 879</b>	<b>12 610</b>	<b>30 553</b>	<b>55 582</b>	<b>43 163</b>	<b>-22,3</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	504	7 269	504	-93,1
		R'000	0	0	3 780	58 450	3 780	-93,5
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 057	0	1 486	4 559	1 486	-67,4
		R'000	16 217	0	8 754	29 504	8 754	-70,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 935	0	240	1 999	240	-88,0
		R'000	15 559	0	1 800	16 074	1 800	-88,8
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>31 776</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14 334</b>	<b>104 028</b>	<b>14 334</b>	<b>-86,2</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 464	2 754	4 137	3 625	6 891	90,1
		R'000	16 717	19 613	31 513	24 818	51 126	106,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	138	450	3 558	7 217	4 008	-44,5
		R'000	1 220	4 255	28 051	58 052	32 306	-44,3
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>17 937</b>	<b>23 868</b>	<b>59 564</b>	<b>82 870</b>	<b>83 432</b>	<b>0,7</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>91 592</b>	<b>36 478</b>	<b>104 451</b>	<b>242 480</b>	<b>140 929</b>	<b>-41,9</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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. 2018	Jan. 2019	Feb. 2019	Jan. - Feb. 2018	Jan. - Feb. 2019	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	14	7	28	21	-25,0	
		square metres	183	833	451	1 494	1 284	-14,1	
		R'000	1 212	6 233	2 807	7 299	9 040	23,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	58	58	32	120	90	-25,0	
		square metres	12 751	11 251	6 894	27 694	18 145	-34,5	
		R'000	79 271	69 502	42 710	172 381	112 212	-34,9	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	22	29	76	140	105	-25,0	
		square metres	675	2 173	5 236	6 601	7 409	12,2	
		R'000	4 999	14 719	39 152	47 437	53 871	13,6	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 604	248	879	1 756	1 127	-35,8	
		R'000	7 777	1 916	4 365	8 501	6 281	-26,1	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	93 259	92 370	89 034	235 618	181 404	-23,0
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	319	120	0	439	..
R'000			0	1 584	596	0	2 180	..	
Shopping space		square metres	5 158	827	6 199	11 839	7 026	-40,7	
		R'000	38 200	5 721	30 784	78 286	36 505	-53,4	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	6 440	2 417	0	6 440	2 417	-62,5	
		R'000	33 888	15 469	0	33 888	15 469	-54,4	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	557	0	2 708	958	2 708	182,7	
		R'000	3 418	0	20 917	5 929	20 917	252,8	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	75 506	22 774	52 297	118 103	75 071	-36,4	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 703	7 038	7 180	21 088	14 218	-32,6
	R'000		71 088	46 304	44 719	140 049	91 023	-35,0	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	2 504	2 455	35 680	4 959	-86,1	
		R'000	1 457	31 615	76 667	296 188	108 282	-63,4	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	72 545	77 919	121 386	436 237	199 305	-54,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	241 310	193 063	262 717	789 958	455 780	-42,3	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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. 2018	Jan. 2019	Feb. 2019	Jan. - Feb. 2018	Jan. - Feb. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	17	13	8	24	21	-12,5
		square metres	998	737	469	1 414	1 206	-14,7
		R'000	7 136	7 122	3 359	10 299	10 481	1,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	84	78	107	152	185	21,7
		square metres	27 981	23 900	32 032	49 310	55 932	13,4
		R'000	270 298	236 235	309 394	476 487	545 629	14,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	168	842	72	353	914	158,9
		square metres	22 196	84 618	13 516	42 753	98 134	129,5
		R'000	234 657	814 612	174 627	436 531	989 239	126,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	4 448	0	4 448	..
		R'000	0	0	48 928	0	48 928	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>512 091</b>	<b>1 057 969</b>	<b>536 308</b>	<b>923 317</b>	<b>1 594 277</b>	<b>72,7</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	90 955	0	3 690	91 226	3 690	-96,0
		R'000	968 262	0	18 450	970 159	18 450	-98,1
	Shopping space	square metres	1 568	864	12 218	2 508	13 082	421,6
		R'000	16 851	9 504	120 877	25 364	130 381	414,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	48 345	48 845	32 413	81 491	81 258	-0,3
		R'000	294 254	293 064	210 730	483 744	503 794	4,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	806	1 191	3 549	806	4 740	488,1
		R'000	7 386	11 120	30 755	7 386	41 875	467,0
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 286 753</b>	<b>313 688</b>	<b>380 812</b>	<b>1 486 653</b>	<b>694 500</b>	<b>-53,3</b>
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	26 464	29 031	37 164	43 885	50,8
			R'000	268 568	292 035	357 721	434 716	49,5
		Other buildings 4/	square metres	27 096	7 640	11 957	34 391	-43,0
			R'000	314 708	113 985	159 450	420 522	-35,0
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>583 276</b>	<b>406 020</b>	<b>517 171</b>	<b>855 238</b>	<b>923 191</b>	<b>7,9</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 382 120</b>	<b>1 777 677</b>	<b>1 434 291</b>	<b>3 265 208</b>	<b>3 211 968</b>	<b>-1,6</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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. 2018	Jan. 2019	Feb. 2019	Jan. - Feb. 2018	Jan. - Feb. 2019	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	5	6	15	8	21	162,5	
		square metres	290	290	831	480	1 121	133,5	
		R'000	1 578	1 590	4 126	2 594	5 716	120,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	40	47	49	96	96	0,0	
		square metres	12 461	11 688	13 714	25 719	25 402	-1,2	
		R'000	68 560	67 416	81 131	140 362	148 547	5,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	429	29	42	522	71	-86,4	
		square metres	36 595	3 227	4 596	42 083	7 823	-81,4	
		R'000	182 975	17 238	28 682	214 413	45 920	-78,6	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	253 113	86 244	113 939	357 369	200 183	-44,0
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 095	2 175	0	2 095	2 175	3,8
R'000			10 421	10 801	0	10 421	10 801	3,6	
Shopping space		square metres	11 906	0	8 320	11 906	8 320	-30,1	
		R'000	67 800	0	56 600	67 800	56 600	-16,5	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	8 478	0	0	8 478	0	..	
		R'000	42 395	0	0	42 395	0	..	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	1 956	0	0	1 956	0	..	
		R'000	9 777	0	0	9 777	0	..	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	130 393	10 801	56 600	130 393	67 401	-48,3	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 313	8 762	5 903	18 455	14 665	-20,5	
		R'000	54 865	48 494	34 489	98 066	82 983	-15,4	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	644	758	530	766	1 288	68,1	
		R'000	3 402	4 233	3 515	4 051	7 748	91,3	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	58 267	52 727	38 004	102 117	90 731	-11,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	441 773	149 772	208 543	589 879	358 315	-39,3	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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. 2018	Jan. 2019	Feb. 2019	Jan. - Feb. 2018	Jan. - Feb. 2019	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	647	160	409	1 952	569	-70,9	
		square metres	31 721	9 207	24 542	88 324	33 749	-61,8	
		R'000	170 051	49 475	151 056	375 008	200 531	-46,5	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	258	228	340	567	568	0,2	
		square metres	90 576	73 620	95 892	188 850	169 512	-10,2	
		R'000	717 603	604 089	779 064	1 495 774	1 383 153	-7,5	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	514	398	3 409	678	3 807	461,5	
		square metres	49 288	31 511	414 387	74 152	445 898	501,3	
		R'000	442 714	300 450	3 498 452	626 369	3 798 902	506,5	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	806	0	4 717	806	4 717	485,2	
		R'000	4 895	0	26 239	4 895	26 239	436,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 335 263	954 014	4 454 811	2 502 046	5 408 825	116,2
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	20 900	22 680	6 846	38 858	29 526	-24,0
R'000			219 841	269 288	62 574	429 838	331 862	-22,8	
Shopping space		square metres	15 336	338	23 682	34 113	24 020	-29,6	
		R'000	125 387	2 882	176 902	274 212	179 784	-34,4	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	15 318	17 771	57 376	43 317	75 147	73,5	
		R'000	92 960	122 376	300 013	282 905	422 389	49,3	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	19 037	3 523	1 419	33 781	4 942	-85,4	
		R'000	169 123	24 632	8 010	293 018	32 642	-88,9	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	607 311	419 178	547 499	1 279 973	966 677	-24,5	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	70 721	55 239	77 861	127 920	133 100	4,0	
		R'000	523 224	460 250	646 021	967 871	1 106 271	14,3	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	10 526	6 387	9 063	27 240	15 450	-43,3	
		R'000	85 967	50 520	87 598	214 374	138 118	-35,6	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	609 191	510 770	733 619	1 182 245	1 244 389	5,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 551 765	1 883 962	5 735 929	4 964 264	7 619 891	53,5	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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. 2018	Jan. 2019	Feb. 2019	Jan. - Feb. 2018	Jan. - Feb. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	20	12	22	32	45,5
		square metres	517	1 347	791	1 230	2 138	73,8
		R'000	2 463	6 820	4 150	5 704	10 970	92,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	103	52	71	161	123	-23,6
		square metres	22 297	13 810	12 554	40 362	26 364	-34,7
		R'000	134 518	88 480	76 340	248 899	164 820	-33,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	51	17	0	70	17	-75,7
		square metres	2 169	756	0	3 839	756	-80,3
		R'000	14 111	3 754	0	22 068	3 754	-83,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	557	0	0	3 823	0	..
		R'000	2 652	0	0	22 863	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>153 744</b>	<b>99 054</b>	<b>80 490</b>	<b>299 534</b>	<b>179 544</b>	<b>-40,1</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	486	1 746	3 431	486	5 177	965,2
		R'000	2 314	8 706	25 743	2 314	34 449	1 388,7
	Shopping space	square metres	828	129	3 262	9 231	3 391	-63,3
		R'000	3 943	968	16 558	43 995	17 526	-60,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 064	2 475	1 523	9 813	3 998	-59,3
		R'000	15 303	12 291	11 427	47 435	23 718	-50,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	948	480	2 798	948	3 278	245,8
		R'000	5 608	2 382	13 893	5 608	16 275	190,2
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>27 168</b>	<b>24 347</b>	<b>67 621</b>	<b>99 352</b>	<b>91 968</b>	<b>-7,4</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 451	6 585	11 653	24 995	18 238	-27,0
		R'000	83 889	36 647	70 639	141 118	107 286	-24,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 874	1 131	1 197	2 899	2 328	-19,7
		R'000	35 576	97 152	41 805	53 886	138 957	157,9
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>119 465</b>	<b>133 799</b>	<b>112 444</b>	<b>195 004</b>	<b>246 243</b>	<b>26,3</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>300 377</b>	<b>257 200</b>	<b>260 555</b>	<b>593 890</b>	<b>517 755</b>	<b>-12,8</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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. 2018	Jan. 2019	Feb. 2019	Jan. - Feb. 2018	Jan. - Feb. 2019	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	19	20	7	39	457,1	
		square metres	110	1 278	1 207	422	2 485	488,9	
		R'000	582	6 968	6 509	2 340	13 477	475,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	51	35	42	82	77	-6,1	
		square metres	15 268	12 959	14 060	26 216	27 019	3,1	
		R'000	80 721	69 959	75 951	138 986	145 910	5,0	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	8	0	104	8	104	1 200,0	
		square metres	1 315	0	7 964	1 315	7 964	505,6	
		R'000	6 956	0	41 922	6 956	41 922	502,7	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	309	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	1 314	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	88 259	76 927	124 382	149 596	201 309	34,6
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 097	0	415	1 097	164,3
R'000			0	6 181	0	1 767	6 181	249,8	
Shopping space		square metres	1 051	11 484	1 187	1 291	12 671	881,5	
		R'000	5 255	83 754	5 895	6 276	89 649	1 328,4	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	8 902	747	3 602	11 285	4 349	-61,5	
		R'000	47 011	4 121	19 701	57 157	23 822	-58,3	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	1 165	301	305	1 466	380,7	
		R'000	0	7 058	1 335	1 454	8 393	477,2	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	52 266	101 114	26 931	66 654	128 045	92,1	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 979	6 396	4 142	6 318	10 538	66,8	
		R'000	15 401	34 576	22 212	32 623	56 788	74,1	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 124	726	951	3 302	1 677	-49,2	
		R'000	18 167	5 972	7 308	21 586	13 280	-38,5	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	33 568	40 548	29 520	54 209	70 068	29,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	174 093	218 589	180 833	270 459	399 422	47,7	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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. 2018	Jan. 2019	Feb. 2019	Jan. - Feb. 2018	Jan. - Feb. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 143	515	754	1 381	1 269	-8,1
		square metres	53 228	27 253	38 191	65 397	65 444	0,1
		R'000	289 924	157 687	231 034	356 309	388 721	9,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	860	734	781	1 463	1 515	3,6
		square metres	221 554	190 236	189 948	383 956	380 184	-1,0
		R'000	1 548 998	1 502 786	1 397 945	2 819 288	2 900 731	2,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 153	1 366	1 951	2 899	3 317	14,4
		square metres	146 919	184 129	235 416	313 934	419 545	33,6
		R'000	1 136 259	1 552 881	1 886 834	2 467 028	3 439 715	39,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 964	378	14 329	5 403	14 707	172,2
		R'000	21 218	2 339	116 354	39 717	118 693	198,8
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 996 399</b>	<b>3 215 693</b>	<b>3 632 167</b>	<b>5 682 342</b>	<b>6 847 860</b>	<b>20,5</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	78 047	10 552	78 131	99 666	88 683	-11,0
		R'000	719 701	97 336	817 391	955 907	914 727	-4,3
	Shopping space	square metres	11 703	20 369	119 317	22 751	139 686	514,0
		R'000	91 071	174 682	1 144 032	183 265	1 318 714	619,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	112 003	44 416	137 079	176 437	181 495	2,9
		R'000	565 232	281 171	820 685	969 858	1 101 856	13,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	19 490	86 983	53 710	29 307	140 693	380,1
		R'000	145 415	576 536	366 281	219 423	942 817	329,7
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 521 419</b>	<b>1 129 725</b>	<b>3 148 389</b>	<b>2 328 453</b>	<b>4 278 114</b>	<b>83,7</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	118 079	67 311	89 183	194 838	156 494	-19,7
		R'000	810 252	518 264	658 695	1 351 927	1 176 959	-12,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	28 942	18 317	33 778	53 511	52 095	-2,6
		R'000	243 289	186 720	335 534	494 307	522 254	5,7
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 053 541</b>	<b>704 984</b>	<b>994 229</b>	<b>1 846 234</b>	<b>1 699 213</b>	<b>-8,0</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>5 571 359</b>	<b>5 050 402</b>	<b>7 774 785</b>	<b>9 857 029</b>	<b>12 825 187</b>	<b>30,1</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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. 2018	Jan. 2019	Feb. 2019	Jan. - Feb. 2018	Jan. - Feb. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	482	155	206	580	361	-37,8
		square metres	21 512	7 078	8 900	26 082	15 978	-38,7
		R'000	123 785	40 838	51 175	149 225	92 013	-38,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	256	126	268	437	394	-9,8
		square metres	56 666	30 859	57 445	105 392	88 304	-16,2
		R'000	376 767	200 274	399 411	696 363	599 685	-13,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	610	181	500	1 517	681	-55,1
		square metres	53 406	19 404	49 315	96 924	68 719	-29,1
		R'000	412 402	155 226	401 359	763 567	556 585	-27,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 445	40	13 728	1 445	13 768	852,8
		R'000	10 948	348	112 707	10 948	113 055	932,7
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>923 902</b>	<b>396 686</b>	<b>964 652</b>	<b>1 620 103</b>	<b>1 361 338</b>	<b>-16,0</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	121	0	755	649	755	16,3
		R'000	1 077	0	6 606	5 697	6 606	16,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 025	710	6 830	1 735	-74,6
		R'000	0	5 851	4 360	52 877	10 211	-80,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 175	12 196	44 245	24 765	56 441	127,9
		R'000	35 880	85 306	297 243	168 114	382 549	127,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	8 159	47 171	3 545	11 381	50 716	345,6
		R'000	54 400	329 629	26 826	76 777	356 455	364,3
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>91 357</b>	<b>420 786</b>	<b>335 035</b>	<b>303 465</b>	<b>755 821</b>	<b>149,1</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	30 254	17 690	27 505	63 436	45 195	-28,8
		R'000	184 422	117 174	175 892	380 926	293 066	-23,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	9 155	8 722	13 386	18 301	22 108	20,8
		R'000	91 946	76 706	107 793	205 987	184 499	-10,4
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>276 368</b>	<b>193 880</b>	<b>283 685</b>	<b>586 913</b>	<b>477 565</b>	<b>-18,6</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 291 627</b>	<b>1 011 352</b>	<b>1 583 372</b>	<b>2 510 481</b>	<b>2 594 724</b>	<b>3,4</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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. 2018	Jan. 2019	Feb. 2019	Jan. - Feb. 2018	Jan. - Feb. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	27	82	24	109	354,2
		square metres	325	1 246	3 751	1 214	4 997	311,6
		R'000	1 688	6 950	16 171	6 139	23 121	276,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	33	46	49	66	95	43,9
		square metres	7 074	8 435	10 453	15 057	18 888	25,4
		R'000	45 298	55 139	70 869	97 220	126 008	29,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1	11	6	3	17	466,7
		square metres	71	1 926	813	369	2 739	642,3
		R'000	433	13 154	5 293	2 325	18 447	693,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>47 419</b>	<b>75 243</b>	<b>92 333</b>	<b>105 684</b>	<b>167 576</b>	<b>58,6</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	392	0	0	392	0	..
		R'000	2 696	0	0	2 696	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	6 468	413	6 468	1 466,1
		R'000	0	0	42 251	1 746	42 251	2 319,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 815	794	3 106	5 998	3 900	-35,0
		R'000	17 273	5 695	19 714	37 479	25 409	-32,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	118	0	24 582	118	24 582	20 732,2
		R'000	749	0	157 202	749	157 202	20 888,3
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>20 718</b>	<b>5 695</b>	<b>219 167</b>	<b>42 670</b>	<b>224 862</b>	<b>427,0</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 101	4 379	19 433	13 887	23 812	71,5
		R'000	38 860	25 947	125 023	87 818	150 970	71,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 801	885	3 088	5 729	3 973	-30,7
		R'000	17 782	6 237	21 331	39 677	27 568	-30,5
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>56 642</b>	<b>32 184</b>	<b>146 354</b>	<b>127 495</b>	<b>178 538</b>	<b>40,0</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>124 779</b>	<b>113 122</b>	<b>457 854</b>	<b>275 849</b>	<b>570 976</b>	<b>107,0</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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. 2018	Jan. 2019	Feb. 2019	Jan. - Feb. 2018	Jan. - Feb. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	28	0	28	..
		square metres	0	0	1 767	0	1 767	..
		R'000	0	0	14 207	0	14 207	..
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	3	2	20	5	22	340,0
		square metres	990	423	5 059	1 291	5 482	324,6
		R'000	6 930	3 173	38 850	9 037	42 023	365,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	2	0	2	..
		square metres	0	0	122	0	122	..
		R'000	0	0	915	0	915	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>6 930</b>	<b>3 173</b>	<b>53 972</b>	<b>9 037</b>	<b>57 145</b>	<b>532,3</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>..</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 721	1 173	2 364	4 405	3 537	-19,7
		R'000	20 179	8 798	18 307	32 759	27 105	-17,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	472	0	3 607	554	3 607	551,1
		R'000	3 304	360	32 381	3 859	32 741	748,4
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>23 483</b>	<b>9 158</b>	<b>50 688</b>	<b>36 618</b>	<b>59 846</b>	<b>63,4</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>30 413</b>	<b>12 331</b>	<b>104 660</b>	<b>45 655</b>	<b>116 991</b>	<b>156,3</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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. 2018	Jan. 2019	Feb. 2019	Jan. - Feb. 2018	Jan. - Feb. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	29	1	2	58	3	-94,8
		square metres	1 765	73	143	3 258	216	-93,4
		R'000	12 950	483	897	16 683	1 380	-91,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	19	27	20	33	47	42,4
		square metres	4 302	6 271	3 458	6 695	9 729	45,3
		R'000	25 636	33 756	22 689	42 034	56 445	34,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	112	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	15 607	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	115 585	0	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	259	0	601	402	601	49,5
		R'000	1 463	0	3 647	2 144	3 647	70,1
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>40 049</b>	<b>34 239</b>	<b>27 233</b>	<b>176 446</b>	<b>61 472</b>	<b>-65,2</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	262	631	0	463	631	36,3
		R'000	1 663	3 134	0	2 896	3 134	8,2
	Shopping space	square metres	933	0	0	933	0	..
		R'000	5 923	0	0	5 923	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	943	5 000	535	5 943	1 010,8
		R'000	0	4 683	24 830	3 396	29 513	769,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	478	326	478	46,6
		R'000	0	0	3 692	2 000	3 692	84,6
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>7 586</b>	<b>7 817</b>	<b>28 522</b>	<b>14 215</b>	<b>36 339</b>	<b>155,6</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 597	3 942	2 854	6 727	6 796	1,0
		R'000	13 937	21 024	18 104	34 909	39 128	12,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	919	0	64	954	64	-93,3
		R'000	7 410	131	1 760	8 024	1 891	-76,4
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>21 347</b>	<b>21 155</b>	<b>19 864</b>	<b>42 933</b>	<b>41 019</b>	<b>-4,5</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>68 982</b>	<b>63 211</b>	<b>75 619</b>	<b>233 594</b>	<b>138 830</b>	<b>-40,6</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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. 2018	Jan. 2019	Feb. 2019	Jan. - Feb. 2018	Jan. - Feb. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	12	10	13	20	23	15,0
		square metres	633	568	764	1 111	1 332	19,9
		R'000	6 528	4 696	8 250	11 807	12 946	9,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	81	69	40	174	109	-37,4
		square metres	19 825	28 441	11 892	41 404	40 333	-2,6
		R'000	190 747	320 589	122 020	419 641	442 609	5,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	52	67	92	86	159	84,9
		square metres	12 082	9 900	9 096	17 336	18 996	9,6
		R'000	121 656	110 744	95 957	175 501	206 701	17,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	858	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	10 211	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>318 931</b>	<b>436 029</b>	<b>226 227</b>	<b>617 160</b>	<b>662 256</b>	<b>7,3</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	231	0	57 863	885	57 863	6 438,2
		R'000	1 617	0	636 493	8 811	636 493	7 123,8
	Shopping space	square metres	734	1 907	8 236	734	10 143	1 281,9
		R'000	8 074	20 977	88 700	8 074	109 677	1 258,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 800	3 557	44 585	6 800	48 142	608,0
		R'000	40 976	21 966	268 810	40 976	290 776	609,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 778	16 657	0	2 160	16 657	671,2
		R'000	16 050	86 453	0	18 724	86 453	361,7
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>66 717</b>	<b>129 396</b>	<b>994 003</b>	<b>76 585</b>	<b>1 123 399</b>	<b>1 366,9</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	23 099	11 216	11 273	32 857	22 489	-31,6
		R'000	196 600	131 305	133 057	307 928	264 362	-14,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 178	896	3 302	5 527	4 198	-24,0
		R'000	43 720	23 425	65 035	59 290	88 460	49,2
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>240 320</b>	<b>154 730</b>	<b>198 092</b>	<b>367 218</b>	<b>352 822</b>	<b>-3,9</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>625 968</b>	<b>720 155</b>	<b>1 418 322</b>	<b>1 060 963</b>	<b>2 138 477</b>	<b>101,6</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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. 2018	Jan. 2019	Feb. 2019	Jan. - Feb. 2018	Jan. - Feb. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	46	6	0	50	6	-88,0
		square metres	2 940	396	0	3 174	396	-87,5
		R'000	16 083	3 456	0	17 253	3 456	-80,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	130	129	100	164	229	39,6
		square metres	22 637	18 805	11 802	31 546	30 607	-3,0
		R'000	133 816	101 989	64 770	185 272	166 759	-10,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	83	152	36	210	188	-10,5
		square metres	9 345	10 584	3 246	22 564	13 830	-38,7
		R'000	48 085	65 464	18 795	131 557	84 259	-36,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>197 984</b>	<b>170 909</b>	<b>83 565</b>	<b>334 082</b>	<b>254 474</b>	<b>-23,8</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	548	416	2 000	1 429	2 416	69,1
		R'000	3 479	2 066	10 000	8 421	12 066	43,3
	Shopping space	square metres	525	491	975	525	1 466	179,2
		R'000	2 625	2 438	6 455	2 625	8 893	238,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	2 473	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	10 635	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 255	3 253	815	3 255	4 068	25,0
		R'000	19 609	18 923	5 396	19 609	24 319	24,0
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>25 713</b>	<b>23 427</b>	<b>21 851</b>	<b>41 290</b>	<b>45 278</b>	<b>9,7</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	25 972	6 317	1 334	28 238	7 651	-72,9
		R'000	161 307	39 196	8 766	174 439	47 962	-72,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 441	1 822	0	2 498	1 822	-27,1
		R'000	13 129	12 314	200	13 664	12 514	-8,4
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>174 436</b>	<b>51 510</b>	<b>8 966</b>	<b>188 103</b>	<b>60 476</b>	<b>-67,8</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>398 133</b>	<b>245 846</b>	<b>114 382</b>	<b>563 475</b>	<b>360 228</b>	<b>-36,1</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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. 2018	Jan. 2019	Feb. 2019	Jan. - Feb. 2018	Jan. - Feb. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	508	289	370	580	659	13,6
		square metres	22 619	16 127	19 739	26 609	35 866	34,8
		R'000	109 597	90 046	124 122	133 185	214 168	60,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	244	232	213	460	445	-3,3
		square metres	87 797	79 968	69 682	152 191	149 650	-1,7
		R'000	641 478	690 370	556 196	1 198 923	1 246 566	4,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	391	953	1 302	950	2 255	137,4
		square metres	69 787	141 933	171 523	158 428	313 456	97,9
		R'000	541 897	1 206 186	1 357 156	1 264 674	2 563 342	102,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 260	0	0	1 260	0	..
		R'000	8 807	0	0	8 807	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 301 779</b>	<b>1 986 602</b>	<b>2 037 474</b>	<b>2 605 589</b>	<b>4 024 076</b>	<b>54,4</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	76 493	9 505	17 078	95 848	26 583	-72,3
		R'000	709 169	92 136	161 028	927 386	253 164	-72,7
	Shopping space	square metres	9 307	16 946	86 766	13 112	103 712	691,0
		R'000	73 370	145 416	881 003	110 941	1 026 419	825,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	95 578	25 558	37 205	134 231	62 763	-53,2
		R'000	462 454	157 445	193 915	700 609	351 360	-49,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	6 180	18 551	24 290	12 067	42 841	255,0
		R'000	54 607	134 711	173 165	101 564	307 876	203,1
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 299 600</b>	<b>529 708</b>	<b>1 409 111</b>	<b>1 840 500</b>	<b>1 938 819</b>	<b>5,3</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	23 872	19 538	17 137	38 342	36 675	-4,3
		R'000	175 026	158 399	132 548	294 260	290 947	-1,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	7 523	4 837	7 635	15 944	12 472	-21,8
		R'000	54 754	43 111	64 995	136 656	108 106	-20,9
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>229 780</b>	<b>201 510</b>	<b>197 543</b>	<b>430 916</b>	<b>399 053</b>	<b>-7,4</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 831 159</b>	<b>2 717 820</b>	<b>3 644 128</b>	<b>4 877 005</b>	<b>6 361 948</b>	<b>30,4</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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. 2018	Jan. 2019	Feb. 2019	Jan. - Feb. 2018	Jan. - Feb. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	56	15	42	56	57	1,8
		square metres	3 163	948	2 502	3 163	3 450	9,1
		R'000	17 859	6 711	12 764	17 859	19 475	9,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	75	74	37	86	111	29,1
		square metres	17 246	10 849	12 016	20 069	22 865	13,9
		R'000	102 301	63 632	79 710	118 075	143 342	21,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	1	0	1	..
		square metres	0	0	91	0	91	..
		R'000	0	0	683	0	683	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>120 160</b>	<b>70 343</b>	<b>93 157</b>	<b>135 934</b>	<b>163 500</b>	<b>20,3</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	435	0	435	..
		R'000	0	0	3 264	0	3 264	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	16 162	0	16 162	..
		R'000	0	0	121 263	0	121 263	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	2 938	0	2 938	..
		R'000	0	0	16 173	0	16 173	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	1 149	0	0	1 149	..
		R'000	0	5 706	0	0	5 706	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5 706</b>	<b>140 700</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>146 406</b>	<b>..</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 943	2 830	6 538	6 084	9 368	54,0
		R'000	17 271	15 216	42 905	34 484	58 121	68,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	821	720	2 696	3 372	3 416	1,3
		R'000	4 767	18 837	41 694	20 173	60 531	200,1
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>22 038</b>	<b>34 053</b>	<b>84 599</b>	<b>54 657</b>	<b>118 652</b>	<b>117,1</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>142 198</b>	<b>110 102</b>	<b>318 456</b>	<b>190 591</b>	<b>428 558</b>	<b>124,9</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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. 2018	Jan. 2019	Feb. 2019	Jan. - Feb. 2018	Jan. - Feb. 2019	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	12	11	13	23	76,9	
		square metres	271	817	625	786	1 442	83,5	
		R'000	1 434	4 507	3 448	4 158	7 955	91,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	19	29	34	38	63	65,8	
		square metres	5 017	6 185	8 141	10 311	14 326	38,9	
		R'000	26 025	33 864	43 430	52 723	77 294	46,6	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	16	2	12	21	14	-33,3	
		square metres	2 228	382	1 210	2 706	1 592	-41,2	
		R'000	11 786	2 107	6 676	13 819	8 783	-36,4	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	338	0	1 438	338	-76,5	
		R'000	0	1 991	0	7 607	1 991	-73,8	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	39 245	42 469	53 554	78 307	96 023	22,6
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
R'000			0	0	0	0	0	..	
Shopping space		square metres	204	0	0	204	0	..	
		R'000	1 079	0	0	1 079	0	..	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	1 635	1 368	0	1 635	1 368	-16,3	
		R'000	8 649	6 076	0	8 649	6 076	-29,7	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	202	0	0	202	..	
		R'000	0	1 114	0	0	1 114	..	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	9 728	7 190	0	9 728	7 190	-26,1	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	520	226	745	862	971	12,6
	R'000		2 650	1 205	4 093	4 404	5 298	20,3	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	632	435	0	632	435	-31,2	
		R'000	6 477	5 599	345	6 977	5 944	-14,8	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	9 127	6 804	4 438	11 381	11 242	-1,2
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	58 100	56 463	57 992	99 416	114 455	15,1	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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>	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
	2	In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
<b>Purpose of the survey</b>	3	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
<b>Scope of the survey</b>	4	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• passing of building plans; and</li> <li>• final inspection of completed buildings.</li> </ul>
<b>Classification</b>	5	Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> , (SIC) Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
<b>Collection rate</b>	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for February 2019 was 94,5%. The improved collection rate for January 2019 was 94,5%.
<b>Statistical unit</b>	7	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
<b>Survey methodology and design</b>	8	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.
<b>Constant prices</b>	9	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2015. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: <i>Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP) Work Groups and Selected Materials Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2016=100) are converted to the base year 2015=100.

- Seasonal adjustment**      **10**      Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by US Bureau of the Census Economic Research and Analyses Division, 1968.
- 11**      Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore, the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for building statistics is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at [Click to download building statistics seasonal adjustment May 2017](#)
- Trend cycle**                      **12**      The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.
- Revised figures**                      **13**      Revised figures are due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or to respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. Figures for the latest two years are therefore preliminary. Data are edited at municipal level.
- 14**      Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3: *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 where applicable.
- Related publications**              **15**      Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:
- P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* issued annually;
  - P9101.2: *Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region* issued annually; and
  - *Building Statistics* (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.
- Rounding-off of figures**      **16**      Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.

**Symbols and  
abbreviations**

<b>17</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.



## 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>	<p>Include:</p> <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>

<b>Reference period</b>	One calendar month.
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Buildings that are used primarily as residences. Includes 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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