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Results for January to February 2021

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:
January to February 2020 versus January to February 2021**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Feb 2020 1/	Jan – Feb 2021 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2020 and Jan – Feb 2021	% change between Jan – Feb 2020 and Jan – Feb 2021
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 994 834	8 645 929	1 651 095	23,6
-Dwelling-houses	4 351 354	5 143 170	791 816	18,2
-Flats and townhouses	2 571 466	3 454 739	883 273	34,3
-Other residential buildings	72 014	48 020	-23 994	-33,3
Non-residential buildings	3 268 490	3 143 072	-125 418	-3,8
Additions and alterations	4 188 240	4 177 423	-10 817	-0,3
Total	14 451 564	15 966 424	1 514 860	10,5

1/ 2020 and 2021 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 10,5% (R1 514,9 million) during January to February 2021 compared with January to February 2020.

Residential buildings rose by 23,6% (R1 651,1 million) – see Table A.

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to February 2020 versus January to February 2021**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Feb 2020 1/	Jan – Feb 2021 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during Jan – Feb 2020	% change between Jan – Feb 2020 and Jan – Feb 2021	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Feb 2020 and Jan – Feb 2021 2/	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2020 and Jan – Feb 2021
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	3 619 232	4 170 698	25,0	15,2	3,8	551 466
Eastern Cape	925 081	960 849	6,4	3,9	0,2	35 768
Northern Cape	263 091	137 250	1,8	-47,8	-0,9	-125 841
Free State	527 374	364 025	3,6	-31,0	-1,1	-163 349
KwaZulu-Natal	2 980 252	3 691 464	20,6	23,9	4,9	711 212
North West	606 701	830 122	4,2	36,8	1,5	223 421
Gauteng	4 498 488	5 202 598	31,1	15,7	4,9	704 110
Mpumalanga	686 859	352 661	4,8	-48,7	-2,3	-334 198
Limpopo	344 486	256 757	2,4	-25,5	-0,6	-87 729
Total	14 451 564	15 966 424	100,0	10,5	10,5	1 514 860

1/ 2020 and 2021 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 2020 and January to February 2021 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during January to February 2020, divided by 100.

The largest contributions to the total increase of 10,5% (R1 514,9 million) were made by KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 4,9 percentage points or R711,2 million), Gauteng (contributing 4,9 percentage points or R704,1 million), Western Cape (contributing 3,8 percentage points or R551,5 million) and North West (contributing 1,5 percentage points or R223,4 million) – see Table B.

Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices: January to February 2020 versus January to February 2021

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2021	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2020 and Jan – Feb 2021	% change between Jan – Feb 2020 and Jan – Feb 2021
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 615 218	6 574 552	959 334	17,1
Non-residential buildings	2 624 509	2 379 195	-245 314	-9,3
Additions and alterations	3 362 489	3 174 609	-187 880	-5,6
Total	11 602 216	12 128 356	526 140	4,5

1/ 2020 and 2021 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) increased by 4,5% (R526,1 million) during January to February 2021 compared with January to February 2020. An increase was recorded for residential buildings (17,1% or R959,3 million). Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-9,3% or -R245,3 million) and additions and alterations (-5,6% or -R187,9 million) – see Table C.

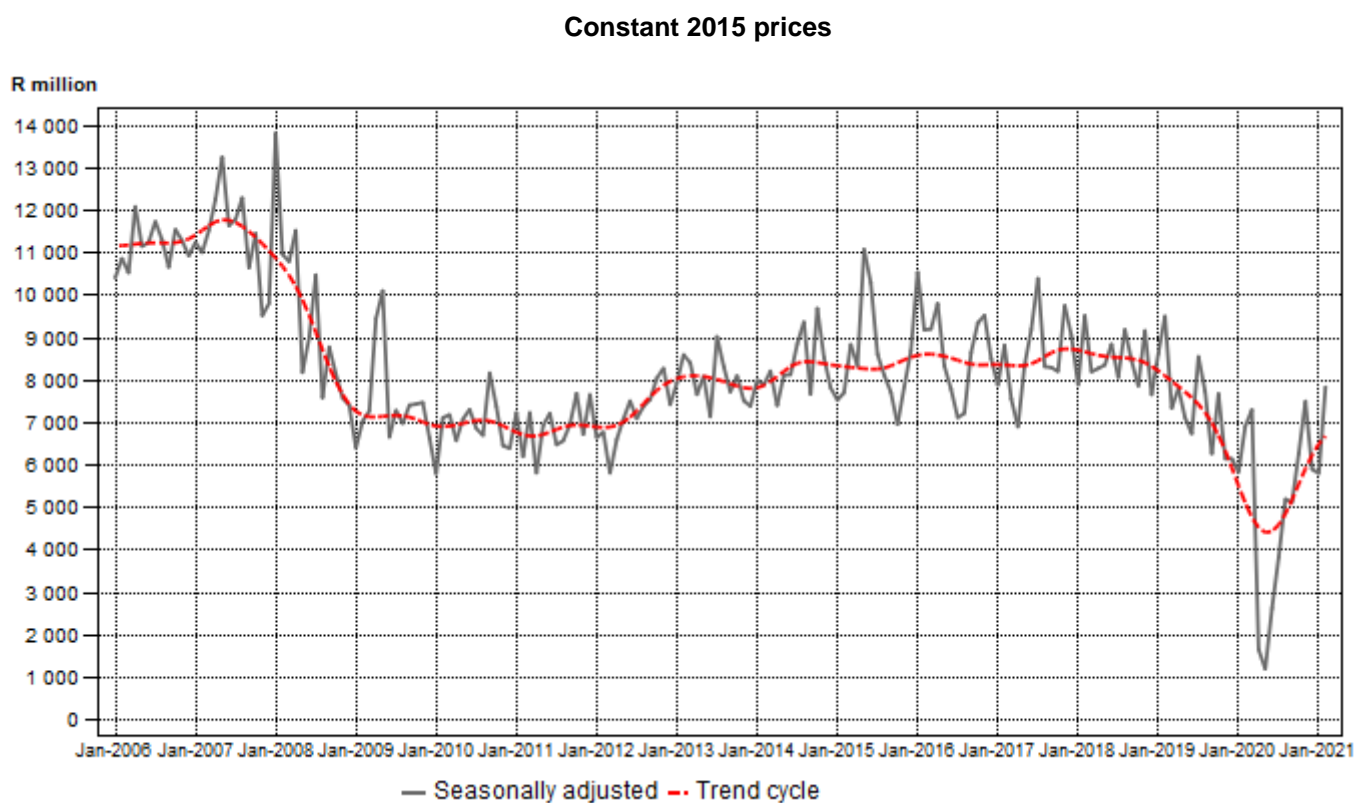
Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Sep – Nov 2020	Dec 2020 – Feb 2021	% change between Sep – Nov 2020 and Dec 2020 – Feb 2021
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	10 152 188	10 854 622	6,9
Non-residential buildings 1/	3 815 009	3 114 627	-18,4
Additions and alterations	4 934 753	5 576 664	13,0
Total	18 901 950	19 545 913	3,4

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 increased by 3,4% in the three months ended February 2021 compared with the previous three months. Increases were recorded for additions and alterations (13,0%) and residential buildings (6,9%). A decrease was recorded for non-residential buildings (-18,4%) – 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 2020 versus January to February 2021**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Feb 2020 1/	Jan – Feb 2021 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2020 and Jan – Feb 2021	% change between Jan – Feb 2020 and Jan – Feb 2021
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	4 927 420	3 877 184	-1 050 236	-21,3
-Dwelling-houses	2 936 147	2 106 714	-829 433	-28,2
-Flats and townhouses	1 959 579	1 691 669	-267 910	-13,7
-Other residential buildings	31 694	78 801	47 107	148,6
Non-residential buildings	4 450 306	1 870 894	-2 579 412	-58,0
Additions and alterations	2 450 968	1 428 435	-1 022 533	-41,7
Total	11 828 694	7 176 513	-4 652 181	-39,3

1/ 2020 and 2021 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 39,3% (-R4 652,2 million) during January to February 2021 compared with January to February 2020.

Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-58,0% or -R2 579,4 million), additions and alterations (-41,7% or -R1 022,5 million) and residential buildings (-21,3% or -R1 050,2 million) – see Table E.

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to February 2020 versus January to February 2021**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Feb 2020 1/	Jan – Feb 2021 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during Jan – Feb 2020	% change between Jan – Feb 2020 and Jan – Feb 2021	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Feb 2020 and Jan – Feb 2021	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2020 and Jan – Feb 2021
	R'000	R'000			2/	R'000
Western Cape	3 200 783	2 696 986	27,1	-15,7	-4,3	-503 797
Eastern Cape	973 540	319 241	8,2	-67,2	-5,5	-654 299
Northern Cape	97 499	70 951	0,8	-27,2	-0,2	-26 548
Free State	223 978	84 091	1,9	-62,5	-1,2	-139 887
KwaZulu-Natal	1 563 161	662 354	13,2	-57,6	-7,6	-900 807
North West	232 956	328 458	2,0	41,0	0,8	95 502
Gauteng	5 216 533	2 836 969	44,1	-45,6	-20,1	-2 379 564
Mpumalanga	214 349	123 100	1,8	-42,6	-0,8	-91 249
Limpopo	105 895	54 363	0,9	-48,7	-0,4	-51 532
Total	11 828 694	7 176 513	100,0	-39,3	-39,3	-4 652 181

1/ 2020 and 2021 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 2020 and January to February 2021 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January to February 2020, divided by 100.

Eight provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed during January to February 2021, of which Gauteng (contributing -20,1 percentage points or -R2 379,6 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -7,6 percentage points or -R900,8 million), Eastern Cape (contributing -5,5 percentage points or -R654,3 million) and Western Cape (contributing -4,3 percentage points or -R503,8 million) were the largest negative contributors – see Table F.

Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices: January to February 2020 versus January to February 2021

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Feb 2020 1/	Jan – Feb 2021 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2020 and Jan – Feb 2021	% change between Jan – Feb 2020 and Jan – Feb 2021
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	3 956 570	2 948 441	-1 008 129	-25,5
Non-residential buildings	3 571 669	1 420 624	-2 151 045	-60,2
Additions and alterations	1 968 497	1 086 026	-882 471	-44,8
Total	9 496 736	5 455 091	-4 041 645	-42,6

1/ 2020 and 2021 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 42,6% (-R4 041,6 million) during January to February 2021 compared with January to February 2020. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-60,2% or -R2 151,0 million), additions and alterations (-44,8% or -R882,5 million) and residential buildings (-25,5% or -R1 008,1 million) – see Table G.

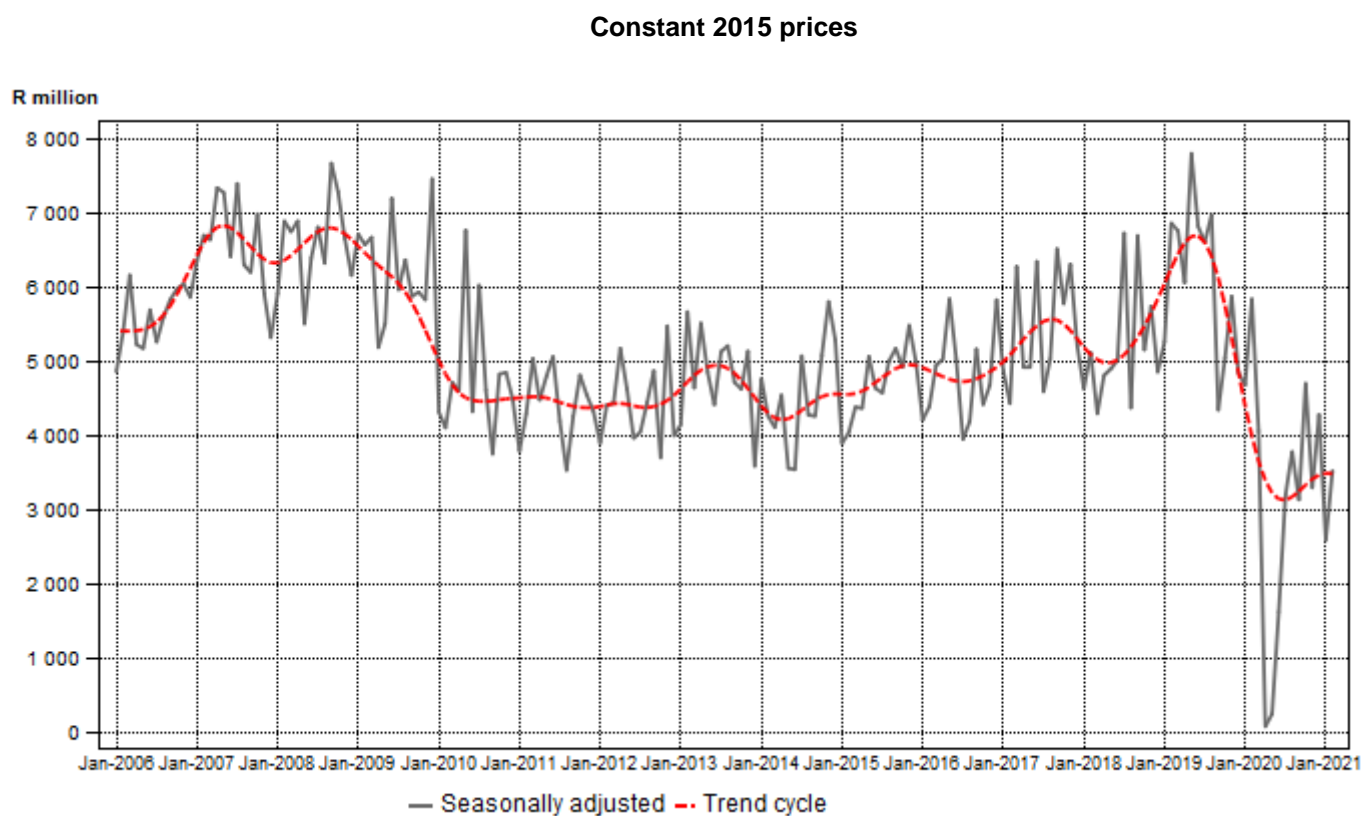
Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Sep – Nov 2020	Dec 2020 – Feb 2021	% change between Sep – Nov 2020 and Dec 2020 – Feb 2021
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 943 732	5 924 443	-0,3
Non-residential buildings 1/	2 704 615	2 509 093	-7,2
Additions and alterations	2 496 299	1 969 846	-21,1
Total	11 144 646	10 403 382	-6,7

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 6,7% in the three months ended February 2021 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-21,1%), non-residential buildings (-7,2%) and residential buildings (-0,3%) – 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/
2020	January	2 682 473	-43,8	1 427 548	-11,4	1 686 359	-8,2	5 796 380	-29,5
	February	4 312 361	-38,3	1 840 942	-11,0	2 501 881	4,2	8 655 184	-24,5
	March	4 696 032	13,2	2 056 317	-14,8	2 487 758	7,5	9 240 107	4,1
	April	807 896	-81,1	729 784	-66,7	442 419	-82,9	1 980 099	-78,1
	May	809 776	-82,2	180 087	-89,4	436 126	-83,5	1 425 989	-84,0
	June	1 534 178	-62,4	975 652	-40,8	853 147	-66,3	3 362 977	-59,3
	July	2 853 632	-53,7	964 709	-50,4	1 466 582	-55,3	5 284 923	-53,6
	August	3 987 254	-20,8	898 911	-67,3	1 941 160	-20,9	6 827 325	-33,3
	September	3 891 983	9,6	1 005 117	-40,2	2 146 483	-20,6	7 043 583	-11,2
	October	5 099 397	-5,5	1 385 581	-47,8	2 505 796	-9,9	8 990 774	-17,0
	November	4 690 598	20,9	2 502 981	150,9	2 338 480	-15,0	9 532 059	24,9
	December	3 720 492	42,8	949 443	-52,0	1 978 329	0,8	6 648 264	1,5
	Total	39 086 072	-29,5	14 917 072	-36,9	20 784 520	-31,3	74 787 664	-31,6
2021	January	3 478 571	29,7	413 216	-71,1	1 524 453	-9,6	5 416 240	-6,6
	February	5 167 358	19,8	2 729 856	48,3	2 652 970	6,0	10 550 184	21,9

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 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/
2020	January	3 543 717	10,2	1 427 548	-27,9	2 315 863	-4,1	7 287 128	-4,3
	February	4 198 657	18,5	1 840 942	29,0	2 635 363	13,8	8 674 962	19,0
	March	4 481 422	6,7	2 056 317	11,7	2 526 845	-4,1	9 064 584	4,5
	April	838 114	-81,3	729 784	-64,5	475 478	-81,2	2 043 376	-77,5
	May	828 052	-1,2	180 087	-75,3	460 012	-3,3	1 468 151	-28,2
	June	1 488 213	79,7	975 652	441,8	779 248	69,4	3 243 113	120,9
	July	2 566 657	72,5	964 709	-1,1	1 242 090	59,4	4 773 456	47,2
	August	3 742 217	45,8	898 911	-6,8	1 945 815	56,7	6 586 943	38,0
	September	3 624 756	-3,1	1 005 117	11,8	1 857 274	-4,6	6 487 147	-1,5
	October	4 449 981	22,8	1 385 581	37,9	2 207 413	18,9	8 042 975	24,0
	November	4 911 373	10,4	2 502 981	80,6	2 206 587	0,0	9 620 941	19,6
	December	4 303 496	-12,4	949 443	-62,1	2 344 771	6,3	7 597 710	-21,0
2021	January	4 924 833	14,4	413 216	-56,5	2 278 696	-2,8	7 616 745	0,3
	February	4 980 934	1,1	2 729 856	560,6	2 714 051	19,1	10 424 841	36,9
	Sep – Nov 20	12 986 110		4 893 679		6 271 274		24 151 063	
	Dec 20 – Feb 21 2/	14 209 263	9,4	4 092 515	-16,4	7 337 518	17,0	25 639 296	6,2

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

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

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/
2020	January	2 159 801	-46,4	1 149 395	-15,5	1 357 777	-12,4	4 666 973	-32,7
	February	3 455 417	-40,9	1 475 114	-14,8	2 004 712	-0,2	6 935 243	-27,7
	March	3 787 123	10,5	1 658 320	-16,9	2 006 256	4,9	7 451 699	1,6
	April	655 228	-81,4	591 877	-67,2	358 815	-83,1	1 605 920	-78,4
	May	657 286	-82,4	146 175	-89,5	353 998	-83,7	1 157 459	-84,1
	June	1 239 239	-63,0	788 087	-41,8	689 133	-66,9	2 716 459	-60,0
	July	2 281 081	-54,8	771 150	-51,5	1 172 328	-56,3	4 224 559	-54,7
	August	3 161 978	-22,9	712 856	-68,2	1 539 381	-23,0	5 414 215	-35,1
	September	3 057 332	6,4	789 566	-41,9	1 686 161	-22,9	5 533 059	-13,8
	October	3 971 493	-9,0	1 079 113	-49,8	1 951 555	-13,2	7 002 161	-20,1
	November	3 647 432	16,0	1 946 330	140,7	1 818 414	-18,4	7 412 176	19,9
	December	2 881 868	36,9	735 432	-54,0	1 532 400	-3,3	5 149 700	-2,6
	Total	30 955 278	-32,0	11 843 415	-38,9	16 470 930	-33,5	59 269 623	-33,9
2021	January	2 671 714	23,7	317 370	-72,4	1 170 855	-13,8	4 159 939	-10,9
	February	3 902 838	12,9	2 061 825	39,8	2 003 754	0,0	7 968 417	14,9

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/
2020	January	2 830 346	8,7	1 149 395	-28,1	1 857 933	-4,6	5 837 674	-5,1
	February	3 353 858	18,5	1 475 114	28,3	2 083 468	12,1	6 912 440	18,4
	March	3 592 868	7,1	1 658 320	12,4	2 054 784	-1,4	7 305 972	5,7
	April	679 574	-81,1	591 877	-64,3	381 891	-81,4	1 653 342	-77,4
	May	672 720	-1,0	146 175	-75,3	373 745	-2,1	1 192 640	-27,9
	June	1 199 624	78,3	788 087	439,1	635 116	69,9	2 622 827	119,9
	July	2 063 053	72,0	771 150	-2,1	992 377	56,3	3 826 580	45,9
	August	2 964 468	43,7	712 856	-7,6	1 522 339	53,4	5 199 663	35,9
	September	2 875 476	-3,0	789 566	10,8	1 459 802	-4,1	5 124 844	-1,4
	October	3 467 457	20,6	1 079 113	36,7	1 726 154	18,2	6 272 724	22,4
	November	3 809 255	9,9	1 946 330	80,4	1 748 797	1,3	7 504 382	19,6
	December	3 354 402	-11,9	735 432	-62,2	1 817 044	3,9	5 906 878	-21,3
2021	January	3 750 690	11,8	317 370	-56,8	1 733 423	-4,6	5 801 483	-1,8
	February	3 749 530	0,0	2 061 825	549,7	2 026 197	16,9	7 837 552	35,1
	Sep – Nov 20	10 152 188		3 815 009		4 934 753		18 901 950	
	Dec 20 – Feb 21 2/	10 854 622	6,9	3 114 627	-18,4	5 576 664	13,0	19 545 913	3,4

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/
2020	January	2 148 619	-33,2	1 477 291	30,8	1 183 302	67,8	4 809 212	-4,8
	February	2 778 801	-24,1	2 973 015	-5,8	1 267 666	27,9	7 019 482	-10,1
	March	2 255 666	-58,7	1 899 216	33,7	995 404	-33,2	5 150 286	-38,5
	April	36 187	-99,2	46 153	-97,2	14 131	-98,6	96 471	-98,6
	May	112 461	-97,9	104 955	-96,6	84 515	-91,8	301 931	-96,8
	June	1 116 026	-82,4	520 306	-58,7	415 366	-52,2	2 051 698	-75,7
	July	2 767 364	-42,3	424 883	-77,7	719 931	-40,1	3 912 178	-50,5
	August	2 504 564	-50,4	1 146 262	-46,4	1 087 927	-12,3	4 738 753	-43,8
	September	2 146 712	-37,0	978 096	-22,5	1 128 749	1,8	4 253 557	-26,4
	October	3 513 106	7,5	1 616 791	-13,1	1 142 690	-15,4	6 272 587	-3,2
	November	2 931 244	-38,6	870 742	-63,0	1 160 531	-5,2	4 962 517	-40,5
	December	3 260 890	10,0	1 405 213	-29,2	867 951	-15,5	5 534 054	-7,4
	Total	25 571 640	-51,3	13 462 923	-42,0	10 068 163	-24,1	49 102 726	-44,8
2021	January	1 571 403	-26,9	592 555	-59,9	560 105	-52,7	2 724 063	-43,4
	February	2 305 781	-17,0	1 278 339	-57,0	868 330	-31,5	4 452 450	-36,6

1/ The percentage change is the change in the value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the relevant year/month compared with the 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/
2020	January	2 833 338	-1,5	1 477 291	-25,6	1 522 421	29,3	5 833 050	-3,4
	February	3 072 959	8,5	2 973 015	101,2	1 254 642	-17,6	7 300 616	25,2
	March	2 315 211	-24,7	1 899 216	-36,1	811 409	-35,3	5 025 836	-31,2
	April	37 227	-98,4	46 153	-97,6	17 093	-97,9	100 473	-98,0
	May	113 526	205,0	104 955	127,4	88 352	416,9	306 833	205,4
	June	1 088 160	858,5	520 306	395,7	401 824	354,8	2 010 290	555,2
	July	2 865 978	163,4	424 883	-18,3	712 317	77,3	4 003 178	99,1
	August	2 627 272	-8,3	1 146 262	169,8	1 003 027	40,8	4 776 561	19,3
	September	1 921 282	-26,9	978 096	-14,7	1 091 577	8,8	3 990 955	-16,4
	October	3 367 760	75,3	1 616 791	65,3	1 052 765	-3,6	6 037 316	51,3
	November	2 314 967	-31,3	870 742	-46,1	1 050 594	-0,2	4 236 303	-29,8
	December	3 158 033	36,4	1 405 213	61,4	1 005 669	-4,3	5 568 915	31,5
2021	January	2 076 583	-34,2	592 555	-57,8	718 040	-28,6	3 387 178	-39,2
	February	2 543 662	22,5	1 278 339	115,7	853 548	18,9	4 675 549	38,0
	Sep – Nov 20	7 604 009		3 465 629		3 194 936		14 264 574	
	Dec 20 – Feb 21 2/	7 778 278	2,3	3 276 107	-5,5	2 577 257	-19,3	13 631 642	-4,4

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/
2020	January	1 729 967	-36,2	1 189 445	24,8	952 739	60,1	3 872 151	-9,1
	February	2 226 603	-27,3	2 382 224	-9,8	1 015 758	22,5	5 624 585	-13,9
	March	1 819 085	-59,7	1 531 626	30,5	802 745	-34,8	4 153 456	-40,0
	April	29 349	-99,2	37 431	-97,2	11 461	-98,6	78 241	-98,6
	May	91 283	-97,9	85 191	-96,7	68 600	-91,9	245 074	-96,8
	June	901 475	-82,6	420 279	-59,3	335 514	-52,9	1 657 268	-76,1
	July	2 212 122	-43,6	339 635	-78,2	575 484	-41,5	3 127 241	-51,6
	August	1 986 173	-51,7	909 010	-47,8	862 749	-14,7	3 757 932	-45,3
	September	1 686 341	-38,8	768 339	-24,8	886 684	-1,1	3 341 364	-28,5
	October	2 736 064	3,6	1 259 183	-16,3	889 945	-18,5	4 885 192	-6,7
	November	2 279 350	-41,1	677 093	-64,5	902 435	-9,1	3 858 878	-43,0
	December	2 525 864	5,5	1 088 469	-32,1	672 309	-19,0	4 286 642	-11,2
	Total	20 223 676	-53,0	10 687 925	-43,8	7 976 423	-26,6	38 888 024	-46,7
2021	January	1 206 915	-30,2	455 111	-61,7	430 188	-54,8	2 092 214	-46,0
	February	1 741 526	-21,8	965 513	-59,5	655 838	-35,4	3 362 877	-40,2

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/
2020	January	2 271 511	-1,2	1 189 445	-25,8	1 220 716	28,7	4 681 672	-3,5
	February	2 458 367	8,2	2 382 224	100,3	1 004 538	-17,7	5 845 129	24,9
	March	1 876 964	-23,6	1 531 626	-35,7	654 946	-34,8	4 063 536	-30,5
	April	30 208	-98,4	37 431	-97,6	13 866	-97,9	81 505	-98,0
	May	92 245	205,4	85 191	127,6	71 848	418,2	249 284	205,9
	June	882 604	856,8	420 279	393,3	324 796	352,1	1 627 679	552,9
	July	2 290 120	159,5	339 635	-19,2	569 908	75,5	3 199 663	96,6
	August	2 081 319	-9,1	909 010	167,6	795 672	39,6	3 786 001	18,3
	September	1 510 505	-27,4	768 339	-15,5	859 060	8,0	3 137 904	-17,1
	October	2 626 240	73,9	1 259 183	63,9	820 014	-4,5	4 705 437	50,0
	November	1 806 987	-31,2	677 093	-46,2	817 225	-0,3	3 301 305	-29,8
	December	2 420 127	33,9	1 088 469	60,8	777 109	-4,9	4 285 705	29,8
2021	January	1 587 636	-34,4	455 111	-58,2	549 169	-29,3	2 591 916	-39,5
	February	1 916 680	20,7	965 513	112,1	643 568	17,2	3 525 761	36,0
	Sep – Nov 20	5 943 732		2 704 615		2 496 299		11 144 646	
	Dec 20 – Feb 21 2/	5 924 443	-0,3	2 509 093	-7,2	1 969 846	-21,1	10 403 382	-6,7

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 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Jan – Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3 856	274	502	4 296	776	-81,9
		square metres	162 676	15 403	28 680	187 876	44 083	-76,5
		R'000	499 670	108 211	189 828	670 055	298 039	-55,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 014	892	1 370	1 828	2 262	23,7
		square metres	278 994	242 546	386 509	487 966	629 055	28,9
		R'000	2 099 357	1 856 728	2 988 403	3 681 299	4 845 131	31,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 771	1 619	2 936	3 087	4 555	47,6
		square metres	178 690	162 663	236 346	305 761	399 009	30,5
		R'000	1 651 569	1 498 276	1 956 463	2 571 466	3 454 739	34,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	8 306	2 196	4 264	9 837	6 460	-34,3
		R'000	61 765	15 356	32 664	72 014	48 020	-33,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	4 312 361	3 478 571	5 167 358	6 994 834	8 645 929	23,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	15 494	7 892	22 771	70 521	30 663	-56,5
		R'000	126 408	61 588	229 625	541 552	291 213	-46,2
	Shopping space	square metres	61 053	9 244	68 816	121 450	78 060	-35,7
		R'000	428 894	63 130	554 983	1 000 178	618 113	-38,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	153 387	31 630	304 560	211 740	336 190	58,8
		R'000	1 071 094	208 333	1 822 602	1 421 129	2 030 935	42,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	30 552	11 768	18 152	45 221	29 920	-33,8
		R'000	214 546	80 165	122 646	305 631	202 811	-33,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 840 942	413 216	2 729 856	3 268 490	3 143 072	-3,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	214 700	158 261	272 647	380 389	430 908	13,3
		R'000	1 646 578	1 239 064	2 158 067	2 877 450	3 397 131	18,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	80 753	30 639	46 634	121 963	77 273	-36,6
		R'000	855 303	285 389	494 903	1 310 790	780 292	-40,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 501 881	1 524 453	2 652 970	4 188 240	4 177 423	-0,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	8 655 184	5 416 240	10 550 184	14 451 564	15 966 424	10,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Jan – Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	136	44	96	197	140	-28,9
		square metres	5 929	2 453	5 140	9 187	7 593	-17,4
		R'000	31 218	14 694	33 102	49 555	47 796	-3,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	299	314	428	505	742	46,9
		square metres	78 730	81 211	112 771	128 926	193 982	50,5
		R'000	518 334	567 056	818 354	853 545	1 385 410	62,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	432	404	780	732	1 184	61,7
		square metres	48 788	46 953	81 820	85 073	128 773	51,4
		R'000	389 400	362 467	660 337	671 351	1 022 804	52,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	146	1 339	303	596	1 642	175,5
		R'000	724	9 040	1 569	3 992	10 609	165,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	939 676	953 257	1 513 362	1 578 443	2 466 619	56,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	6 854	6 920	37 233	13 774	-63,0
		R'000	0	52 371	55 360	314 937	107 731	-65,8
	Shopping space	square metres	15 361	3 119	16 774	18 068	19 893	10,1
		R'000	106 200	16 160	141 013	128 583	157 173	22,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	16 959	6 646	9 110	25 400	15 756	-38,0
		R'000	116 764	45 039	62 185	174 601	107 224	-38,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	5 507	4 954	4 494	14 784	9 448	-36,1
		R'000	33 124	35 628	30 973	86 463	66 601	-23,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	256 088	149 198	289 531	704 584	438 729	-37,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	65 439	45 852	90 852	117 917	136 704	15,9
		R'000	427 493	332 469	652 689	761 750	985 158	29,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	33 823	14 037	14 062	53 271	28 099	-47,3
		R'000	412 088	128 281	151 911	574 455	280 192	-51,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	839 581	460 750	804 600	1 336 205	1 265 350	-5,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 035 345	1 563 205	2 607 493	3 619 232	4 170 698	15,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Jan – Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	13	8	34	22	42	90,9
		square metres	748	436	1 926	1 370	2 362	72,4
		R'000	4 730	2 675	12 151	8 814	14 826	68,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	69	99	83	139	182	30,9
		square metres	15 150	19 379	37 964	30 301	57 343	89,2
		R'000	102 075	139 866	270 425	205 401	410 291	99,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	3	18	201	21	219	942,9
		square metres	746	2 098	11 927	1 865	14 025	652,0
		R'000	4 923	14 749	83 879	12 429	98 628	693,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	111 728	157 290	366 455	226 644	523 745	131,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	510	0	0	510	0	-100,0
		R'000	2 949	0	0	2 949	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	31 777	272	0	31 777	272	-99,1
		R'000	222 417	1 475	0	222 417	1 475	-99,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	19 730	7 509	2 355	27 851	9 864	-64,6
		R'000	123 292	53 708	16 010	167 246	69 718	-58,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 345	155	3 550	1 345	3 705	175,5
		R'000	7 124	1 121	25 667	7 124	26 788	276,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	355 782	56 304	41 677	399 736	97 981	-75,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	21 302	17 413	17 135	35 517	34 548	-2,7
		R'000	144 495	122 423	120 325	238 601	242 748	1,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 951	1 496	10 339	7 352	11 835	61,0
		R'000	38 745	11 594	84 781	60 100	96 375	60,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	183 240	134 017	205 106	298 701	339 123	13,5
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	650 750	347 611	613 238	925 081	960 849	3,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Jan – Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2021	% 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	50	0	135	93	135	45,2
		R'000	410	0	1 183	788	1 183	50,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	18	10	11	32	21	-34,4
		square metres	5 323	1 850	3 310	8 375	5 160	-38,4
		R'000	42 728	13 884	28 385	67 690	42 269	-37,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	4	0	20	94	20	-78,7
		square metres	316	0	1 277	9 046	1 277	-85,9
		R'000	2 591	0	10 983	79 109	10 983	-86,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	5 005	0	0	5 005	0	-100,0
		R'000	41 041	0	0	41 041	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	86 770	13 884	40 551	188 628	54 435	-71,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 165	0	1 835	1 165	1 835	57,5
		R'000	8 276	0	15 781	8 276	15 781	90,7
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 444	0	3 466	2 444	3 466	41,8
		R'000	20 625	0	29 808	20 625	29 808	44,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	366	0	366	..
		R'000	0	0	3 207	0	3 207	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	28 901	0	48 796	28 901	48 796	68,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 493	1 816	1 581	4 856	3 397	-30,0
		R'000	28 953	14 077	13 548	39 506	27 625	-30,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	708	45	622	708	667	-5,8
		R'000	5 656	637	5 757	6 056	6 394	5,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	34 609	14 714	19 305	45 562	34 019	-25,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	150 280	28 598	108 652	263 091	137 250	-47,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Jan – Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	14	6	7	31	13	-58,1
		square metres	746	304	423	1 706	727	-57,4
		R'000	5 495	2 564	3 201	13 085	5 765	-55,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	48	40	49	101	89	-11,9
		square metres	9 062	9 168	9 277	20 745	18 445	-11,1
		R'000	64 836	67 951	62 546	152 522	130 497	-14,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	17	1	32	52	33	-36,5
		square metres	574	189	5 021	3 974	5 210	31,1
		R'000	4 492	1 366	42 352	31 937	43 718	36,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	857	230	0	1 087	..
		R'000	0	6 316	1 247	0	7 563	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	74 823	78 197	109 346	197 544	187 543	-5,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	5 655	0	0	5 655	0	-100,0
		R'000	45 647	0	0	45 647	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	401	968	72	401	1 040	159,4
		R'000	2 455	7 073	390	2 455	7 463	204,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	188	1 267	14 995	1 455	-90,3
		R'000	0	1 586	8 699	83 135	10 285	-87,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	644	2 011	0	2 655	..
		R'000	0	5 432	15 698	0	21 130	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	48 102	14 091	24 787	131 237	38 878	-70,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 871	7 341	9 756	20 003	17 097	-14,5
		R'000	85 797	52 065	63 903	141 995	115 968	-18,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 640	1 126	1 805	5 830	2 931	-49,7
		R'000	36 893	6 328	15 308	56 598	21 636	-61,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	122 690	58 393	79 211	198 593	137 604	-30,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	245 615	150 681	213 344	527 374	364 025	-31,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Jan – Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	21	24	22	40	46	15,0
		square metres	1 316	1 385	1 193	2 465	2 578	4,6
		R'000	11 239	11 631	11 077	20 916	22 708	8,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	71	76	96	166	172	3,6
		square metres	23 736	24 157	32 372	50 382	56 529	12,2
		R'000	236 957	242 329	316 176	499 280	558 505	11,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	393	206	1 128	668	1 334	99,7
		square metres	55 777	29 568	49 308	74 128	78 876	6,4
		R'000	634 704	325 407	385 439	826 385	710 846	-14,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	3 731	0	3 731	..
		R'000	0	0	29 848	0	29 848	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	882 900	579 367	742 540	1 346 581	1 321 907	-1,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	4 283	0	2 567	4 495	2 567	-42,9
		R'000	43 197	0	16 000	44 787	16 000	-64,3
	Shopping space	square metres	1 536	3 390	16 173	35 465	19 563	-44,8
		R'000	9 372	23 866	176 658	378 846	200 524	-47,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	43 256	13 459	216 280	44 976	229 739	410,8
		R'000	312 795	80 754	1 307 250	323 115	1 388 004	329,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 853	527	3 707	2 826	4 234	49,8
		R'000	13 303	4 427	19 369	21 087	23 796	12,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	378 667	109 047	1 519 277	767 835	1 628 324	112,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	25 335	23 685	36 482	47 434	60 167	26,8
		R'000	276 647	231 735	369 047	513 115	600 782	17,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	14 647	4 961	6 069	24 660	11 030	-55,3
		R'000	183 677	65 331	75 120	352 721	140 451	-60,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	460 324	297 066	444 167	865 836	741 233	-14,4
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 721 891	985 480	2 705 984	2 980 252	3 691 464	23,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Jan – Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 032	10	5	1 035	15	-98,6
		square metres	41 698	563	305	41 905	868	-97,9
		R'000	103 330	3 427	1 966	104 762	5 393	-94,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	61	69	140	113	209	85,0
		square metres	14 643	14 203	28 443	25 010	42 646	70,5
		R'000	90 785	91 137	179 532	151 575	270 669	78,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	25	257	21	82	278	239,0
		square metres	3 146	15 335	2 564	10 448	17 899	71,3
		R'000	17 053	86 573	13 945	67 576	100 518	48,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 075	0	0	3 156	0	-100,0
		R'000	13 400	0	0	20 381	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	224 568	181 137	195 443	344 294	376 580	9,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	465	137	338	465	475	2,2
		R'000	3 217	743	1 952	3 217	2 695	-16,2
	Shopping space	square metres	6 665	266	26 971	18 313	27 237	48,7
		R'000	42 718	1 795	155 692	123 311	157 487	27,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 870	421	0	3 870	421	-89,1
		R'000	24 168	2 283	0	24 168	2 283	-90,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	428	4 347	3 348	1 961	7 695	292,4
		R'000	2 221	25 649	20 147	10 653	45 796	329,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	72 324	30 470	177 791	161 349	208 261	29,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 750	8 501	17 850	15 674	26 351	68,1
		R'000	34 429	51 734	110 863	93 448	162 597	74,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	547	1 767	4 055	842	5 822	591,4
		R'000	4 086	12 273	70 411	7 610	82 684	986,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	38 515	64 007	181 274	101 058	245 281	142,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	335 407	275 614	554 508	606 701	830 122	36,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Jan – Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2 620	160	316	2 907	476	-83,6
		square metres	111 024	9 110	18 414	127 795	27 524	-78,5
		R'000	335 568	66 457	120 669	450 398	187 126	-58,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	356	204	427	574	631	9,9
		square metres	105 753	70 884	119 884	168 892	190 768	13,0
		R'000	878 738	604 312	1 051 188	1 407 895	1 655 500	17,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	590	687	752	1 116	1 439	28,9
		square metres	56 045	65 066	84 168	105 577	149 234	41,4
		R'000	521 275	686 646	758 108	792 973	1 444 754	82,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 080	0	0	1 080	0	-100,0
		R'000	6 600	0	0	6 600	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 742 181	1 357 415	1 929 965	2 657 866	3 287 380	23,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 930	901	11 111	2 854	12 012	320,9
		R'000	14 957	8 474	140 532	26 415	149 006	464,1
	Shopping space	square metres	4 580	1 229	8 171	5 998	9 400	56,7
		R'000	41 220	12 761	76 848	56 195	89 609	59,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	52 125	2 287	68 037	61 004	70 324	15,3
		R'000	365 035	18 033	374 766	428 302	392 799	-8,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	20 993	1 141	676	22 608	1 817	-92,0
		R'000	155 434	7 908	7 585	169 917	15 493	-90,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	576 646	47 176	599 731	680 829	646 907	-5,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	70 290	45 316	85 165	112 920	130 481	15,6
		R'000	583 715	386 104	742 438	940 494	1 128 542	20,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	18 977	7 132	8 665	25 718	15 797	-38,6
		R'000	149 829	58 441	81 328	219 299	139 769	-36,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	733 544	444 545	823 766	1 159 793	1 268 311	9,4
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 052 371	1 849 136	3 353 462	4 498 488	5 202 598	15,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Jan – Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	12	13	53	25	-52,8
		square metres	677	660	671	2 816	1 331	-52,7
		R'000	4 834	3 650	3 639	18 580	7 289	-60,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	55	61	82	132	143	8,3
		square metres	15 205	15 883	21 905	34 741	37 788	8,8
		R'000	99 616	100 473	139 513	224 949	239 986	6,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1	0	2	13	2	-84,6
		square metres	219	0	261	2 017	261	-87,1
		R'000	1 717	0	1 420	11 047	1 420	-87,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	106 167	104 123	144 572	254 576	248 695	-2,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	863	0	0	17 521	0	-100,0
		R'000	4 573	0	0	91 732	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	120	10 695	120	-98,9
		R'000	0	0	941	83 859	941	-98,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	15 003	0	1 017	18 652	1 017	-94,5
		R'000	108 415	0	5 640	127 585	5 640	-95,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	426	0	0	914	0	-100,0
		R'000	3 340	0	0	5 872	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	116 328	0	6 581	309 048	6 581	-97,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 870	6 285	8 945	18 603	15 230	-18,1
		R'000	39 992	36 441	56 304	105 632	92 745	-12,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 691	75	245	1 691	320	-81,1
		R'000	11 184	2 004	2 636	17 603	4 640	-73,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	51 176	38 445	58 940	123 235	97 385	-21,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	273 671	142 568	210 093	686 859	352 661	-48,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Jan – Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	8	10	7	9	17	88,9
		square metres	488	492	473	539	965	79,0
		R'000	2 846	3 113	2 840	3 157	5 953	88,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	37	19	54	66	73	10,6
		square metres	11 392	5 811	20 583	20 594	26 394	28,2
		R'000	65 288	29 720	122 284	118 442	152 004	28,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	306	46	0	309	46	-85,1
		square metres	13 079	3 454	0	13 633	3 454	-74,7
		R'000	75 414	21 068	0	78 659	21 068	-73,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	143 548	53 901	125 124	200 258	179 025	-10,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	623	0	0	623	0	-100,0
		R'000	3 592	0	0	3 592	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	733	0	535	733	535	-27,0
		R'000	4 512	0	3 441	4 512	3 441	-23,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	1 120	3 028	12 548	4 148	-66,9
		R'000	0	6 930	18 244	72 352	25 174	-65,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	783	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	4 515	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	8 104	6 930	21 685	84 971	28 615	-66,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 350	2 052	4 881	7 465	6 933	-7,1
		R'000	25 057	12 016	28 950	42 909	40 966	-4,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 769	0	772	1 891	772	-59,2
		R'000	13 145	500	7 651	16 348	8 151	-50,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	38 202	12 516	36 601	59 257	49 117	-17,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	189 854	73 347	183 410	344 486	256 757	-25,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Jan – Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	733	335	387	1 440	722	-49,9
		square metres	37 563	17 571	21 789	72 171	39 360	-45,5
		R'000	223 773	112 638	133 015	410 389	245 653	-40,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	775	387	540	1 307	927	-29,1
		square metres	188 218	109 153	131 794	328 107	240 947	-26,6
		R'000	1 427 186	842 911	1 018 150	2 525 758	1 861 061	-26,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	954	1 224	1 029	1 705	2 253	32,1
		square metres	123 302	79 020	126 844	221 831	205 864	-7,2
		R'000	1 127 842	612 807	1 078 862	1 959 579	1 691 669	-13,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	442	9 383	3 254	9 825	201,9
		R'000	0	3 047	75 754	31 694	78 801	148,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 778 801	1 571 403	2 305 781	4 927 420	3 877 184	-21,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	205 257	22 393	27 992	233 115	50 385	-78,4
		R'000	2 021 128	213 882	229 021	2 285 423	442 903	-80,6
	Shopping space	square metres	29 767	27 015	43 876	51 682	70 891	37,2
		R'000	258 093	265 808	371 737	467 826	637 545	36,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	93 308	7 541	62 660	204 603	70 201	-65,7
		R'000	587 187	44 731	397 601	1 335 574	442 332	-66,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	14 857	10 089	30 143	49 373	40 232	-18,5
		R'000	106 607	68 134	279 980	361 483	348 114	-3,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 973 015	592 555	1 278 339	4 450 306	1 870 894	-58,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	96 842	55 954	62 046	185 221	118 000	-36,3
		R'000	698 919	413 172	498 432	1 356 692	911 604	-32,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	54 393	9 904	21 675	92 742	31 579	-65,9
		R'000	568 747	146 933	369 898	1 094 276	516 831	-52,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 267 666	560 105	868 330	2 450 968	1 428 435	-41,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	7 019 482	2 724 063	4 452 450	11 828 694	7 176 513	-39,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Jan – Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	168	127	53	258	180	-30,2
		square metres	7 301	5 394	2 323	11 725	7 717	-34,2
		R'000	42 633	31 275	14 340	67 586	45 615	-32,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	250	110	187	404	297	-26,5
		square metres	57 078	26 356	45 240	101 905	71 596	-29,7
		R'000	383 558	177 820	316 327	692 547	494 147	-28,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	366	1 033	307	507	1 340	164,3
		square metres	39 477	62 875	42 225	64 259	105 100	63,6
		R'000	316 359	473 356	339 498	509 674	812 854	59,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	309	7 938	0	8 247	..
		R'000	0	2 086	64 194	0	66 280	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	742 550	684 537	734 359	1 269 807	1 418 896	11,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	4 819	5 908	19 636	6 910	25 544	269,7
		R'000	37 788	44 516	163 613	55 822	208 129	272,8
	Shopping space	square metres	12 153	2 968	21 131	18 097	24 099	33,2
		R'000	106 163	19 400	181 464	149 828	200 864	34,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	29 192	0	15 191	45 177	15 191	-66,4
		R'000	194 390	0	107 088	303 822	107 088	-64,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 024	4 298	3 555	18 951	7 853	-58,6
		R'000	20 665	24 828	22 632	132 700	47 460	-64,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	359 006	88 744	474 797	642 172	563 541	-12,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	46 569	27 523	28 332	86 696	55 855	-35,6
		R'000	289 783	181 792	198 976	574 406	380 768	-33,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	33 858	6 052	9 049	55 402	15 101	-72,7
		R'000	367 069	106 423	227 358	714 398	333 781	-53,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	656 852	288 215	426 334	1 288 804	714 549	-44,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 758 408	1 061 496	1 635 490	3 200 783	2 696 986	-15,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Jan – Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	12	7	5	25	12	-52,0
		square metres	773	356	306	1 441	662	-54,1
		R'000	4 852	1 994	1 655	8 390	3 649	-56,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	57	26	39	93	65	-30,1
		square metres	12 442	5 228	6 936	20 528	12 164	-40,7
		R'000	84 907	38 341	50 489	142 461	88 830	-37,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	9	40	8	18	48	166,7
		square metres	1 016	2 033	1 288	2 040	3 321	62,8
		R'000	6 842	14 699	9 312	13 739	24 011	74,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	96 601	55 034	61 456	164 590	116 490	-29,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	5 000	0	5 000	..
		R'000	0	0	36 150	0	36 150	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 280	0	0	1 280	..
		R'000	0	9 254	0	0	9 254	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	7 620	0	12 001	77 924	12 001	-84,6
		R'000	48 233	0	83 875	518 426	83 875	-83,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	966	0	1 786	966	-45,9
		R'000	0	6 751	0	9 146	6 751	-26,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	48 233	16 005	120 025	527 572	136 030	-74,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	17 356	5 518	3 229	31 870	8 747	-72,6
		R'000	119 450	39 709	23 232	218 674	62 941	-71,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 477	0	163	8 928	163	-98,2
		R'000	32 682	354	3 426	62 704	3 780	-94,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	152 132	40 063	26 658	281 378	66 721	-76,3
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	296 966	111 102	208 139	973 540	319 241	-67,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Jan – Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	0	0	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	10	1	8	21	9	-57,1
		square metres	2 509	146	1 750	5 712	1 896	-66,8
		R'000	20 118	1 256	15 050	45 856	16 306	-64,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1	3	4	1	7	600,0
		square metres	169	198	284	169	482	185,2
		R'000	1 386	1 703	2 442	1 386	4 145	199,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	21 504	2 959	17 492	47 242	20 451	-56,7
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	1 802	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	13 306	0	-100,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	195	504	195	-61,3
		R'000	0	0	1 677	4 133	1 677	-59,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	1 677	17 439	1 677	-90,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 923	1 986	3 619	3 965	5 605	41,4
		R'000	23 969	17 080	31 123	32 513	48 203	48,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	135	540	80	305	620	103,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	24 104	17 620	31 203	32 818	48 823	48,8
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	45 608	20 579	50 372	97 499	70 951	-27,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Jan – Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	22	10	13	26	23	-11,5
		square metres	1 375	533	894	1 643	1 427	-13,1
		R'000	11 099	4 496	7 541	13 263	12 037	-9,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	19	17	34	35	51	45,7
		square metres	4 115	3 161	4 708	7 570	7 869	3,9
		R'000	30 395	22 235	35 455	55 280	57 690	4,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	10	0	2	10	2	-80,0
		square metres	4 017	0	372	4 017	372	-90,7
		R'000	32 425	0	2 690	32 425	2 690	-91,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	133	0	0	133	..
		R'000	0	961	0	0	961	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	73 919	27 692	45 686	100 968	73 378	-27,3
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	4 088	0	0	9 942	0	-100,0
		R'000	32 998	0	0	78 991	0	-100,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	32 998	0	0	78 991	0	-100,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 162	541	971	2 732	1 512	-44,7
		R'000	6 828	3 688	6 837	16 389	10 525	-35,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	51	0	26	2 956	26	-99,1
		R'000	1 511	0	188	27 630	188	-99,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	8 339	3 688	7 025	44 019	10 713	-75,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	115 256	31 380	52 711	223 978	84 091	-62,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Jan – Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	18	6	7	29	13	-55,2
		square metres	1 138	331	472	1 869	803	-57,0
		R'000	10 640	2 572	3 829	17 467	6 401	-63,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	70	22	53	140	75	-46,4
		square metres	19 709	6 745	13 539	38 301	20 284	-47,0
		R'000	202 513	78 797	122 970	389 693	201 767	-48,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	270	9	46	402	55	-86,3
		square metres	37 170	2 585	6 130	54 226	8 715	-83,9
		R'000	421 819	17 867	51 633	571 868	69 500	-87,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	1 445	0	1 445	..
		R'000	0	0	11 560	0	11 560	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	634 972	99 236	189 992	979 028	289 228	-70,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	13 010	1 686	4 905	14 696	199,6
		R'000	0	143 110	11 997	34 815	155 107	345,5
	Shopping space	square metres	974	0	2 084	1 219	2 084	71,0
		R'000	9 308	0	20 603	11 036	20 603	86,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	27 507	1 021	3 026	41 958	4 047	-90,4
		R'000	166 082	6 126	18 156	252 788	24 282	-90,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	175 390	149 236	50 756	298 639	199 992	-33,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 335	4 701	6 975	23 604	11 676	-50,5
		R'000	118 440	50 840	74 525	239 661	125 365	-47,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	777	1 249	3 035	3 727	4 284	14,9
		R'000	15 904	15 289	32 480	45 833	47 769	4,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	134 344	66 129	107 005	285 494	173 134	-39,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	944 706	314 601	347 753	1 563 161	662 354	-57,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Jan – Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	6	8	18	14	-22,2
		square metres	624	427	607	1 139	1 034	-9,2
		R'000	3 374	2 316	3 501	6 324	5 817	-8,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	52	70	26	102	96	-5,9
		square metres	8 725	16 875	5 423	16 018	22 298	39,2
		R'000	54 188	100 058	34 891	100 335	134 949	34,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	17	1	12	91	13	-85,7
		square metres	1 535	217	1 956	9 916	2 173	-78,1
		R'000	9 913	1 254	11 301	62 350	12 555	-79,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	67 475	103 628	49 693	169 009	153 321	-9,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	463	0	642	463	-27,9
		R'000	0	2 639	0	3 968	2 639	-33,5
	Shopping space	square metres	1 605	2 335	11 984	1 605	14 319	792,1
		R'000	8 328	12 872	86 156	8 328	99 028	1 089,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 131	0	0	3 131	0	-100,0
		R'000	16 247	0	0	16 247	0	-100,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 533	0	0	1 533	0	-100,0
		R'000	8 433	0	0	8 433	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	33 008	15 511	86 156	36 976	101 667	175,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 797	4 007	153	2 431	4 160	71,1
		R'000	11 444	22 991	849	14 858	23 840	60,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	94	381	51	475	831,4
		R'000	0	1 105	48 525	12 113	49 630	309,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	11 444	24 096	49 374	26 971	73 470	172,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	111 927	143 235	185 223	232 956	328 458	41,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Jan – Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	484	162	283	1 043	445	-57,3
		square metres	25 342	9 582	16 215	52 055	25 797	-50,4
		R'000	145 893	64 409	96 520	285 169	160 929	-43,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	267	121	162	408	283	-30,6
		square metres	71 266	44 722	44 580	116 560	89 302	-23,4
		R'000	578 523	384 848	377 857	971 936	762 705	-21,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	277	138	650	672	788	17,3
		square metres	39 655	11 112	74 589	86 941	85 701	-1,4
		R'000	337 582	103 928	661 986	766 621	765 914	-0,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	3 254	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	31 694	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 061 998	553 185	1 136 363	2 055 420	1 689 548	-17,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	200 197	0	1 087	220 417	1 087	-99,5
		R'000	1 981 951	0	13 748	2 189 429	13 748	-99,4
	Shopping space	square metres	14 724	20 432	8 677	29 797	29 109	-2,3
		R'000	132 501	224 282	83 514	293 076	307 796	5,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	18 157	6 520	30 366	21 056	36 886	75,2
		R'000	110 089	38 605	173 855	132 846	212 460	59,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 757	4 745	26 393	15 080	31 138	106,5
		R'000	10 523	36 075	255 671	122 925	291 746	137,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 235 064	298 962	526 788	2 738 276	825 750	-69,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 421	10 960	17 390	27 166	28 350	4,4
		R'000	116 218	93 022	153 993	222 391	247 015	11,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	13 497	2 509	9 021	19 798	11 530	-41,8
		R'000	126 273	20 926	53 730	200 446	74 656	-62,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	242 491	113 948	207 723	422 837	321 671	-23,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 539 553	966 095	1 870 874	5 216 533	2 836 969	-45,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Jan – Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	19	10	9	35	19	-45,7
		square metres	1 010	489	470	1 940	959	-50,6
		R'000	5 282	2 811	2 604	10 120	5 415	-46,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	21	13	17	61	30	-50,8
		square metres	3 815	4 055	5 586	10 816	9 641	-10,9
		R'000	23 103	28 486	40 718	66 069	69 204	4,7
	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	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	28 385	31 297	43 322	76 189	74 619	-2,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	3 012	0	0	3 012	..
		R'000	0	23 617	0	0	23 617	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 976	0	1 184	2 976	1 184	-60,2
		R'000	15 475	0	9 284	15 475	9 284	-40,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	8 543	0	0	8 543	0	-100,0
		R'000	66 986	0	0	66 986	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	82 461	23 617	9 284	82 461	32 901	-60,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 945	630	1 142	5 129	1 772	-65,5
		R'000	10 888	3 619	7 554	28 692	11 173	-61,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 114	0	0	1 261	0	-100,0
		R'000	21 333	2 296	2 111	27 007	4 407	-83,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	32 221	5 915	9 665	55 699	15 580	-72,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	143 067	60 829	62 271	214 349	123 100	-42,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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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 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Jan – Feb 2020	Jan – Feb 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	7	9	6	16	166,7
		square metres	0	459	502	359	961	167,7
		R'000	0	2 765	3 025	2 070	5 790	179,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	29	7	14	43	21	-51,2
		square metres	8 559	1 865	4 032	10 697	5 897	-44,9
		R'000	49 881	11 070	24 393	61 581	35 463	-42,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	4	0	0	4	0	-100,0
		square metres	263	0	0	263	0	-100,0
		R'000	1 516	0	0	1 516	0	-100,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	51 397	13 835	27 418	65 167	41 253	-36,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	241	0	583	241	583	141,9
		R'000	1 389	0	3 513	1 389	3 513	152,9
	Shopping space	square metres	311	0	0	964	0	-100,0
		R'000	1 793	0	0	5 558	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	637	0	892	637	892	40,0
		R'000	3 673	0	5 343	3 673	5 343	45,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	80	0	2 976	80	-97,3
		R'000	0	480	0	17 160	480	-97,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	6 855	480	8 856	27 780	9 336	-66,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	334	88	235	1 628	323	-80,2
		R'000	1 899	431	1 343	9 108	1 774	-80,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	619	0	0	619	0	-100,0
		R'000	3 840	0	2 000	3 840	2 000	-47,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	5 739	431	3 343	12 948	3 774	-70,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	63 991	14 746	39 617	105 895	54 363	-48,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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 2021 was 88,3%. The improved collection rate for January 2021 was 90,1%.
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	<p>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</p> <p>Note: Owing to the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown, additive outlier adjustments were performed. The methodology will be reviewed as more data points are added to the time series.</p>
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	<p>Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:</p> <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	.. Changes from a zero in the preceding period cannot be calculated as a percentage.
	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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