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Results for January to February 2020

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:
January to February 2019 versus January to February 2020**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Feb 2019 1/	Jan – Feb 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2019 and Jan – Feb 2020	% change between Jan – Feb 2019 and Jan – Feb 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	11 763 712	6 976 947	-4 786 765	-40,7
-Dwelling-houses	4 170 683	4 388 360	217 677	5,2
-Flats and townhouses	7 422 620	2 516 573	-4 906 047	-66,1
-Other residential buildings	170 409	72 014	-98 395	-57,7
Non-residential buildings	3 680 837	3 026 559	-654 278	-17,8
Additions and alterations	4 236 446	4 224 244	-12 202	-0,3
Total	19 680 995	14 227 750	-5 453 245	-27,7

1/ 2019 and 2020 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) decreased by 27,7% (-R5 453,2 million) during January to February 2020 compared with January to February 2019.

Decreases were recorded for residential buildings (-40,7% or -R4 786,8 million), non-residential buildings (-17,8% or -R654,3 million) and additions and alterations (-0,3% or -R12,2 million) – see Table A.

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to February 2019 versus January to February 2020**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Feb 2019 1/	Jan – Feb 2020 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during Jan – Feb 2019	% change between Jan – Feb 2019 and Jan – Feb 2020	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Feb 2019 and Jan – Feb 2020 2/	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2019 and Jan – Feb 2020
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	4 218 908	3 619 232	21,4	-14,2	-3,0	-599 676
Eastern Cape	718 121	926 988	3,6	29,1	1,1	208 867
Northern Cape	140 929	263 091	0,7	86,7	0,6	122 162
Free State	455 780	496 208	2,3	8,9	0,2	40 428
KwaZulu-Natal	3 211 968	2 980 252	16,3	-7,2	-1,2	-231 716
North West	358 315	606 701	1,8	69,3	1,3	248 386
Gauteng	9 659 845	4 342 287	49,1	-55,0	-27,0	-5 317 558
Mpumalanga	517 707	635 787	2,6	22,8	0,6	118 080
Limpopo	399 422	357 204	2,0	-10,6	-0,2	-42 218
Total	19 680 995	14 227 750	100,0	-27,7	-27,7	-5 453 245

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2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January to February 2019 and January to February 2020 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during January to February 2019, divided by 100.

The largest negative contributions to the total decrease of 27,7% (-R5 453,2 million) were made by Gauteng (contributing -27,0 percentage points or -R5 317,6 million), Western Cape (contributing -3,0 percentage points or -R599,7 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -1,2 percentage points or -R231,7 million) – see Table B.

**Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices:
January to February 2019 versus January to February 2020**

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Feb 2019 1/	Jan – Feb 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2019 and Jan – Feb 2020	% change between Jan – Feb 2019 and Jan – Feb 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 877 815	5 600 601	-4 277 214	-43,3
Non-residential buildings	3 091 577	2 430 633	-660 944	-21,4
Additions and alterations	3 558 112	3 391 345	-166 767	-4,7
Total	16 527 504	11 422 579	-5 104 925	-30,9

1/ 2019 and 2020 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 30,9% (-R5 104,9 million) during January to February 2020 compared with January to February 2019. Decreases were recorded for residential buildings (-43,3% or -R4 277,2 million), non-residential buildings (-21,4% or -R660,9 million) and additions and alterations (-4,7% or -R166,8 million) – see Table C.

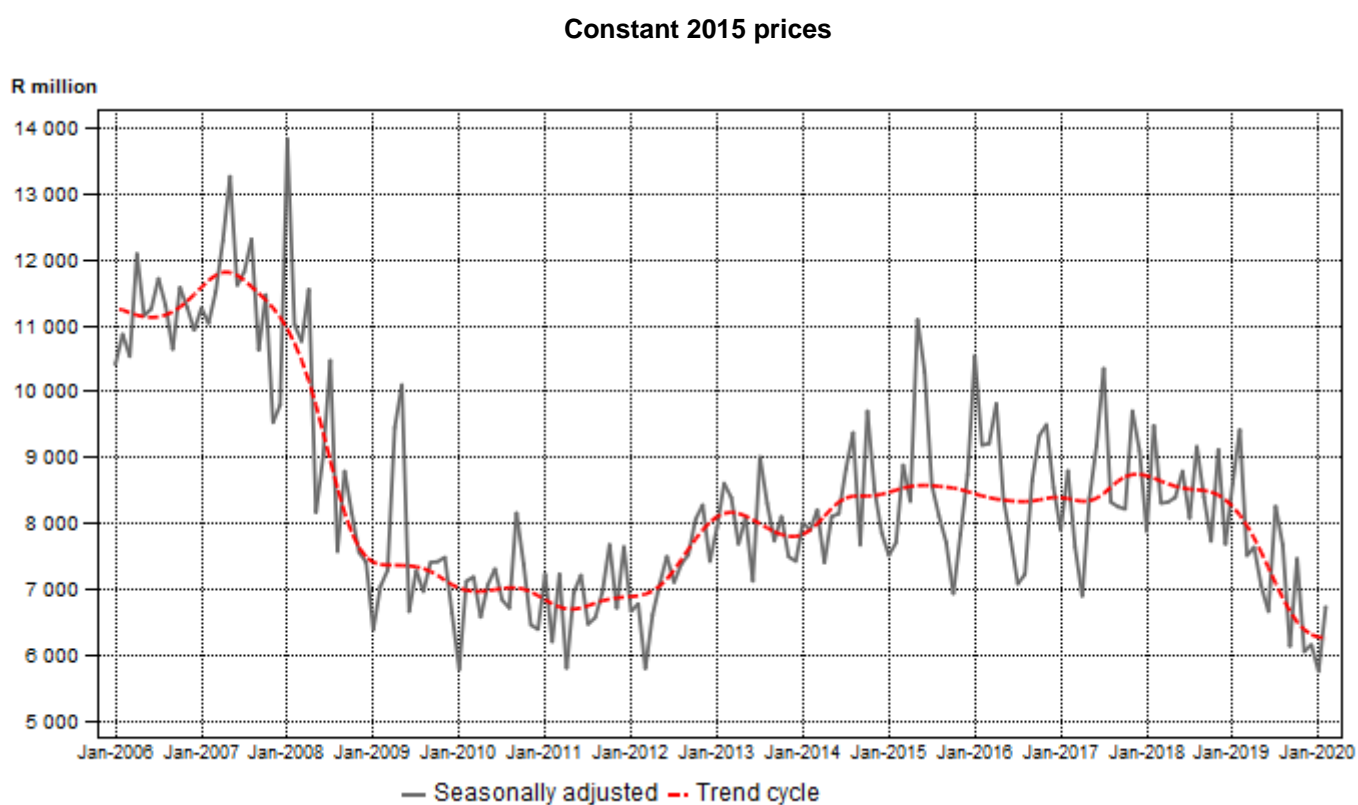
Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Sep – Nov 2019	Dec 2019 – Feb 2020	% change between Sep – Nov 2019 and Dec 2019 – Feb 2020
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 451 420	8 665 384	-8,3
Non-residential buildings 1/	4 250 110	4 030 015	-5,2
Additions and alterations	5 972 984	5 968 664	-0,1
Total	19 674 514	18 664 063	-5,1

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed decreased by 5,1% in the three months ended February 2020 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were recorded for residential buildings (-8,3%), non-residential buildings (-5,2%) and additions and alterations (-0,1%) – 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 2019 versus January to February 2020**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Feb 2019 1/	Jan – Feb 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2019 and Jan – Feb 2020	% change between Jan – Feb 2019 and Jan – Feb 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 877 889	4 987 278	-1 890 611	-27,5
-Dwelling-houses	3 319 481	2 947 962	-371 519	-11,2
-Flats and townhouses	3 439 715	2 007 622	-1 432 093	-41,6
-Other residential buildings	118 693	31 694	-86 999	-73,3
Non-residential buildings	4 286 959	4 334 847	47 888	1,1
Additions and alterations	1 696 252	2 389 287	693 035	40,9
Total	12 861 100	11 711 412	-1 149 688	-8,9

1/ 2019 and 2020 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) decreased by 8,9% (-R1 149,7 million) during January to February 2020 compared with January to February 2019.

A decrease was recorded for residential buildings (-27,5% or -R1 890,6 million). Increases were recorded for additions and alterations (40,9% or R693,0 million) and non-residential buildings (1,1% or R47,9 million) – see Table E.

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to February 2019 versus January to February 2020**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Feb 2019 1/	Jan – Feb 2020 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during Jan – Feb 2019	% change between Jan – Feb 2019 and Jan – Feb 2020	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Feb 2019 and Jan – Feb 2020 2/	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2019 and Jan – Feb 2020
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	2 594 724	3 154 838	20,2	21,6	4,4	560 114
Eastern Cape	570 976	978 030	4,4	71,3	3,2	407 054
Northern Cape	116 991	97 499	0,9	-16,7	-0,2	-19 492
Free State	138 830	149 272	1,1	7,5	0,1	10 442
KwaZulu-Natal	2 138 477	1 563 161	16,6	-26,9	-4,5	-575 316
North West	360 228	232 956	2,8	-35,3	-1,0	-127 272
Gauteng	6 397 861	5 222 498	49,7	-18,4	-9,1	-1 175 363
Mpumalanga	428 558	195 175	3,3	-54,5	-1,8	-233 383
Limpopo	114 455	117 983	0,9	3,1	0,0	3 528
Total	12 861 100	11 711 412	100,0	-8,9	-8,9	-1 149 688

1/ 2019 and 2020 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 2019 and January to February 2020 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January to February 2019, divided by 100.

Five provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed during January to February 2020, of which Gauteng (contributing -9,1 percentage points or -R1 175,4 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -4,5 percentage points or -R575,3 million) and Mpumalanga (contributing -1,8 percentage points or -R233,4 million) were the largest negative contributors. The largest positive contributors were Western Cape (contributing 4,4 percentage points or R560,1 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing 3,2 percentage points or R407,1 million) – see Table F.

**Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices:
January to February 2019 versus January to February 2020**

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Feb 2019 1/	Jan – Feb 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2019 and Jan – Feb 2020	% change between Jan – Feb 2019 and Jan – Feb 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 778 264	4 004 557	-1 773 707	-30,7
Non-residential buildings	3 595 391	3 479 153	-116 238	-3,2
Additions and alterations	1 424 436	1 919 087	494 651	34,7
Total	10 798 091	9 402 797	-1 395 294	-12,9

1/ 2019 and 2020 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) decreased by 12,9% (-R1 395,3 million) during January to February 2020 compared with January to February 2019. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-30,7% or -R1 773,7 million) and non-residential buildings (-3,2% or -R116,2 million). Additions and alterations rose by 34,7% (R494,7 million) – see Table G.

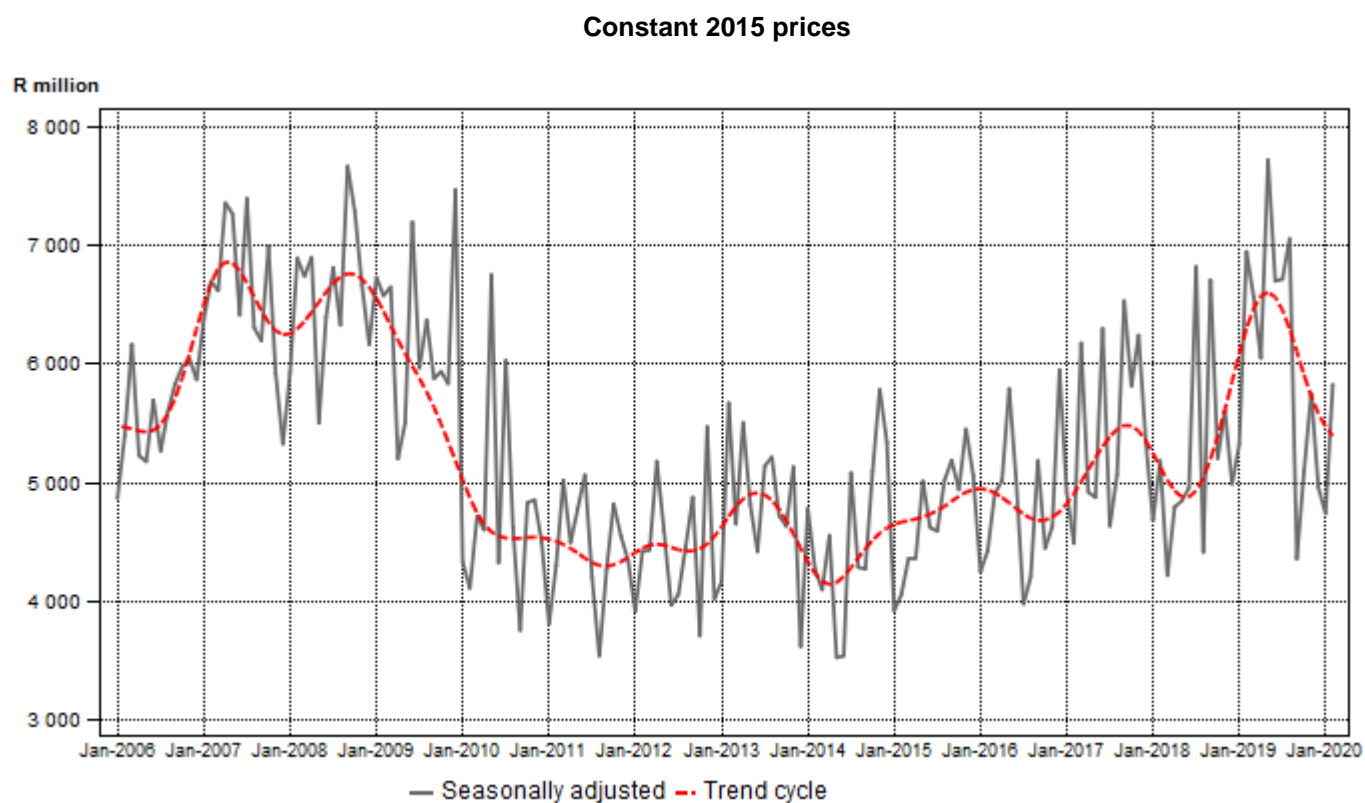
Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Sep – Nov 2019	Dec 2019 – Feb 2020	% change between Sep – Nov 2019 and Dec 2019 – Feb 2020
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	7 993 875	7 275 797	-9,0
Non-residential buildings 1/	4 427 195	5 082 432	14,8
Additions and alterations	2 778 739	3 164 755	13,9
Total	15 199 809	15 522 984	2,1

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 2,1% in the three months ending February 2020 compared with the previous three months. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (14,8%) and additions and alterations (13,9%). Residential buildings fell by 9,0% – 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/
2019	January	4 772 821	39,4	1 611 299	-7,9	1 836 501	-10,4	8 220 621	13,8
	February	6 990 891	47,8	2 069 538	-45,8	2 399 945	1,7	11 460 374	5,1
	March	4 148 476	-7,3	2 414 651	32,7	2 314 165	-9,2	8 877 292	0,4
	April	4 276 398	-24,1	2 091 416	6,3	2 473 785	14,4	8 841 599	-9,4
	May	4 422 359	-22,2	1 664 678	-12,7	2 646 651	6,9	8 733 688	-13,2
	June	4 082 091	-24,9	1 648 322	-34,2	2 534 350	-6,2	8 264 763	-22,3
	July	5 781 318	11,3	1 917 207	-0,6	3 282 645	20,2	10 981 170	11,4
	August	5 031 902	-22,4	2 749 039	-4,7	2 453 296	-0,7	10 234 237	-13,6
	September	3 431 994	-36,3	1 679 577	-29,9	2 703 734	9,3	7 815 305	-23,8
	October	5 218 314	-2,7	2 578 004	36,7	2 772 425	-12,6	10 568 743	1,4
	November	3 846 996	-29,7	997 639	-67,7	2 751 222	6,0	7 595 857	-31,9
	December	2 605 709	-41,8	1 980 035	59,6	1 961 680	5,1	6 547 424	-13,7
	Total	54 609 269	-11,6	23 401 405	-13,9	30 130 399	1,8	108 141 073	-8,8
2020	January	2 609 035	-45,3	1 422 087	-11,7	1 687 952	-8,1	5 719 074	-30,4
	February	4 367 912	-37,5	1 604 472	-22,5	2 536 292	5,7	8 508 676	-25,8

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 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/
2019	January	6 152 656	10,5	1 611 299	29,8	2 458 417	2,3	10 222 372	11,0
	February	6 693 189	8,8	2 069 538	28,4	2 505 809	1,9	11 268 536	10,2
	March	4 183 586	-37,5	2 414 651	16,7	2 500 681	-0,2	9 098 918	-19,3
	April	4 627 317	10,6	2 091 416	-13,4	2 577 294	3,1	9 296 027	2,2
	May	4 307 179	-6,9	1 664 678	-20,4	2 602 432	1,0	8 574 289	-7,8
	June	3 940 317	-8,5	1 648 322	-1,0	2 517 477	-3,3	8 106 116	-5,5
	July	5 482 215	39,1	1 917 207	16,3	2 683 716	6,6	10 083 138	24,4
	August	4 316 562	-21,3	2 749 039	43,4	2 366 194	-11,8	9 431 795	-6,5
	September	3 405 795	-21,1	1 679 577	-38,9	2 504 326	5,8	7 589 698	-19,5
	October	4 352 413	27,8	2 578 004	53,5	2 320 856	-7,3	9 251 273	21,9
	November	3 918 554	-10,0	997 639	-61,3	2 574 208	10,9	7 490 401	-19,0
	December	3 258 682	-16,8	1 980 035	98,5	2 422 108	-5,9	7 660 825	2,3
2020	January	3 422 014	5,0	1 422 087	-28,2	2 314 586	-4,4	7 158 687	-6,6
	February	4 129 613	20,7	1 604 472	12,8	2 689 855	16,2	8 423 940	17,7
	Sep – Nov 19	11 676 762		5 255 220		7 399 390		24 331 372	
	Dec 19 – Feb 20 2/	10 810 309	-7,4	5 006 594	-4,7	7 426 549	0,4	23 243 452	-4,5

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

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

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

Table 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/
2019	January	4 027 697	35,3	1 359 746	-10,6	1 549 790	-13,0	6 937 233	10,5
	February	5 850 118	42,1	1 731 831	-47,9	2 008 322	-2,2	9 590 271	1,0
	March	3 428 493	-11,8	1 995 579	26,2	1 912 533	-13,6	7 336 605	-4,5
	April	3 513 885	-27,9	1 718 501	0,9	2 032 691	8,5	7 265 077	-14,0
	May	3 627 858	-26,1	1 365 610	-17,1	2 171 166	1,4	7 164 634	-17,6
	June	3 351 470	-28,3	1 353 302	-37,2	2 080 747	-10,5	6 785 519	-25,9
	July	4 727 161	7,0	1 567 626	-4,5	2 684 092	15,4	8 978 879	7,1
	August	4 100 980	-25,9	2 240 456	-9,1	1 999 426	-5,3	8 340 862	-17,5
	September	2 776 694	-39,1	1 358 881	-33,0	2 187 487	4,5	6 323 062	-27,2
	October	4 218 524	-6,3	2 084 078	31,7	2 241 249	-15,7	8 543 851	-2,3
	November	3 112 456	-32,1	807 151	-68,8	2 225 908	2,5	6 145 515	-34,2
	December	2 104 773	-44,0	1 599 382	53,5	1 584 556	1,1	5 288 711	-17,0
	Total	44 840 109	-15,1	19 182 143	-17,6	24 677 967	-2,5	88 700 219	-12,5
2020	January	2 100 672	-47,8	1 144 998	-15,8	1 359 060	-12,3	4 604 730	-33,6
	February	3 499 929	-40,2	1 285 635	-25,8	2 032 285	1,2	6 817 849	-28,9

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/
2019	January	5 179 089	11,9	1 359 746	30,5	2 068 865	2,5	8 607 700	12,0
	February	5 597 117	8,1	1 731 831	27,4	2 097 464	1,4	9 426 412	9,5
	March	3 462 008	-38,1	1 995 579	15,2	2 058 074	-1,9	7 515 661	-20,3
	April	3 804 805	9,9	1 718 501	-13,9	2 120 767	3,0	7 644 073	1,7
	May	3 540 403	-6,9	1 365 610	-20,5	2 146 765	1,2	7 052 778	-7,7
	June	3 232 408	-8,7	1 353 302	-0,9	2 083 848	-2,9	6 669 558	-5,4
	July	4 505 581	39,4	1 567 626	15,8	2 192 151	5,2	8 265 358	23,9
	August	3 516 789	-21,9	2 240 456	42,9	1 919 454	-12,4	7 676 699	-7,1
	September	2 746 413	-21,9	1 358 881	-39,3	2 034 643	6,0	6 139 937	-20,0
	October	3 529 372	28,5	2 084 078	53,4	1 860 076	-8,6	7 473 526	21,7
	November	3 175 635	-10,0	807 151	-61,3	2 078 265	11,7	6 061 051	-18,9
	December	2 615 719	-17,6	1 599 382	98,2	1 951 125	-6,1	6 166 226	1,7
2020	January	2 748 174	5,1	1 144 998	-28,4	1 866 327	-4,3	5 759 499	-6,6
	February	3 301 491	20,1	1 285 635	12,3	2 151 212	15,3	6 738 338	17,0
	Sep – Nov 19	9 451 420		4 250 110		5 972 984		19 674 514	
	Dec 19 – Feb 20 2/	8 665 384	-8,3	4 030 015	-5,2	5 968 664	-0,1	18 664 063	-5,1

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

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

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/
2019	January	3 215 693	19,7	1 129 725	40,0	704 984	-11,1	5 050 402	17,8
	February	3 662 196	22,2	3 157 234	107,5	991 268	-5,9	7 810 698	40,2
	March	5 459 272	93,3	1 420 463	36,0	1 490 196	39,5	8 369 931	69,5
	April	4 328 058	28,3	1 623 694	34,6	1 026 808	15,3	6 978 560	27,6
	May	5 249 660	64,5	3 123 392	112,0	1 035 312	14,6	9 408 364	69,0
	June	6 325 555	87,0	1 259 061	-14,8	868 430	-14,9	8 453 046	43,8
	July	4 795 499	-2,5	1 904 394	28,3	1 202 470	-11,7	7 902 363	1,8
	August	5 048 824	76,4	2 136 907	101,6	1 240 827	5,0	8 426 558	65,1
	September	3 405 658	-28,9	1 262 510	-53,5	1 108 538	16,0	5 776 706	-31,7
	October	3 267 018	-11,6	1 860 458	18,8	1 351 483	18,3	6 478 959	1,1
	November	4 771 617	-20,0	2 350 550	117,9	1 224 790	9,2	8 346 957	2,2
	December	2 964 337	-21,6	1 984 860	65,2	1 026 971	24,5	5 976 168	2,9
	Total	52 493 387	18,1	23 213 248	39,6	13 272 077	7,8	88 978 712	21,2
2020	January	2 154 645	-33,0	1 477 291	30,8	1 186 716	68,3	4 818 652	-4,6
	February	2 832 633	-22,7	2 857 556	-9,5	1 202 571	21,3	6 892 760	-11,8

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 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/
2019	January	4 271 266	12,3	1 129 725	-5,9	911 924	-3,4	6 312 915	6,1
	February	4 135 709	-3,2	3 157 234	179,5	1 005 345	10,2	8 298 288	31,4
	March	5 377 688	30,0	1 420 463	-55,0	1 125 729	12,0	7 923 880	-4,5
	April	4 432 989	-17,6	1 623 694	14,3	1 298 686	15,4	7 355 369	-7,2
	May	5 306 430	19,7	3 123 392	92,4	1 069 195	-17,7	9 499 017	29,1
	June	6 046 306	13,9	1 259 061	-59,7	820 891	-23,2	8 126 258	-14,5
	July	5 077 445	-16,0	1 904 394	51,3	1 214 414	47,9	8 196 253	0,9
	August	5 354 527	5,5	2 136 907	12,2	1 153 452	-5,0	8 644 886	5,5
	September	3 045 008	-43,1	1 262 510	-40,9	1 071 272	-7,1	5 378 790	-37,8
	October	3 192 169	4,8	1 860 458	47,4	1 240 928	15,8	6 293 555	17,0
	November	3 636 749	13,9	2 350 550	26,3	1 124 043	-9,4	7 111 342	13,0
	December	2 986 300	-17,9	1 984 860	-15,6	1 175 756	4,6	6 146 916	-13,6
2020	January	2 877 831	-3,6	1 477 291	-25,6	1 526 649	29,8	5 881 771	-4,3
	February	3 192 220	10,9	2 857 556	93,4	1 222 145	-19,9	7 271 921	23,6
	Sep – Nov 19	9 873 926		5 473 518		3 436 243		18 783 687	
	Dec 19 – Feb 20 2/	9 056 351	-8,3	6 319 707	15,5	3 924 550	14,2	19 300 608	2,8

1/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the relevant month compared with the 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/
2019	January	2 713 665	16,2	953 354	35,9	594 923	-13,7	4 261 942	14,4
	February	3 064 599	17,5	2 642 037	99,5	829 513	-9,5	6 536 149	34,8
	March	4 511 795	83,9	1 173 936	29,3	1 231 567	32,7	6 917 298	61,3
	April	3 556 334	21,7	1 334 177	27,8	843 721	9,4	5 734 232	21,1
	May	4 306 530	56,1	2 562 258	101,2	849 313	8,7	7 718 101	60,4
	June	5 193 395	78,4	1 033 712	-18,7	712 997	-18,8	6 940 104	37,1
	July	3 921 095	-6,3	1 557 150	23,3	983 213	-15,2	6 461 458	-2,2
	August	4 114 771	68,4	1 741 570	92,4	1 011 269	0,2	6 867 610	57,6
	September	2 755 387	-32,0	1 021 448	-55,5	896 875	10,9	4 673 710	-34,7
	October	2 641 082	-14,8	1 504 008	14,5	1 092 549	14,0	5 237 639	-2,5
	November	3 860 532	-22,6	1 901 739	110,6	990 930	5,6	6 753 201	-1,2
	December	2 394 456	-24,5	1 603 279	59,0	829 540	19,7	4 827 275	-1,0
	Total	43 033 641	13,4	19 028 668	33,9	10 866 410	3,2	72 928 719	16,4
2020	January	1 734 819	-36,1	1 189 445	24,8	955 488	60,6	3 879 752	-9,0
	February	2 269 738	-25,9	2 289 708	-13,3	963 599	16,2	5 523 045	-15,5

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 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/
2019	January	3 595 984	12,8	953 354	-5,5	774 544	-2,0	5 323 882	6,8
	February	3 464 513	-3,7	2 642 037	177,1	841 226	8,6	6 947 776	30,5
	March	4 455 988	28,6	1 173 936	-55,6	932 551	10,9	6 562 475	-5,5
	April	3 654 159	-18,0	1 334 177	13,6	1 059 577	13,6	6 047 913	-7,8
	May	4 280 818	17,1	2 562 258	92,0	878 777	-17,1	7 721 853	27,7
	June	4 991 292	16,6	1 033 712	-59,7	674 501	-23,2	6 699 505	-13,2
	July	4 163 892	-16,6	1 557 150	50,6	993 406	47,3	6 714 448	0,2
	August	4 376 856	5,1	1 741 570	11,8	939 338	-5,4	7 057 764	5,1
	September	2 465 725	-43,7	1 021 448	-41,3	867 085	-7,7	4 354 258	-38,3
	October	2 588 908	5,0	1 504 008	47,2	1 002 161	15,6	5 095 077	17,0
	November	2 939 242	13,5	1 901 739	26,4	909 493	-9,2	5 750 474	12,9
	December	2 408 154	-18,1	1 603 279	-15,7	947 159	4,1	4 958 592	-13,8
2020	January	2 308 906	-4,1	1 189 445	-25,8	1 239 215	30,8	4 737 566	-4,5
	February	2 558 737	10,8	2 289 708	92,5	978 381	-21,0	5 826 826	23,0
	Sep – Nov 19	7 993 875		4 427 195		2 778 739		15 199 809	
	Dec 19 – Feb 20 2/	7 275 797	-9,0	5 082 432	14,8	3 164 755	13,9	15 522 984	2,1

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

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

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

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

			Feb 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2019	Jan – Feb 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	903	440	3 879	1 267	4 319	240,9
		square metres	46 522	25 200	163 870	66 877	189 070	182,7
		R'000	263 015	170 385	505 312	385 692	675 697	75,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 117	812	1 032	1 917	1 844	-3,8
		square metres	294 469	209 107	283 666	513 512	492 773	-4,0
		R'000	2 178 262	1 582 978	2 129 685	3 784 991	3 712 663	-1,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	4 163	1 134	1 791	6 614	2 925	-55,8
		square metres	525 704	102 566	181 110	885 054	283 676	-67,9
		R'000	4 414 492	845 423	1 671 150	7 422 620	2 516 573	-66,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	16 921	1 531	8 306	21 880	9 837	-55,0
		R'000	135 122	10 249	61 765	170 409	72 014	-57,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	6 990 891	2 609 035	4 367 912	11 763 712	6 976 947	-40,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	42 290	55 027	9 839	71 545	64 866	-9,3
		R'000	330 456	415 144	80 761	634 853	495 905	-21,9
	Shopping space	square metres	73 312	59 863	60 923	128 792	120 786	-6,2
		R'000	538 014	565 823	427 845	971 297	993 668	2,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	131 391	58 353	129 151	236 082	187 504	-20,6
		R'000	786 437	350 035	884 660	1 444 626	1 234 695	-14,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	57 604	14 669	30 126	86 616	44 795	-48,3
		R'000	414 631	91 085	211 206	630 061	302 291	-52,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 069 538	1 422 087	1 604 472	3 680 837	3 026 559	-17,8
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	231 345	165 895	218 649	406 460	-5,4
			R'000	1 757 278	1 232 465	1 672 117	3 093 223	-6,1
		Other buildings 4/	square metres	52 885	41 210	80 763	94 274	29,4
			R'000	642 667	455 487	864 175	1 143 223	15,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 399 945	1 687 952	2 536 292	4 236 446	4 224 244	-0,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	11 460 374	5 719 074	8 508 676	19 680 995	14 227 750	-27,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2019	Jan – Feb 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	432	61	136	548	197	-64,1
		square metres	18 366	3 258	5 929	24 049	9 187	-61,8
		R'000	92 827	18 337	31 218	131 568	49 555	-62,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	358	206	299	592	505	-14,7
		square metres	93 401	50 196	78 730	151 419	128 926	-14,9
		R'000	632 190	335 211	518 334	1 010 313	853 545	-15,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	262	300	432	477	732	53,5
		square metres	36 207	36 285	48 788	65 447	85 073	30,0
		R'000	273 245	281 951	389 400	487 873	671 351	37,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	6 877	450	146	11 588	596	-94,9
		R'000	55 590	3 268	724	88 961	3 992	-95,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 053 852	638 767	939 676	1 718 715	1 578 443	-8,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	25 932	37 233	0	25 932	37 233	43,6
		R'000	208 004	314 937	0	208 004	314 937	51,4
	Shopping space	square metres	10 463	2 707	15 361	51 850	18 068	-65,2
		R'000	82 487	22 383	106 200	410 718	128 583	-68,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	27 288	8 441	16 959	46 232	25 400	-45,1
		R'000	187 207	57 837	116 764	312 441	174 601	-44,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	38 474	9 277	5 507	60 831	14 784	-75,7
		R'000	271 849	53 339	33 124	440 618	86 463	-80,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	749 547	448 496	256 088	1 371 781	704 584	-48,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	67 805	52 478	65 439	112 488	117 917	4,8
		R'000	451 833	334 257	427 493	756 205	761 750	0,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	19 678	19 448	33 823	35 215	53 271	51,3
		R'000	216 794	162 367	412 088	372 207	574 455	54,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	668 627	496 624	839 581	1 128 412	1 336 205	18,4
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 472 026	1 583 887	2 035 345	4 218 908	3 619 232	-14,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2019	Jan – Feb 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	14	9	12	30	21	-30,0
		square metres	771	622	687	1 751	1 309	-25,2
		R'000	4 772	4 084	4 449	10 500	8 533	-18,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	86	70	69	147	139	-5,4
		square metres	17 058	15 151	15 036	29 439	30 187	2,5
		R'000	115 597	103 326	102 012	198 215	205 338	3,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	26	18	3	51	21	-58,8
		square metres	2 982	1 119	746	7 082	1 865	-73,7
		R'000	19 680	7 506	4 923	42 816	12 429	-71,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	140 049	114 916	111 384	251 531	226 300	-10,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 767	0	510	3 005	510	-83,0
		R'000	11 309	0	2 949	19 146	2 949	-84,6
	Shopping space	square metres	6 633	0	31 777	7 084	31 777	348,6
		R'000	35 201	0	222 417	37 424	222 417	494,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	7 303	8 121	19 730	20 795	27 851	33,9
		R'000	46 626	43 954	123 292	132 260	167 246	26,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	790	0	1 345	1 086	1 345	23,8
		R'000	5 667	0	7 124	7 136	7 124	-0,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	98 803	43 954	355 782	195 966	399 736	104,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	17 529	14 215	21 671	32 352	35 886	10,9
		R'000	112 938	94 106	146 503	207 564	240 609	15,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 339	2 401	5 046	10 595	7 447	-29,7
		R'000	25 649	21 355	38 988	63 060	60 343	-4,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	138 587	115 461	185 491	270 624	300 952	11,2
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	377 439	274 331	652 657	718 121	926 988	29,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2019	Jan – Feb 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	1	1	2	2	0,0
		square metres	102	43	50	102	93	-8,8
		R'000	760	378	410	760	788	3,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	23	14	18	32	32	0,0
		square metres	4 331	3 052	5 323	6 211	8 375	34,8
		R'000	29 793	24 962	42 728	42 403	67 690	59,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	90	4	0	94	..
		square metres	0	8 730	316	0	9 046	..
		R'000	0	76 518	2 591	0	79 109	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	5 005	0	5 005	..
		R'000	0	0	41 041	0	41 041	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	30 553	101 858	86 770	43 163	188 628	337,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	504	0	1 165	504	1 165	131,2
		R'000	3 780	0	8 276	3 780	8 276	118,9
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 486	0	2 444	1 486	2 444	64,5
		R'000	8 754	0	20 625	8 754	20 625	135,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	240	0	0	240	0	..
		R'000	1 800	0	0	1 800	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	14 334	0	28 901	14 334	28 901	101,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 137	1 363	3 493	6 891	4 856	-29,5
		R'000	31 513	10 553	28 953	51 126	39 506	-22,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 558	0	708	4 008	708	-82,3
		R'000	28 051	400	5 656	32 306	6 056	-81,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	59 564	10 953	34 609	83 432	45 562	-45,4
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	104 451	112 811	150 280	140 929	263 091	86,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2019	Jan – Feb 2020	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	7	17	21	21	38	81,0	
		square metres	451	960	1 221	1 284	2 181	69,9	
		R'000	2 807	7 590	9 263	9 040	16 853	86,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	32	53	52	90	105	16,7	
		square metres	6 894	11 683	10 966	18 145	22 649	24,8	
		R'000	42 710	87 686	77 885	112 212	165 571	47,6	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	76	35	38	105	73	-30,5	
		square metres	5 236	3 400	3 213	7 409	6 613	-10,7	
		R'000	39 152	27 445	25 790	53 871	53 235	-1,2	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	879	0	0	1 127	0	..	
		R'000	4 365	0	0	6 281	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	89 034	122 721	112 938	181 404	235 659	29,9
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	120	0	0	439	0	..
R'000			596	0	0	2 180	0	..	
Shopping space		square metres	6 199	0	271	7 026	271	-96,1	
		R'000	30 784	0	1 406	36 505	1 406	-96,1	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	0	14 995	600	2 417	15 595	545,2	
		R'000	0	83 135	4 011	15 469	87 146	463,4	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	2 708	0	0	2 708	0	..	
		R'000	20 917	0	0	20 917	0	..	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	52 297	83 135	5 417	75 071	88 552	18,0	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 180	8 132	8 590	14 218	16 722	17,6	
		R'000	44 719	56 198	60 222	91 023	116 420	27,9	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 455	2 190	2 731	4 959	4 921	-0,8	
		R'000	76 667	19 705	35 872	108 282	55 577	-48,7	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	121 386	75 903	96 094	199 305	171 997	-13,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	262 717	281 759	214 449	455 780	496 208	8,9	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2019	Jan – Feb 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	8	19	21	21	40	90,5
		square metres	469	1 149	1 316	1 206	2 465	104,4
		R'000	3 359	9 677	11 239	10 481	20 916	99,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	107	95	71	185	166	-10,3
		square metres	32 032	26 646	23 736	55 932	50 382	-9,9
		R'000	309 394	262 323	236 957	545 629	499 280	-8,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	72	275	393	914	668	-26,9
		square metres	13 516	18 351	55 777	98 134	74 128	-24,5
		R'000	174 627	191 681	634 704	989 239	826 385	-16,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	4 448	0	0	4 448	0	..
		R'000	48 928	0	0	48 928	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	536 308	463 681	882 900	1 594 277	1 346 581	-15,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	3 690	212	4 283	3 690	4 495	21,8
		R'000	18 450	1 590	43 197	18 450	44 787	142,7
	Shopping space	square metres	12 218	33 929	1 536	13 082	35 465	171,1
		R'000	120 877	369 474	9 372	130 381	378 846	190,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	32 413	1 720	43 256	81 258	44 976	-44,7
		R'000	210 730	10 320	312 795	503 794	323 115	-35,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 549	973	1 853	4 740	2 826	-40,4
		R'000	30 755	7 784	13 303	41 875	21 087	-49,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	380 812	389 168	378 667	694 500	767 835	10,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	37 164	22 099	25 335	66 195	47 434	-28,3
		R'000	357 721	236 468	276 647	649 756	513 115	-21,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	11 957	10 013	14 647	19 597	24 660	25,8
		R'000	159 450	169 044	183 677	273 435	352 721	29,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	517 171	405 512	460 324	923 191	865 836	-6,2
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 434 291	1 258 361	1 721 891	3 211 968	2 980 252	-7,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2019	Jan – Feb 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	3	1 032	21	1 035	4 828,6
		square metres	831	207	41 698	1 121	41 905	3 638,2
		R'000	4 126	1 432	103 330	5 716	104 762	1 732,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	49	52	61	96	113	17,7
		square metres	13 714	10 367	14 643	25 402	25 010	-1,5
		R'000	81 131	60 790	90 785	148 547	151 575	2,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	42	57	25	71	82	15,5
		square metres	4 596	7 302	3 146	7 823	10 448	33,6
		R'000	28 682	50 523	17 053	45 920	67 576	47,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 081	2 075	0	3 156	..
		R'000	0	6 981	13 400	0	20 381	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	113 939	119 726	224 568	200 183	344 294	72,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	465	2 175	465	-78,6
		R'000	0	0	3 217	10 801	3 217	-70,2
	Shopping space	square metres	8 320	11 648	6 665	8 320	18 313	120,1
		R'000	56 600	80 593	42 718	56 600	123 311	117,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	3 870	0	3 870	..
		R'000	0	0	24 168	0	24 168	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	1 533	428	0	1 961	..
		R'000	0	8 432	2 221	0	10 653	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	56 600	89 025	72 324	67 401	161 349	139,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 903	9 924	5 750	14 665	15 674	6,9
		R'000	34 489	59 019	34 429	82 983	93 448	12,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	530	295	547	1 288	842	-34,6
		R'000	3 515	3 524	4 086	7 748	7 610	-1,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	38 004	62 543	38 515	90 731	101 058	11,4
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	208 543	271 294	335 407	358 315	606 701	69,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2019	Jan – Feb 2020	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	393	287	2 633	553	2 920	428,0	
		square metres	23 534	16 771	111 618	32 741	128 389	292,1	
		R'000	143 705	114 830	338 004	193 180	452 834	134,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	347	218	354	575	572	-0,5	
		square metres	99 781	63 139	104 865	173 401	168 004	-3,1	
		R'000	811 959	529 157	870 040	1 416 048	1 399 197	-1,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	3 581	344	590	4 875	934	-80,8	
		square metres	455 203	25 027	56 045	690 439	81 072	-88,3	
		R'000	3 837 184	197 224	521 275	5 757 225	718 499	-87,5	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	4 717	0	1 080	4 717	1 080	-77,1	
		R'000	26 239	0	6 600	26 239	6 600	-74,8	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	4 819 087	841 211	1 735 919	7 392 692	2 577 130	-65,1
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	6 846	924	1 930	29 526	2 854	-90,3
R'000			62 574	11 458	14 957	331 862	26 415	-92,0	
Shopping space		square metres	25 030	884	4 580	25 368	5 464	-78,5	
		R'000	189 612	9 514	41 220	192 494	50 734	-73,6	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	57 776	8 879	39 868	75 547	48 747	-35,5	
		R'000	301 992	63 267	268 819	424 368	332 086	-21,7	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	8 744	1 615	20 993	12 267	22 608	84,3	
		R'000	68 415	14 483	155 434	93 047	169 917	82,6	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	622 593	98 722	480 430	1 041 771	579 152	-44,4	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	75 826	42 630	72 163	131 065	114 793	-12,4	
		R'000	631 184	356 779	602 070	1 091 434	958 849	-12,1	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	8 220	6 741	19 368	14 607	26 109	78,7	
		R'000	83 428	69 470	157 686	133 948	227 156	69,6	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	714 612	426 249	759 756	1 225 382	1 186 005	-3,2
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	6 156 292	1 366 182	2 976 105	9 659 845	4 342 287	-55,0	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2019	Jan – Feb 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	12	42	15	32	57	78,1
		square metres	791	2 139	863	2 138	3 002	40,4
		R'000	4 150	13 746	4 553	10 970	18 299	66,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	73	77	68	123	145	17,9
		square metres	13 198	19 536	18 126	26 544	37 662	41,9
		R'000	79 537	125 333	119 103	165 714	244 436	47,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	12	0	17	12	-29,4
		square metres	0	1 798	0	756	1 798	137,8
		R'000	0	9 330	0	3 754	9 330	148,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	83 687	148 409	123 656	180 438	272 065	50,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	3 431	16 658	863	5 177	17 521	238,4
		R'000	25 743	87 159	4 573	34 449	91 732	166,3
	Shopping space	square metres	3 262	10 695	0	3 391	10 695	215,4
		R'000	16 558	83 859	0	17 526	83 859	378,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 523	3 649	2 424	3 998	6 073	51,9
		R'000	11 427	19 170	14 186	23 718	33 356	40,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 798	488	0	3 278	488	-85,1
		R'000	13 893	2 532	0	16 275	2 532	-84,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	67 621	192 720	18 759	91 968	211 479	129,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 659	11 733	11 605	18 048	23 338	29,3
		R'000	70 669	65 640	68 790	106 344	134 430	26,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 197	0	1 860	2 328	1 860	-20,1
		R'000	41 805	6 419	11 394	138 957	17 813	-87,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	112 474	72 059	80 184	245 301	152 243	-37,9
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	263 782	413 188	222 599	517 707	635 787	22,8

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

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

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

			Feb 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2019	Jan – Feb 2020	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	20	1	8	39	9	-76,9	
		square metres	1 207	51	488	2 485	539	-78,3	
		R'000	6 509	311	2 846	13 477	3 157	-76,6	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	42	27	40	77	67	-13,0	
		square metres	14 060	9 337	12 241	27 019	21 578	-20,1	
		R'000	75 951	54 190	71 841	145 910	126 031	-13,6	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	104	3	306	104	309	197,1	
		square metres	7 964	554	13 079	7 964	13 633	71,2	
		R'000	41 922	3 245	75 414	41 922	78 659	87,6	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	124 382	57 746	150 101	201 309	207 847	3,2
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	623	1 097	623	-43,2
R'000			0	0	3 592	6 181	3 592	-41,9	
Shopping space		square metres	1 187	0	733	12 671	733	-94,2	
		R'000	5 895	0	4 512	89 649	4 512	-95,0	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	3 602	12 548	0	4 349	12 548	188,5	
		R'000	19 701	72 352	0	23 822	72 352	203,7	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	301	783	0	1 466	783	-46,6	
		R'000	1 335	4 515	0	8 393	4 515	-46,2	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	26 931	76 867	8 104	128 045	84 971	-33,6	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 142	3 321	4 603	10 538	7 924	-24,8
	R'000		22 212	19 445	27 010	56 788	46 455	-18,2	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	951	122	2 033	1 677	2 155	28,5	
		R'000	7 308	3 203	14 728	13 280	17 931	35,0	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	29 520	22 648	41 738	70 068	64 386	-8,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	180 833	157 261	199 943	399 422	357 204	-10,6	

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

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

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

			Feb 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2019	Jan – Feb 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	682	707	742	1 197	1 449	21,1
		square metres	34 232	34 608	37 881	61 485	72 489	17,9
		R'000	202 172	186 616	221 582	359 859	408 198	13,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	877	535	780	1 611	1 315	-18,4
		square metres	198 025	140 706	190 300	388 261	331 006	-14,7
		R'000	1 456 836	1 104 598	1 434 806	2 959 622	2 539 404	-14,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 951	751	949	3 317	1 700	-48,7
		square metres	235 416	98 529	127 620	419 545	226 149	-46,1
		R'000	1 886 834	831 737	1 175 885	3 439 715	2 007 622	-41,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	14 329	3 254	0	14 707	3 254	-77,9
		R'000	116 354	31 694	0	118 693	31 694	-73,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	3 662 196	2 154 645	2 832 633	6 877 889	4 987 278	-27,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	78 131	27 858	205 257	88 683	233 115	162,9
		R'000	817 391	264 295	2 021 128	914 727	2 285 423	149,8
	Shopping space	square metres	119 317	21 915	29 767	139 686	51 682	-63,0
		R'000	1 144 032	209 733	258 093	1 318 714	467 826	-64,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	138 867	111 295	86 244	183 283	197 539	7,8
		R'000	829 530	748 387	538 714	1 110 701	1 287 101	15,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	53 710	34 516	6 314	140 693	40 830	-71,0
		R'000	366 281	254 876	39 621	942 817	294 497	-68,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	3 157 234	1 477 291	2 857 556	4 286 959	4 334 847	1,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	88 777	88 821	100 653	156 088	189 474	21,4
		R'000	655 734	661 187	722 721	1 173 998	1 383 908	17,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	33 778	38 349	45 186	52 095	83 535	60,4
		R'000	335 534	525 529	479 850	522 254	1 005 379	92,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	991 268	1 186 716	1 202 571	1 696 252	2 389 287	40,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	7 810 698	4 818 652	6 892 760	12 861 100	11 711 412	-8,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

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

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

			Feb 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2019	Jan – Feb 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	206	90	168	361	258	-28,5
		square metres	8 900	4 424	7 301	15 978	11 725	-26,6
		R'000	51 175	24 953	42 633	92 013	67 586	-26,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	268	154	223	394	377	-4,3
		square metres	57 445	44 827	51 711	88 304	96 538	9,3
		R'000	399 411	308 989	337 613	599 685	646 602	7,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	500	141	366	681	507	-25,6
		square metres	49 315	24 782	39 477	68 719	64 259	-6,5
		R'000	401 359	193 315	316 359	556 585	509 674	-8,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	13 728	0	0	13 768	0	..
		R'000	112 707	0	0	113 055	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	964 652	527 257	696 605	1 361 338	1 223 862	-10,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	755	2 091	4 819	755	6 910	815,2
		R'000	6 606	18 034	37 788	6 606	55 822	745,0
	Shopping space	square metres	710	5 944	12 153	1 735	18 097	943,1
		R'000	4 360	43 665	106 163	10 211	149 828	1 367,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	44 245	15 985	29 192	56 441	45 177	-20,0
		R'000	297 243	109 432	194 390	382 549	303 822	-20,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 545	15 927	3 024	50 716	18 951	-62,6
		R'000	26 826	112 035	20 665	356 455	132 700	-62,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	335 035	283 166	359 006	755 821	642 172	-15,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	27 505	40 127	46 569	45 195	86 696	91,8
		R'000	175 892	284 623	289 783	293 066	574 406	96,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	13 386	21 544	33 858	22 108	55 402	150,6
		R'000	107 793	347 329	367 069	184 499	714 398	287,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	283 685	631 952	656 852	477 565	1 288 804	169,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 583 372	1 442 375	1 712 463	2 594 724	3 154 838	21,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2019	Jan – Feb 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	82	13	12	109	25	-77,1
		square metres	3 751	668	773	4 997	1 441	-71,2
		R'000	16 171	3 538	4 852	23 121	8 390	-63,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	49	36	61	95	97	2,1
		square metres	10 453	8 086	13 011	18 888	21 097	11,7
		R'000	70 869	57 554	87 799	126 008	145 353	15,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	6	9	9	17	18	5,9
		square metres	813	1 024	1 016	2 739	2 040	-25,5
		R'000	5 293	6 897	6 842	18 447	13 739	-25,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	92 333	67 989	99 493	167 576	167 482	-0,1
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	6 468	0	0	6 468	0	..
		R'000	42 251	0	0	42 251	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 106	70 304	7 620	3 900	77 924	1 898,1
		R'000	19 714	470 193	48 233	25 409	518 426	1 940,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	24 582	1 786	0	24 582	1 786	-92,7
		R'000	157 202	9 146	0	157 202	9 146	-94,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	219 167	479 339	48 233	224 862	527 572	134,6
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	19 433	14 514	17 669	23 812	35,2
			R'000	125 023	99 224	121 048	150 970	45,9
		Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 088	4 451	4 477	3 973	124,7
			R'000	21 331	30 022	32 682	27 568	127,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	146 354	129 246	153 730	178 538	282 976	58,5
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	457 854	676 574	301 456	570 976	978 030	71,3

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

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

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

			Feb 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2019	Jan – Feb 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	28	0	0	28	0	..
		square metres	1 767	0	0	1 767	0	..
		R'000	14 207	0	0	14 207	0	..
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	20	11	10	22	21	-4,5
		square metres	5 059	3 203	2 509	5 482	5 712	4,2
		R'000	38 850	25 738	20 118	42 023	45 856	9,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2	0	1	2	1	-50,0
		square metres	122	0	169	122	169	38,5
		R'000	915	0	1 386	915	1 386	51,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	53 972	25 738	21 504	57 145	47 242	-17,3
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	1 802	0	0	1 802	..
		R'000	0	13 306	0	0	13 306	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	504	0	0	504	..
		R'000	0	4 133	0	0	4 133	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	17 439	0	0	17 439	..
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 364	1 042	2 923	3 537	3 965	12,1
		R'000	18 307	8 544	23 969	27 105	32 513	20,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 607	0	0	3 607	0	..
		R'000	32 381	170	135	32 741	305	-99,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	50 688	8 714	24 104	59 846	32 818	-45,2
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	104 660	51 891	45 608	116 991	97 499	-16,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2019	Jan – Feb 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	4	3	3	7	133,3
		square metres	143	268	186	216	454	110,2
		R'000	897	2 164	1 498	1 380	3 662	165,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	20	16	18	47	34	-27,7
		square metres	3 458	3 455	3 905	9 729	7 360	-24,3
		R'000	22 689	24 885	24 894	56 445	49 779	-11,8
	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	601	0	0	601	0	..
		R'000	3 647	0	0	3 647	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	27 233	27 049	26 392	61 472	53 441	-13,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	631	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	3 134	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 000	5 854	0	5 943	5 854	-1,5
		R'000	24 830	45 993	0	29 513	45 993	55,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	478	0	0	478	0	..
		R'000	3 692	0	0	3 692	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	28 522	45 993	0	36 339	45 993	26,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 854	1 570	1 990	6 796	3 560	-47,6
		R'000	18 104	9 561	12 188	39 128	21 749	-44,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	64	2 905	51	64	2 956	4 518,8
		R'000	1 760	26 119	1 970	1 891	28 089	1 385,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	19 864	35 680	14 158	41 019	49 838	21,5
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	75 619	108 722	40 550	138 830	149 272	7,5

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

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

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

			Feb 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2019	Jan – Feb 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	13	11	18	23	29	26,1
		square metres	764	731	1 138	1 332	1 869	40,3
		R'000	8 250	6 827	10 640	12 946	17 467	34,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	40	70	70	109	140	28,4
		square metres	11 892	18 592	19 709	40 333	38 301	-5,0
		R'000	122 020	187 180	202 513	442 609	389 693	-12,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	92	132	270	159	402	152,8
		square metres	9 096	17 056	37 170	18 996	54 226	185,5
		R'000	95 957	150 049	421 819	206 701	571 868	176,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	226 227	344 056	634 972	662 256	979 028	47,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	57 863	4 905	0	57 863	4 905	-91,5
		R'000	636 493	34 815	0	636 493	34 815	-94,5
	Shopping space	square metres	8 236	245	974	10 143	1 219	-88,0
		R'000	88 700	1 728	9 308	109 677	11 036	-89,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	44 585	14 451	27 507	48 142	41 958	-12,8
		R'000	268 810	86 706	166 082	290 776	252 788	-13,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	16 657	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	86 453	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	994 003	123 249	175 390	1 123 399	298 639	-73,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 273	13 269	10 335	22 489	23 604	5,0
		R'000	133 057	121 221	118 440	264 362	239 661	-9,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 302	2 950	777	4 198	3 727	-11,2
		R'000	65 035	29 929	15 904	88 460	45 833	-48,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	198 092	151 150	134 344	352 822	285 494	-19,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 418 322	618 455	944 706	2 138 477	1 563 161	-26,9

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

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

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

			Feb 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2019	Jan – Feb 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	8	10	6	18	200,0
		square metres	0	515	624	396	1 139	187,6
		R'000	0	2 950	3 374	3 456	6 324	83,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	100	50	52	229	102	-55,5
		square metres	11 802	7 293	8 725	30 607	16 018	-47,7
		R'000	64 770	46 147	54 188	166 759	100 335	-39,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	36	74	17	188	91	-51,6
		square metres	3 246	8 381	1 535	13 830	9 916	-28,3
		R'000	18 795	52 437	9 913	84 259	62 350	-26,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	83 565	101 534	67 475	254 474	169 009	-33,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 000	642	0	2 416	642	-73,4
		R'000	10 000	3 968	0	12 066	3 968	-67,1
	Shopping space	square metres	975	0	1 605	1 466	1 605	9,5
		R'000	6 455	0	8 328	8 893	8 328	-6,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	3 131	0	3 131	..
		R'000	0	0	16 247	0	16 247	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	815	0	1 533	4 068	1 533	-62,3
		R'000	5 396	0	8 433	24 319	8 433	-65,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	21 851	3 968	33 008	45 278	36 976	-18,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 334	634	1 797	7 651	2 431	-68,2
		R'000	8 766	3 414	11 444	47 962	14 858	-69,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	51	0	1 822	51	-97,2
		R'000	200	12 113	0	12 514	12 113	-3,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	8 966	15 527	11 444	60 476	26 971	-55,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	114 382	121 029	111 927	360 228	232 956	-35,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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.

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

			Feb 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2019	Jan – Feb 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	298	559	501	587	1 060	80,6
		square metres	15 780	26 713	26 143	31 907	52 856	65,7
		R'000	95 260	139 276	149 176	185 306	288 452	55,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	309	141	273	541	414	-23,5
		square metres	77 759	45 294	72 344	157 727	117 638	-25,4
		R'000	615 087	393 413	589 083	1 305 457	982 496	-24,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 302	395	282	2 255	677	-70,0
		square metres	171 523	47 286	47 990	313 456	95 276	-69,6
		R'000	1 357 156	429 039	418 050	2 563 342	847 089	-67,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	3 254	0	0	3 254	..
		R'000	0	31 694	0	0	31 694	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 067 503	993 422	1 156 669	4 054 105	2 150 091	-47,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	17 078	20 220	200 197	26 583	220 417	729,2
		R'000	161 028	207 478	1 981 951	253 164	2 189 429	764,8
	Shopping space	square metres	86 766	15 073	14 724	103 712	29 797	-71,3
		R'000	881 003	160 575	132 501	1 026 419	293 076	-71,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	38 993	2 899	18 157	64 551	21 056	-67,4
		R'000	202 760	22 757	110 089	360 205	132 846	-63,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	24 290	13 323	1 757	42 841	15 080	-64,8
		R'000	173 165	112 402	10 523	307 876	122 925	-60,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 417 956	503 212	2 235 064	1 947 664	2 738 276	40,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	16 731	12 745	14 548	36 269	27 293	-24,7
		R'000	129 587	106 173	117 462	287 986	223 635	-22,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	7 635	6 301	4 305	12 472	10 606	-15,0
		R'000	64 995	74 173	36 323	108 106	110 496	2,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	194 582	180 346	153 785	396 092	334 131	-15,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 680 041	1 676 980	3 545 518	6 397 861	5 222 498	-18,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2019	Jan – Feb 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	42	16	30	57	46	-19,3
		square metres	2 502	930	1 716	3 450	2 646	-23,3
		R'000	12 764	4 838	9 409	19 475	14 247	-26,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	37	40	43	111	83	-25,2
		square metres	12 016	7 001	9 611	22 865	16 612	-27,3
		R'000	79 710	42 966	67 121	143 342	110 087	-23,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1	0	0	1	0	..
		square metres	91	0	0	91	0	..
		R'000	683	0	0	683	0	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	93 157	47 804	76 530	163 500	124 334	-24,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	435	0	0	435	0	..
		R'000	3 264	0	0	3 264	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	16 162	0	0	16 162	0	..
		R'000	121 263	0	0	121 263	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 938	0	0	2 938	0	..
		R'000	16 173	0	0	16 173	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	1 149	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	5 706	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	140 700	0	0	146 406	0	..
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 538	3 184	4 352	9 368	7 536	-19,6
		R'000	42 905	17 804	25 436	58 121	43 240	-25,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 696	147	1 099	3 416	1 246	-63,5
		R'000	41 694	5 674	21 927	60 531	27 601	-54,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	84 599	23 478	47 363	118 652	70 841	-40,3
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	318 456	71 282	123 893	428 558	195 175	-54,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

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

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

			Feb 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2019	Jan – Feb 2020	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	6	0	23	6	-73,9	
		square metres	625	359	0	1 442	359	-75,1	
		R'000	3 448	2 070	0	7 955	2 070	-74,0	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	34	17	30	63	47	-25,4	
		square metres	8 141	2 955	8 775	14 326	11 730	-18,1	
		R'000	43 430	17 726	51 477	77 294	69 203	-10,5	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	12	0	4	14	4	-71,4	
		square metres	1 210	0	263	1 592	263	-83,5	
		R'000	6 676	0	1 516	8 783	1 516	-82,7	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	338	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	1 991	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	53 554	19 796	52 993	96 023	72 789	-24,2
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	241	0	241	..
R'000			0	0	1 389	0	1 389	..	
Shopping space		square metres	0	653	311	0	964	..	
		R'000	0	3 765	1 793	0	5 558	..	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	0	0	637	1 368	637	-53,4	
		R'000	0	0	3 673	6 076	3 673	-39,5	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	2 976	0	202	2 976	1 373,3	
		R'000	0	17 160	0	1 114	17 160	1 440,4	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	0	20 925	6 855	7 190	27 780	286,4	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	745	1 736	470	971	2 206	127,2	
		R'000	4 093	10 623	2 951	5 298	13 574	156,2	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	619	435	619	42,3	
		R'000	345	0	3 840	5 944	3 840	-35,4	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	4 438	10 623	6 791	11 242	17 414	54,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	57 992	51 344	66 639	114 455	117 983	3,1	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

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

Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
	2	In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
Purpose of the survey	3	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
Scope of the survey	4	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	5	Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> , (SIC) Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
Collection rate	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for February 2020 was 82,7%. The collection rate for January 2020 was 92,7%.
Statistical unit	7	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	8	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.
Constant prices	9	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2015. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: <i>Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP) Work Groups and Selected Materials Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2016=100) are converted to the base year 2015=100.

Seasonal adjustment	10	Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by US Bureau of the Census Economic Research and Analyses Division, 1968.
	11	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: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> is published with the revised and updated information at provincial and municipal level for the previous calendar year. Due to this comprehensive revision, the monthly statistical release P5041.1 reflects provincial revision where applicable.
Related publications	15	Users may also wish to refer to the following publications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P5041.3: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> issued annually; • P9101.2: <i>Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region</i> issued annually; and • <i>Building Statistics</i> (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.
Rounding-off of figures	16	Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.
Symbols and abbreviations	17	.. 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

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

Reference period One calendar month.

Residential buildings Buildings that are used primarily as residences. Includes dwelling-houses, flats, townhouses and other residential buildings.

Townhouses Multiple, medium-density dwelling-units including cluster housing, group housing, simplexes, duplexes, triplexes and other similar dwelling-units which are usually grouped together, with one level of each unit on ground level. This category excludes blocks of flats.

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