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## Key findings for January to February 2025

### Building plans passed at current prices

**Table A – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building**

Type of building	Jan – Feb 2024	Jan – Feb 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2024 and Jan – Feb 2025	% change between Jan – Feb 2024 and Jan – Feb 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>7 628 865</b>	<b>6 554 728</b>	<b>-1 074 137</b>	<b>-14,1</b>
-Dwelling-houses	4 543 147	4 512 081	-31 066	-0,7
-Flats and townhouses	3 034 591	1 628 487	-1 406 104	-46,3
-Other residential buildings	51 127	414 160	363 033	710,1
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>2 301 571</b>	<b>3 514 349</b>	<b>1 212 778</b>	<b>52,7</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	<b>3 752 330</b>	<b>4 356 712</b>	<b>604 382</b>	<b>16,1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>13 682 766</b>	<b>14 425 789</b>	<b>743 023</b>	<b>5,4</b>

The value of building plans passed (at current prices) increased by 5,4% (R743,0 million) during January to February 2025 compared with January to February 2024. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (R1 212,8 million) and additions and alterations (R604,4 million). A decrease was reported for residential buildings (-R1 074,1 million) – see Table A.

**Table B – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by province**

Province	Jan – Feb 2024	Jan – Feb 2025	Weight Jan – Feb 2024	% change between Jan – Feb 2024 and Jan – Feb 2025	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Feb 2024 and Jan – Feb 2025 <sup>1</sup>	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2024 and Jan – Feb 2025
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	4 383 692	5 292 586	32,0	20,7	6,6	908 894
Eastern Cape	772 987	911 338	5,6	17,9	1,0	138 351
Northern Cape	121 213	111 170	0,9	-8,3	-0,1	-10 043
Free State	450 729	458 585	3,3	1,7	0,1	7 856
KwaZulu-Natal	1 586 770	2 061 545	11,6	29,9	3,5	474 775
North West	369 192	409 194	2,7	10,8	0,3	40 002
Gauteng	5 006 139	3 707 483	36,6	-25,9	-9,5	-1 298 656
Mpumalanga	577 019	1 143 640	4,2	98,2	4,1	566 621
Limpopo	415 025	330 248	3,0	-20,4	-0,6	-84 777
<b>Total</b>	<b>13 682 766</b>	<b>14 425 789</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>5,4</b>	<b>5,4</b>	<b>743 023</b>

<sup>1</sup> The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change by its weight, divided by 100, where the weight is the percentage contribution of each province to the cumulative total building plans passed during the previous year.

The largest positive contributors to the total increase of 5,4% (R743,0 million) were Western Cape (contributing 6,6 percentage points or R908,9 million), Mpumalanga (contributing 4,1 percentage points or R566,6 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 3,5 percentage points or R474,8 million).

The largest negative contributor was Gauteng (contributing -9,5 percentage points or -R1 298,7 million) – see Table B.

## Building plans passed at constant 2019 prices

**Table C – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building**

Type of building	Jan – Feb 2024	Jan – Feb 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2024 and Jan – Feb 2025	% change between Jan – Feb 2024 and Jan – Feb 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 644 270	4 737 026	-907 244	-16,1
Non-residential buildings	1 702 504	2 535 798	833 294	48,9
Additions and alterations	2 776 394	3 146 844	370 450	13,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 123 168</b>	<b>10 419 668</b>	<b>296 500</b>	<b>2,9</b>

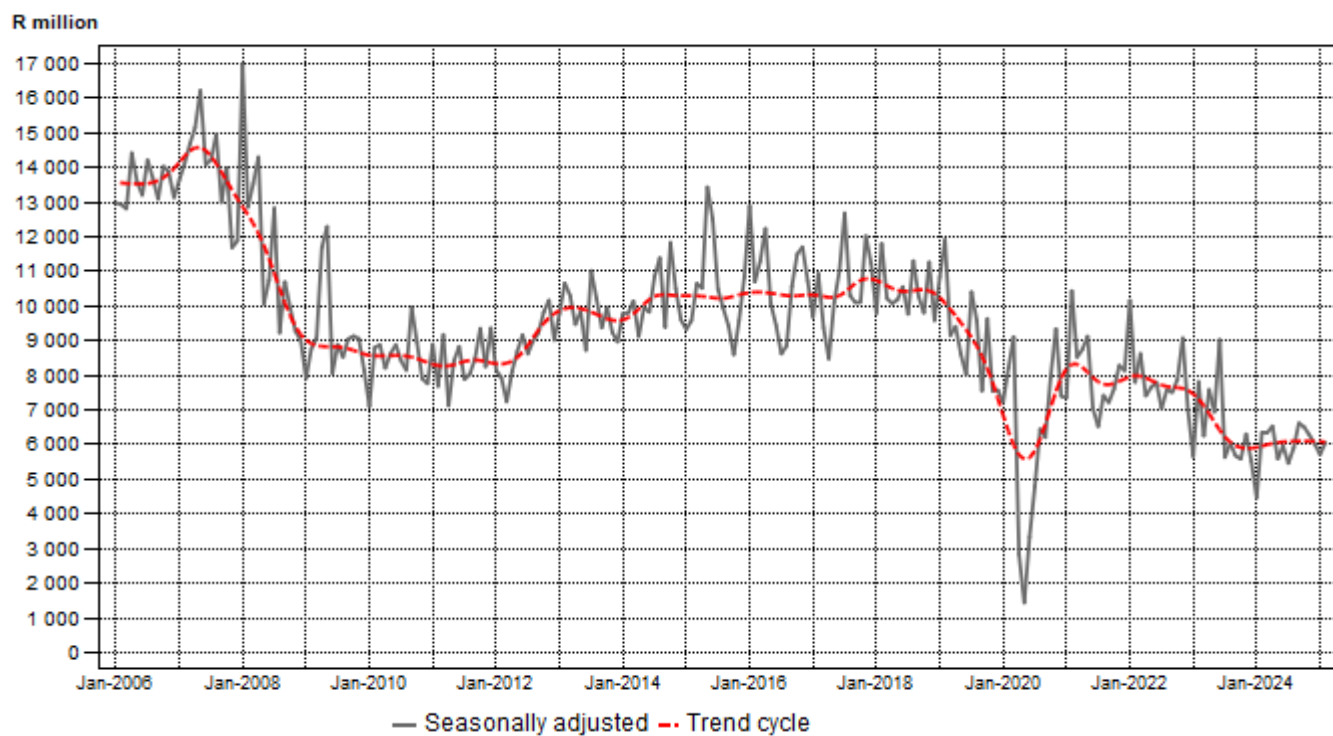
The real value of building plans passed (at constant 2019 prices) increased by 2,9% (R296,5 million) during January to February 2025 compared with January to February 2024. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (R833,3 million) and additions and alterations (R370,5 million). A decrease was reported for residential buildings (-R907,2 million) – see Table C.

**Table D – Seasonally adjusted building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building**

Type of building	Sep – Nov 2024	Dec 2024 – Feb 2025	% change between Sep – Nov 2024 and Dec 2024 – Feb 2025
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 309 153	8 398 365	-9,8
Non-residential buildings <sup>1</sup>	4 899 871	3 804 515	-22,4
Additions and alterations	5 185 824	5 574 748	7,5
<b>Total</b>	<b>19 394 848</b>	<b>17 777 628</b>	<b>-8,3</b>

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 on page 38.

The seasonally adjusted real value of building plans passed decreased by 8,3% in the three months ended February 2025 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-22,4%) and residential buildings (-9,8%). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (7,5%) – see Table D.

**Figure 1 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices**

## Buildings reported as completed at current prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Feb 2024	Jan – Feb 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2024 and Jan – Feb 2025	% change between Jan – Feb 2024 and Jan – Feb 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>3 931 870</b>	<b>3 565 588</b>	<b>-366 282</b>	<b>-9,3</b>
-Dwelling-houses	2 419 841	2 481 011	61 170	2,5
-Flats and townhouses	1 419 054	1 002 526	-416 528	-29,4
-Other residential buildings	92 975	82 051	-10 924	-11,7
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1 203 144</b>	<b>1 714 219</b>	<b>511 075</b>	<b>42,5</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1 595 130</b>	<b>982 755</b>	<b>-612 375</b>	<b>-38,4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 730 144</b>	<b>6 262 562</b>	<b>-467 582</b>	<b>-6,9</b>

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 6,9% (-R467,6 million) during January to February 2025 compared with January to February 2024. Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-R612,4 million) and residential buildings (-R366,3 million). An increase was reported for non-residential buildings (R511,1 million) – see Table E.

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by province**

Province	Jan – Feb 2024	Jan – Feb 2025	Weight Jan – Feb 2024	% change between Jan – Feb 2024 and Jan – Feb 2025	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Feb 2024 and Jan – Feb 2025 <sup>1</sup>	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2024 and Jan – Feb 2025
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	1 952 135	2 145 643	29,0	9,9	2,9	193 508
Eastern Cape	671 115	225 783	10,0	-66,4	-6,6	-445 332
Northern Cape	61 548	34 103	0,9	-44,6	-0,4	-27 445
Free State	75 794	54 058	1,1	-28,7	-0,3	-21 736
KwaZulu-Natal	1 079 977	1 063 281	16,0	-1,5	-0,2	-16 696
North West	218 160	278 591	3,2	27,7	0,9	60 431
Gauteng	2 320 010	2 213 143	34,5	-4,6	-1,6	-106 867
Mpumalanga	208 406	153 104	3,1	-26,5	-0,8	-55 302
Limpopo	142 999	94 856	2,1	-33,7	-0,7	-48 143
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 730 144</b>	<b>6 262 562</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>-6,9</b>	<b>-6,9</b>	<b>-467 582</b>

<sup>1</sup> The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change by its weight, divided by 100, where the weight is the percentage contribution of each province to the cumulative total buildings reported as completed during the previous year.

Seven out of the nine provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed during January to February 2025, of which Eastern Cape (contributing -6,6 percentage points or -R445,3 million) and Gauteng (contributing -1,6 percentage points or -R106,9 million) were the largest contributors – see Table F.

## Buildings reported as completed at constant 2019 prices

**Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building**

Type of building	Jan – Feb 2024	Jan – Feb 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2024 and Jan – Feb 2025	% change between Jan – Feb 2024 and Jan – Feb 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	2 910 060	2 573 236	-336 824	-11,6
Non-residential buildings	890 859	1 239 867	349 008	39,2
Additions and alterations	1 180 410	709 780	-470 630	-39,9
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 981 329</b>	<b>4 522 883</b>	<b>-458 446</b>	<b>-9,2</b>

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 9,2% (-R458,4 million) during January to February 2025 compared with January to February 2024. Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-R470,6 million) and residential buildings (-R336,8 million). Non-residential buildings rose by R349,0 million – see Table G.

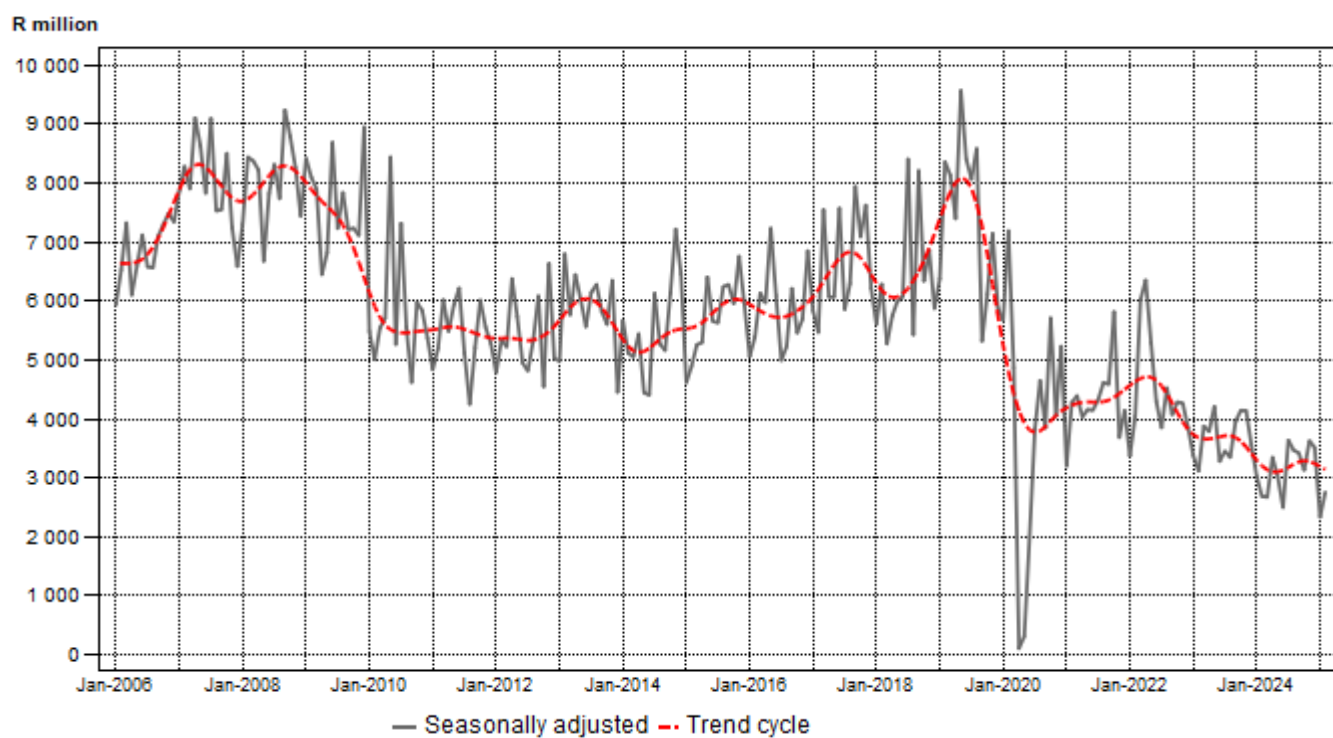
**Table H – Seasonally adjusted buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building**

Type of building	Sep – Nov 2024	Dec 2024 – Feb 2025	% change between Sep – Nov 2024 and Dec 2024 – Feb 2025
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 666 375	4 745 379	-16,3
Non-residential buildings <sup>1</sup>	2 650 429	2 386 310	-10,0
Additions and alterations	1 856 841	1 458 854	-21,4
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 173 645</b>	<b>8 590 543</b>	<b>-15,6</b>

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 on page 38.

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased by 15,6% in the three months ended February 2025 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-21,4%), residential buildings (-16,3%) and non-residential buildings (-10,0%) – see Table H.



**Figure 2 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices**

  
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## Tables

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
2024	January	2 641 211	-4,4	646 429	-10,4	1 392 946	-27,7	4 680 586	-13,5
	February	4 987 654	-6,0	1 655 142	-10,9	2 359 384	-10,6	9 002 180	-8,2
	March	3 540 798	-24,0	1 674 931	-1,3	2 596 885	20,7	7 812 614	-8,2
	April	4 241 995	-8,1	2 658 595	24,4	2 282 122	0,5	9 182 712	1,8
	May	4 033 138	-9,1	2 040 668	-0,9	1 939 535	-34,5	8 013 341	-15,3
	June	3 484 874	-26,2	2 478 972	-48,5	2 281 970	-17,6	8 245 816	-33,0
	July	3 474 787	-19,2	2 168 315	95,1	2 699 772	10,1	8 342 874	6,1
	August	4 035 524	2,7	1 988 552	-6,9	2 456 657	-3,6	8 480 733	-1,5
	September	4 744 763	5,9	2 061 661	101,3	2 605 772	9,3	9 412 196	19,3
	October	4 353 330	8,3	2 808 582	155,0	2 699 748	-9,7	9 861 660	21,6
	November	4 409 884	-1,3	1 833 735	10,2	2 535 681	-8,8	8 779 300	-1,5
	December	2 924 621	9,5	1 736 874	11,1	2 221 459	22,4	6 882 954	13,8
	<b>Total</b>	<b>46 872 579</b>	<b>-6,9</b>	<b>23 752 456</b>	<b>8,5</b>	<b>28 071 931</b>	<b>-5,5</b>	<b>98 696 966</b>	<b>-3,2</b>
2025	January	3 162 501	19,7	1 187 529	83,7	1 884 891	35,3	6 234 921	33,2
	February	3 392 227	-32,0	2 326 820	40,6	2 471 821	4,8	8 190 868	-9,0

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
<b>2024</b>	January	3 602 774	-0,9	646 429	-58,7	1 825 718	-20,1	6 074 921	-18,9
	February	4 539 901	26,0	1 655 142	156,0	2 378 067	30,3	8 573 110	41,1
	March	4 009 379	-11,7	1 674 931	1,2	2 971 970	25,0	8 656 280	1,0
	April	4 004 842	-0,1	2 658 595	58,7	2 245 392	-24,4	8 908 829	2,9
	May	3 755 727	-6,2	2 040 668	-23,2	1 873 432	-16,6	7 669 827	-13,9
	June	3 345 623	-10,9	2 478 972	21,5	2 354 623	25,7	8 179 218	6,6
	July	3 063 526	-8,4	2 168 315	-12,5	2 273 314	-3,5	7 505 155	-8,2
	August	3 771 027	23,1	1 988 552	-8,3	2 318 941	2,0	8 078 520	7,6
	September	4 627 246	22,7	2 061 661	3,7	2 403 556	3,6	9 092 463	12,6
	October	3 715 692	-19,7	2 808 582	36,2	2 327 860	-3,1	8 852 134	-2,6
	November	4 422 804	19,0	1 833 735	-34,7	2 370 169	1,8	8 626 708	-2,5
	December	3 882 636	-12,2	1 736 874	-5,3	2 685 936	13,3	8 305 446	-3,7
<b>2025</b>	January	4 229 797	8,9	1 187 529	-31,6	2 504 022	-6,8	7 921 348	-4,6
	February	3 584 269	-15,3	2 326 820	95,9	2 510 859	0,3	8 421 948	6,3
	<b>Sep – Nov 24</b>	<b>12 765 742</b>		<b>6 703 978</b>		<b>7 101 585</b>		<b>26 571 305</b>	
	<b>Dec 24 – Feb 25 <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>11 696 702</b>	<b>-8,4</b>	<b>5 251 223</b>	<b>-21,7</b>	<b>7 700 817</b>	<b>8,4</b>	<b>24 648 742</b>	<b>-7,2</b>

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 on page 38.

**Table 3 – Value and percentage change of building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building**

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
2024	January	1 957 903	-9,7	479 191	-15,4	1 032 577	-31,7	3 469 671	-18,3
	February	3 686 367	-10,2	1 223 313	-14,8	1 743 817	-14,6	6 653 497	-12,2
	March	2 601 615	-27,1	1 230 662	-5,4	1 908 071	15,7	5 740 348	-11,9
	April	3 098 608	-12,4	1 941 998	18,6	1 666 999	-4,2	6 707 605	-3,0
	May	2 928 931	-13,5	1 481 967	-5,7	1 408 522	-37,6	5 819 420	-19,3
	June	2 539 996	-29,7	1 806 831	-50,9	1 663 243	-21,4	6 010 070	-36,1
	July	2 517 962	-22,9	1 571 243	86,1	1 956 357	4,9	6 045 562	1,2
	August	2 930 664	-1,5	1 444 119	-10,7	1 784 065	-7,6	6 158 848	-5,6
	September	3 448 229	2,3	1 498 300	94,4	1 893 730	5,6	6 840 259	15,3
	October	3 196 278	5,9	2 062 101	149,4	1 982 194	-11,7	7 240 573	18,9
	November	3 221 245	-3,6	1 339 470	7,6	1 852 214	-11,0	6 412 929	-3,8
	December	2 136 319	7,5	1 268 717	9,0	1 622 687	20,2	5 027 723	11,7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>34 264 117</b>	<b>-10,6</b>	<b>17 347 912</b>	<b>4,1</b>	<b>20 514 476</b>	<b>-9,2</b>	<b>72 126 505</b>	<b>-7,0</b>
2025	January	2 298 329	17,4	863 030	80,1	1 369 834	32,7	4 531 193	30,6
	February	2 438 697	-33,8	1 672 768	36,7	1 777 010	1,9	5 888 475	-11,5

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

**Table 4 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building**

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
<b>2024</b>	January	2 627 082	-1,0	479 191	-58,8	1 349 483	-20,3	4 455 756	-19,1
	February	3 369 458	28,3	1 223 313	155,3	1 756 258	30,1	6 349 029	42,5
	March	2 931 738	-13,0	1 230 662	0,6	2 177 218	24,0	6 339 618	-0,1
	April	2 943 854	0,4	1 941 998	57,8	1 645 216	-24,4	6 531 068	3,0
	May	2 739 417	-6,9	1 481 967	-23,7	1 364 772	-17,0	5 586 156	-14,5
	June	2 441 365	-10,9	1 806 831	21,9	1 715 971	25,7	5 964 167	6,8
	July	2 233 008	-8,5	1 571 243	-13,0	1 652 919	-3,7	5 457 170	-8,5
	August	2 766 159	23,9	1 444 119	-8,1	1 685 470	2,0	5 895 748	8,0
	September	3 373 667	22,0	1 498 300	3,8	1 753 083	4,0	6 625 050	12,4
	October	2 732 674	-19,0	2 062 101	37,6	1 704 825	-2,8	6 499 600	-1,9
	November	3 202 812	17,2	1 339 470	-35,0	1 727 916	1,4	6 270 198	-3,5
	December	2 789 954	-12,9	1 268 717	-5,3	1 954 951	13,1	6 013 622	-4,1
<b>2025</b>	January	3 035 374	8,8	863 030	-32,0	1 816 658	-7,1	5 715 062	-5,0
	February	2 573 037	-15,2	1 672 768	93,8	1 803 139	-0,7	6 048 944	5,8
	<b>Sep – Nov 24</b>	<b>9 309 153</b>		<b>4 899 871</b>		<b>5 185 824</b>		<b>19 394 848</b>	
	<b>Dec 24 – Feb 25 <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>8 398 365</b>	<b>-9,8</b>	<b>3 804 515</b>	<b>-22,4</b>	<b>5 574 748</b>	<b>7,5</b>	<b>17 777 628</b>	<b>-8,3</b>

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 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		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
<b>2024</b>	January	1 834 865	14,6	738 235	-49,1	662 252	23,5	3 235 352	-9,9
	February	2 097 005	-13,1	464 909	-18,4	932 878	9,6	3 494 792	-8,9
	March	2 149 921	-21,9	392 388	-77,0	911 912	35,3	3 454 221	-32,7
	April	2 362 554	-6,7	1 461 297	8,4	730 773	5,4	4 554 624	-0,4
	May	2 446 961	-38,3	1 139 630	75,5	550 554	-35,5	4 137 145	-24,4
	June	2 194 469	-22,5	486 000	-35,6	731 540	-6,2	3 412 009	-21,9
	July	2 991 476	12,5	818 680	-33,8	1 360 226	91,6	5 170 382	12,3
	August	2 557 985	-16,3	1 344 921	101,1	934 048	23,9	4 836 954	7,9
	September	3 134 688	-12,4	932 629	-25,0	957 795	23,2	5 025 112	-10,2
	October	2 889 390	-8,3	733 183	-52,3	885 464	-19,2	4 508 037	-22,1
	November	2 691 761	-24,0	1 963 601	17,0	829 802	-18,2	5 485 164	-12,1
	December	2 357 240	-28,2	1 569 481	162,8	838 479	-0,9	4 765 200	0,8
	<b>Total</b>	<b>29 708 315</b>	<b>-16,0</b>	<b>12 044 954</b>	<b>-10,4</b>	<b>10 325 723</b>	<b>7,7</b>	<b>52 078 992</b>	<b>-10,8</b>
<b>2025</b>	January	1 264 370	-31,1	957 314	29,7	417 292	-37,0	2 638 976	-18,4
	February	2 301 218	9,7	756 905	62,8	565 463	-39,4	3 623 586	3,7

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

**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 <sup>3</sup>		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
<b>2024</b>	January	2 562 928	-18,8	738 235	23,6	808 711	-21,8	4 109 874	-14,2
	February	2 308 473	-9,9	464 909	-37,0	860 652	6,4	3 634 034	-11,6
	March	2 339 718	1,4	392 388	-15,6	925 498	7,5	3 657 604	0,6
	April	2 391 397	2,2	1 461 297	272,4	707 601	-23,5	4 560 295	24,7
	May	2 458 355	2,8	1 139 630	-22,0	548 513	-22,5	4 146 498	-9,1
	June	2 159 295	-12,2	486 000	-57,4	777 659	41,8	3 422 954	-17,4
	July	2 906 949	34,6	818 680	68,5	1 280 108	64,6	5 005 737	46,2
	August	2 554 158	-12,1	1 344 921	64,3	864 553	-32,5	4 763 632	-4,8
	September	2 826 243	10,7	932 629	-30,7	928 161	7,4	4 687 033	-1,6
	October	2 700 796	-4,4	733 183	-21,4	831 238	-10,4	4 265 217	-9,0
	November	2 221 421	-17,7	1 963 601	167,8	784 513	-5,6	4 969 535	16,5
	December	2 269 951	2,2	1 569 481	-20,1	969 527	23,6	4 808 959	-3,2
<b>2025</b>	January	1 770 321	-22,0	957 314	-39,0	499 158	-48,5	3 226 793	-32,9
	February	2 534 359	43,2	756 905	-20,9	538 632	7,9	3 829 896	18,7
	<b>Sep – Nov 24</b>	<b>7 748 460</b>		<b>3 629 413</b>		<b>2 543 912</b>		<b>13 921 785</b>	
	<b>Dec 24 – Feb 25 <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>6 574 631</b>	<b>-15,1</b>	<b>3 283 700</b>	<b>-9,5</b>	<b>2 007 317</b>	<b>-21,1</b>	<b>11 865 648</b>	<b>-14,8</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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 previous month expressed as a percentage.

<sup>2</sup> 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 previous three months expressed as a percentage.

<sup>3</sup> Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 on page 38.

**Table 7 – Value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building**

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
2024	January	1 360 167	8,2	547 246	-52,0	490 921	16,7	2 398 334	-14,9
	February	1 549 893	-17,0	343 613	-22,0	689 489	4,7	2 582 995	-12,9
	March	1 579 663	-25,1	288 309	-78,0	670 031	29,7	2 538 003	-35,5
	April	1 725 752	-11,1	1 067 419	3,4	533 801	0,5	3 326 972	-5,1
	May	1 777 023	-41,3	827 618	67,1	399 821	-38,6	3 004 462	-28,0
	June	1 599 467	-26,1	354 227	-38,6	533 192	-10,5	2 486 886	-25,5
	July	2 167 736	7,3	593 246	-36,9	985 671	82,7	3 746 653	7,1
	August	1 857 651	-19,7	976 704	92,9	678 321	18,8	3 512 676	3,6
	September	2 278 116	-15,4	677 783	-27,6	696 072	19,0	3 651 971	-13,3
	October	2 121 432	-10,3	538 314	-53,4	650 120	-21,0	3 309 866	-23,8
	November	1 966 224	-25,8	1 434 332	14,2	606 137	-20,1	4 006 693	-14,1
	December	1 721 870	-29,5	1 146 443	158,0	612 476	-2,7	3 480 789	-1,0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>21 704 994</b>	<b>-19,2</b>	<b>8 795 254</b>	<b>-14,0</b>	<b>7 546 052</b>	<b>3,7</b>	<b>38 046 300</b>	<b>-14,2</b>
2025	January	918 874	-32,4	695 722	27,1	303 265	-38,2	1 917 861	-20,0
	February	1 654 362	6,7	544 145	58,4	406 515	-41,0	2 605 022	0,9

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



**Table 8 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building**

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
<b>2024</b>	January	1 886 398	-19,3	547 246	23,1	592 470	-23,7	3 026 114	-14,9
	February	1 704 111	-9,7	343 613	-37,2	634 625	7,1	2 682 349	-11,4
	March	1 711 812	0,5	288 309	-16,1	673 049	6,1	2 673 170	-0,3
	April	1 751 774	2,3	1 067 419	270,2	526 220	-21,8	3 345 413	25,1
	May	1 788 954	2,1	827 618	-22,5	399 224	-24,1	3 015 796	-9,9
	June	1 575 649	-11,9	354 227	-57,2	564 766	41,5	2 494 642	-17,3
	July	2 112 379	34,1	593 246	67,5	930 272	64,7	3 635 897	45,7
	August	1 862 498	-11,8	976 704	64,6	628 476	-32,4	3 467 678	-4,6
	September	2 062 148	10,7	677 783	-30,6	678 152	7,9	3 418 083	-1,4
	October	1 982 176	-3,9	538 314	-20,6	607 324	-10,4	3 127 814	-8,5
	November	1 622 051	-18,2	1 434 332	166,4	571 365	-5,9	3 627 748	16,0
	December	1 648 093	1,6	1 146 443	-20,1	712 084	24,6	3 506 620	-3,3
<b>2025</b>	January	1 277 255	-22,5	695 722	-39,3	359 867	-49,5	2 332 844	-33,5
	February	1 820 031	42,5	544 145	-21,8	386 903	7,5	2 751 079	17,9
	<b>Sep – Nov 24</b>	<b>5 666 375</b>		<b>2 650 429</b>		<b>1 856 841</b>		<b>10 173 645</b>	
	<b>Dec 24 – Feb 25 <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>4 745 379</b>	<b>-16,3</b>	<b>2 386 310</b>	<b>-10,0</b>	<b>1 458 854</b>	<b>-21,4</b>	<b>8 590 543</b>	<b>-15,6</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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 previous month expressed as a percentage.

<sup>2</sup> 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 previous three months expressed as a percentage.

<sup>3</sup> Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 on page 38.

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

			Feb 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2024	Jan – Feb 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	320	234	332	719	566	-21,3
		square metres	16 917	12 581	17 377	39 205	29 958	-23,6
		R'000	122 110	94 743	143 694	298 996	238 437	-20,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 015	845	876	1 766	1 721	-2,5
		square metres	288 693	242 339	254 623	498 171	496 962	-0,2
		R'000	2 436 069	2 077 536	2 196 108	4 244 151	4 273 644	0,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2 307	1 028	769	2 829	1 797	-36,5
		square metres	225 725	93 193	64 931	296 438	158 124	-46,7
		R'000	2 405 266	929 179	699 308	3 034 591	1 628 487	-46,3
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	3 444	6 671	32 778	6 962	39 449	466,6
		R'000	24 209	61 043	353 117	51 127	414 160	710,1
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>4 987 654</b>	<b>3 162 501</b>	<b>3 392 227</b>	<b>7 628 865</b>	<b>6 554 728</b>	<b>-14,1</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	3 066	1 015	29 488	10 620	30 503	187,2
		R'000	24 086	7 025	314 035	84 958	321 060	277,9
	Shopping space	square metres	29 369	27 474	48 105	60 163	75 579	25,6
		R'000	209 572	224 951	344 811	444 797	569 762	28,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	142 488	119 755	164 710	176 050	284 465	61,6
		R'000	1 067 103	839 791	1 329 990	1 325 076	2 169 781	63,7
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	46 336	13 705	36 121	58 754	49 826	-15,2
		R'000	354 381	115 762	337 984	446 740	453 746	1,6
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 655 142</b>	<b>1 187 529</b>	<b>2 326 820</b>	<b>2 301 571</b>	<b>3 514 349</b>	<b>52,7</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	189 234	143 597	190 491	318 040	334 088	5,0
		R'000	1 628 264	1 266 879	1 649 860	2 748 144	2 916 739	6,1
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	59 487	57 292	51 011	86 721	108 303	24,9
		R'000	731 120	618 012	821 961	1 004 186	1 439 973	43,4
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 359 384</b>	<b>1 884 891</b>	<b>2 471 821</b>	<b>3 752 330</b>	<b>4 356 712</b>	<b>16,1</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>9 002 180</b>	<b>6 234 921</b>	<b>8 190 868</b>	<b>13 682 766</b>	<b>14 425 789</b>	<b>5,4</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Feb 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2024	Jan – Feb 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	145	95	57	264	152	-42,4
		square metres	6 878	4 486	2 745	12 217	7 231	-40,8
		R'000	45 046	31 730	21 076	78 227	52 806	-32,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	382	415	390	655	805	22,9
		square metres	106 444	105 567	103 444	174 634	209 011	19,7
		R'000	842 759	782 873	815 472	1 384 694	1 598 345	15,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	829	472	154	1 000	626	-37,4
		square metres	91 094	48 231	25 169	114 213	73 400	-35,7
		R'000	993 218	432 734	242 978	1 182 713	675 712	-42,9
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	176	216	14 894	449	15 110	3 265,3
		R'000	1 361	1 342	161 702	3 409	163 044	4 682,8
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 882 384</b>	<b>1 248 679</b>	<b>1 241 228</b>	<b>2 649 043</b>	<b>2 489 907</b>	<b>-6,0</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	339	570	17 405	1 232	17 975	1 359,0
		R'000	2 389	3 999	183 993	10 582	187 992	1 676,5
	Shopping space	square metres	5 411	18 346	5 503	9 383	23 849	154,2
		R'000	39 100	152 666	55 733	76 395	208 399	172,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	34 675	19 869	36 043	42 044	55 912	33,0
		R'000	242 717	144 650	287 277	293 382	431 927	47,2
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	8 654	12 624	21 616	12 883	34 240	165,8
		R'000	65 877	104 325	208 127	97 016	312 452	222,1
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>350 083</b>	<b>405 640</b>	<b>735 130</b>	<b>477 375</b>	<b>1 140 770</b>	<b>139,0</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	67 266	54 957	78 093	101 468	133 050	31,1
		R'000	507 679	430 462	597 859	752 858	1 028 321	36,6
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	26 771	18 044	16 622	39 457	34 666	-12,1
		R'000	375 846	212 525	421 063	504 416	633 588	25,6
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>883 525</b>	<b>642 987</b>	<b>1 018 922</b>	<b>1 257 274</b>	<b>1 661 909</b>	<b>32,2</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 115 992</b>	<b>2 297 306</b>	<b>2 995 280</b>	<b>4 383 692</b>	<b>5 292 586</b>	<b>20,7</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Feb 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2024	Jan – Feb 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	6	9	8	15	87,5
		square metres	139	292	396	468	688	47,0
		R'000	1 117	2 466	3 032	3 608	5 498	52,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	64	30	45	111	75	-32,4
		square metres	16 975	9 929	10 378	26 675	20 307	-23,9
		R'000	141 527	85 307	89 664	221 529	174 971	-21,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	9	1	1	35	2	-94,3
		square metres	2 508	946	165	5 509	1 111	-79,8
		R'000	21 200	8 199	1 430	45 384	9 629	-78,8
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>163 844</b>	<b>95 972</b>	<b>94 126</b>	<b>270 521</b>	<b>190 098</b>	<b>-29,7</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	1 705	2 276	1 705	-25,1
		R'000	0	0	14 747	14 080	14 747	4,7
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	22 381	0	51 862	22 381	51 862	131,7
		R'000	184 072	0	449 488	184 072	449 488	144,2
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	365	0	981	2 696	981	-63,6
		R'000	3 011	0	8 502	22 227	8 502	-61,7
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>187 083</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>472 737</b>	<b>220 379</b>	<b>472 737</b>	<b>114,5</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	15 670	9 526	12 198	31 119	21 724	-30,2
		R'000	125 560	80 340	104 925	248 893	185 265	-25,6
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	1 152	3 622	3 678	3 710	7 300	96,8
		R'000	11 164	30 742	32 496	33 194	63 238	90,5
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>136 724</b>	<b>111 082</b>	<b>137 421</b>	<b>282 087</b>	<b>248 503</b>	<b>-11,9</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>487 651</b>	<b>207 054</b>	<b>704 284</b>	<b>772 987</b>	<b>911 338</b>	<b>17,9</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Feb 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2024	Jan – Feb 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	1	2	7	3	-57,1
		square metres	155	64	98	338	162	-52,1
		R'000	1 455	633	973	3 177	1 606	-49,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	13	17	13	25	30	20,0
		square metres	2 845	3 002	2 698	5 095	5 700	11,9
		R'000	24 536	26 566	23 441	43 850	50 007	14,0
	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 <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>25 991</b>	<b>27 199</b>	<b>24 414</b>	<b>47 027</b>	<b>51 613</b>	<b>9,8</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	947	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	5 914	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	2 428	0	0	2 428	0	-100,0
		R'000	22 855	0	0	22 855	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	72	0	0	72	..
		R'000	0	712	0	0	712	..
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	316	467	0	783	..
		R'000	0	3 126	4 620	0	7 746	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>22 855</b>	<b>3 838</b>	<b>4 620</b>	<b>28 769</b>	<b>8 458</b>	<b>-70,6</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 989	1 132	1 765	5 062	2 897	-42,8
		R'000	26 885	10 275	16 577	45 147	26 852	-40,5
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	0	1 391	446	0	1 837	..
		R'000	200	19 706	4 541	270	24 247	8 880,4
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>27 085</b>	<b>29 981</b>	<b>21 118</b>	<b>45 417</b>	<b>51 099</b>	<b>12,5</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>75 931</b>	<b>61 018</b>	<b>50 152</b>	<b>121 213</b>	<b>111 170</b>	<b>-8,3</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Feb 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2024	Jan – Feb 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	9	4	9	14	13	-7,1
		square metres	426	276	465	745	741	-0,5
		R'000	3 821	2 560	4 702	6 659	7 262	9,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	30	27	44	69	71	2,9
		square metres	7 866	6 731	11 062	17 269	17 793	3,0
		R'000	68 340	56 197	98 450	147 469	154 647	4,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	62	0	62	..
		square metres	0	0	3 964	0	3 964	..
		R'000	0	0	40 084	0	40 084	..
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	171	239	878	171	1 117	553,2
		R'000	1 058	2 417	8 878	1 058	11 295	967,6
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>73 219</b>	<b>61 174</b>	<b>152 114</b>	<b>155 186</b>	<b>213 288</b>	<b>37,4</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	205	0	130	205	130	-36,6
		R'000	1 634	0	1 315	1 634	1 315	-19,5
	Shopping space	square metres	0	2 246	640	11 210	2 886	-74,3
		R'000	0	19 468	6 472	70 238	25 940	-63,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 871	7 585	3 116	8 144	10 701	31,4
		R'000	21 946	49 303	27 399	64 936	76 702	18,1
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	4 134	0	3 933	7 113	3 933	-44,7
		R'000	25 569	0	39 770	45 207	39 770	-12,0
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>49 149</b>	<b>68 771</b>	<b>74 956</b>	<b>182 015</b>	<b>143 727</b>	<b>-21,0</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 784	5 378	5 132	11 896	10 510	-11,7
		R'000	63 475	44 456	47 232	96 473	91 688	-5,0
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	962	201	438	2 002	639	-68,1
		R'000	7 187	2 191	7 691	17 055	9 882	-42,1
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>70 662</b>	<b>46 647</b>	<b>54 923</b>	<b>113 528</b>	<b>101 570</b>	<b>-10,5</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>193 030</b>	<b>176 592</b>	<b>281 993</b>	<b>450 729</b>	<b>458 585</b>	<b>1,7</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Feb 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2024	Jan – Feb 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	37	13	2	45	15	-66,7
		square metres	1 691	727	101	2 161	828	-61,7
		R'000	13 099	6 114	781	16 981	6 895	-59,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	80	77	57	151	134	-11,3
		square metres	24 707	30 933	23 108	46 524	54 041	16,2
		R'000	254 370	351 034	264 605	479 978	615 639	28,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	158	228	50	193	278	44,0
		square metres	32 687	23 152	4 648	38 553	27 800	-27,9
		R'000	320 265	290 957	38 456	372 289	329 413	-11,5
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	3 751	15 552	1 902	19 303	914,9
		R'000	0	41 261	171 072	12 690	212 333	1 573,2
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>587 734</b>	<b>689 366</b>	<b>474 914</b>	<b>881 938</b>	<b>1 164 280</b>	<b>32,0</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	784	0	248	3 252	248	-92,4
		R'000	8 624	0	1 240	33 227	1 240	-96,3
	Shopping space	square metres	162	656	594	162	1 250	671,6
		R'000	1 782	3 945	4 455	1 782	8 400	371,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 392	14 250	15 205	9 233	29 455	219,0
		R'000	46 969	121 125	90 499	64 184	211 624	229,7
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	0	1 659	1 715	1 659	-3,3
		R'000	0	0	17 998	15 092	17 998	19,3
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>57 375</b>	<b>125 070</b>	<b>114 192</b>	<b>114 285</b>	<b>239 262</b>	<b>109,4</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	23 495	16 734	28 419	41 550	45 153	8,7
		R'000	239 311	186 058	304 588	431 209	490 646	13,8
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	8 026	6 446	5 386	9 913	11 832	19,4
		R'000	127 368	94 186	73 171	159 338	167 357	5,0
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>366 679</b>	<b>280 244</b>	<b>377 759</b>	<b>590 547</b>	<b>658 003</b>	<b>11,4</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 011 788</b>	<b>1 094 680</b>	<b>966 865</b>	<b>1 586 770</b>	<b>2 061 545</b>	<b>29,9</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Feb 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2024	Jan – Feb 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	1	13	18	14	-22,2
		square metres	363	66	731	937	797	-14,9
		R'000	2 716	429	4 810	6 848	5 239	-23,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	54	41	37	88	78	-11,4
		square metres	16 554	11 141	8 226	25 293	19 367	-23,4
		R'000	120 352	88 258	60 743	184 729	149 001	-19,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	20	6	19	29	25	-13,8
		square metres	1 479	288	1 907	2 271	2 195	-3,3
		R'000	10 513	1 872	13 730	15 412	15 602	1,2
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	364	310	364	17,4
		R'000	0	0	2 366	1 917	2 366	23,4
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>133 581</b>	<b>90 559</b>	<b>81 649</b>	<b>208 906</b>	<b>172 208</b>	<b>-17,6</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	102	445	0	102	445	336,3
		R'000	630	3 026	0	630	3 026	380,3
	Shopping space	square metres	2 706	4 546	690	5 144	5 236	1,8
		R'000	19 737	31 327	4 750	39 581	36 077	-8,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	602	479	602	25,7
		R'000	0	0	4 912	2 898	4 912	69,5
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	124	185	0	1 224	185	-84,9
		R'000	767	1 069	0	7 571	1 069	-85,9
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>21 134</b>	<b>35 422</b>	<b>9 662</b>	<b>50 680</b>	<b>45 084</b>	<b>-11,0</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 146	3 388	7 004	11 929	10 392	-12,9
		R'000	44 080	23 201	47 343	84 490	70 544	-16,5
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	313	4 503	2 396	898	6 899	668,3
		R'000	20 147	74 238	47 120	25 116	121 358	383,2
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>64 227</b>	<b>97 439</b>	<b>94 463</b>	<b>109 606</b>	<b>191 902</b>	<b>75,1</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>218 942</b>	<b>223 420</b>	<b>185 774</b>	<b>369 192</b>	<b>409 194</b>	<b>10,8</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.



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

			Feb 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2024	Jan – Feb 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	92	87	206	326	293	-10,1
		square metres	5 504	5 028	10 841	19 784	15 869	-19,8
		R'000	42 339	35 952	90 913	164 455	126 865	-22,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	293	161	209	503	370	-26,4
		square metres	72 271	47 838	66 120	140 691	113 958	-19,0
		R'000	692 187	482 575	615 713	1 348 552	1 098 288	-18,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 229	307	461	1 457	768	-47,3
		square metres	93 337	17 261	26 001	127 381	43 262	-66,0
		R'000	1 030 862	172 592	342 318	1 356 643	514 910	-62,0
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	1 902	0	383	2 935	383	-87,0
		R'000	13 783	0	2 932	24 046	2 932	-87,8
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 779 171</b>	<b>691 119</b>	<b>1 051 876</b>	<b>2 893 696</b>	<b>1 742 995</b>	<b>-39,8</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	198	0	10 000	428	10 000	2 236,4
		R'000	1 718	0	112 740	4 714	112 740	2 291,6
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 361	1 587	13 174	2 948	-77,6
		R'000	0	15 471	14 004	107 848	29 475	-72,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	70 284	63 961	35 075	82 392	99 036	20,2
		R'000	531 474	423 595	293 568	638 284	717 163	12,4
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	23 998	580	1 608	23 998	2 188	-90,9
		R'000	196 881	7 242	14 929	196 881	22 171	-88,7
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>730 073</b>	<b>446 308</b>	<b>435 241</b>	<b>947 727</b>	<b>881 549</b>	<b>-7,0</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	53 381	38 078	43 764	94 182	81 842	-13,1
		R'000	533 485	388 741	428 856	942 489	817 597	-13,3
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	19 491	9 932	14 442	25 963	24 374	-6,1
		R'000	165 346	89 911	175 431	222 227	265 342	19,4
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>698 831</b>	<b>478 652</b>	<b>604 287</b>	<b>1 164 716</b>	<b>1 082 939</b>	<b>-7,0</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 208 075</b>	<b>1 616 079</b>	<b>2 091 404</b>	<b>5 006 139</b>	<b>3 707 483</b>	<b>-25,9</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Feb 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2024	Jan – Feb 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	19	24	23	31	47	51,6
		square metres	1 346	1 443	1 370	2 140	2 813	31,4
		R'000	9 927	13 403	12 674	16 451	26 077	58,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	64	44	49	93	93	0,0
		square metres	29 353	13 557	17 339	39 045	30 896	-20,9
		R'000	211 134	103 954	139 054	273 033	243 008	-11,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	62	4	13	70	17	-75,7
		square metres	4 620	1 932	2 161	5 112	4 093	-19,9
		R'000	29 208	12 836	14 358	33 611	27 194	-19,1
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	1 195	2 465	707	1 195	3 172	165,4
		R'000	8 007	16 023	6 167	8 007	22 190	177,1
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>258 276</b>	<b>146 216</b>	<b>172 253</b>	<b>331 102</b>	<b>318 469</b>	<b>-3,8</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 438	0	0	1 438	0	-100,0
		R'000	9 091	0	0	9 091	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	9 639	0	38 291	9 639	38 291	297,3
		R'000	59 905	0	254 405	59 905	254 405	324,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 511	10 515	22 807	6 608	33 322	404,3
		R'000	37 184	74 873	176 847	44 290	251 720	468,3
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>106 180</b>	<b>74 873</b>	<b>431 252</b>	<b>113 286</b>	<b>506 125</b>	<b>346,8</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 081	11 925	12 784	15 739	24 709	57,0
		R'000	64 142	86 021	92 984	111 250	179 005	60,9
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	1 060	11 861	6 936	2 355	18 797	698,2
		R'000	13 071	84 509	55 532	21 381	140 041	555,0
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>77 213</b>	<b>170 530</b>	<b>148 516</b>	<b>132 631</b>	<b>319 046</b>	<b>140,6</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>441 669</b>	<b>391 619</b>	<b>752 021</b>	<b>577 019</b>	<b>1 143 640</b>	<b>98,2</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Feb 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2024	Jan – Feb 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	3	11	6	14	133,3	
		square metres	415	199	630	415	829	99,8	
		R'000	2 590	1 456	4 733	2 590	6 189	139,0	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	35	33	32	71	65	-8,5	
		square metres	11 678	13 641	12 248	22 945	25 889	12,8	
		R'000	80 864	100 772	88 966	160 317	189 738	18,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	10	9	45	19	-57,8	
		square metres	0	1 383	916	3 399	2 299	-32,4	
		R'000	0	9 989	5 954	28 539	15 943	-44,1	
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	83 454	112 217	99 653	191 446	211 870	10,7
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	740	0	-100,0
R'000			0	0	0	5 086	0	-100,0	
Shopping space		square metres	9 023	319	800	9 023	1 119	-87,6	
		R'000	66 193	2 074	4 992	66 193	7 066	-89,3	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	374	3 503	0	4 769	3 503	-26,5	
		R'000	2 741	25 533	0	33 030	25 533	-22,7	
Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>		square metres	9 061	0	5 857	9 125	5 857	-35,8	
		R'000	62 276	0	44 038	62 746	44 038	-29,8	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	131 210	27 607	49 030	167 055	76 637	-54,1	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 422	2 479	1 332	5 095	3 811	-25,2	
		R'000	23 647	17 325	9 496	35 335	26 821	-24,1	
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	1 712	1 292	667	2 423	1 959	-19,1	
		R'000	10 791	10 004	4 916	21 189	14 920	-29,6	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	34 438	27 329	14 412	56 524	41 741	-26,2
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	249 102	167 153	163 095	415 025	330 248	-20,4	

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2024	Jan – Feb 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	377	260	442	574	702	22,3
		square metres	19 850	12 536	22 754	30 659	35 290	15,1
		R'000	146 819	82 446	147 934	225 729	230 380	2,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	610	371	567	987	938	-5,0
		square metres	151 626	101 402	154 927	255 667	256 329	0,3
		R'000	1 262 710	912 365	1 338 266	2 194 112	2 250 631	2,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	786	173	973	1 572	1 146	-27,1
		square metres	70 803	27 785	80 680	148 172	108 465	-26,8
		R'000	610 627	247 059	755 467	1 419 054	1 002 526	-29,4
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	11 372	3 496	9 462	12 635	12 958	2,6
		R'000	76 849	22 500	59 551	92 975	82 051	-11,7
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 097 005</b>	<b>1 264 370</b>	<b>2 301 218</b>	<b>3 931 870</b>	<b>3 565 588</b>	<b>-9,3</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	7 862	2 015	17 319	16 558	19 334	16,8
		R'000	74 759	23 273	153 289	152 588	176 562	15,7
	Shopping space	square metres	4 806	5 819	7 539	39 745	13 358	-66,4
		R'000	52 542	54 176	73 093	429 081	127 269	-70,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	40 606	117 150	57 543	70 317	174 693	148,4
		R'000	303 138	768 806	379 102	560 668	1 147 908	104,7
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	4 047	13 259	19 365	7 546	32 624	332,3
		R'000	34 470	111 059	151 421	60 807	262 480	331,7
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>464 909</b>	<b>957 314</b>	<b>756 905</b>	<b>1 203 144</b>	<b>1 714 219</b>	<b>42,5</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	70 473	37 515	41 683	115 875	79 198	-31,7
		R'000	598 746	332 561	362 313	983 583	694 874	-29,4
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	31 844	5 905	18 855	55 093	24 760	-55,1
		R'000	334 132	84 731	203 150	611 547	287 881	-52,9
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>932 878</b>	<b>417 292</b>	<b>565 463</b>	<b>1 595 130</b>	<b>982 755</b>	<b>-38,4</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 494 792</b>	<b>2 638 976</b>	<b>3 623 586</b>	<b>6 730 144</b>	<b>6 262 562</b>	<b>-6,9</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2024	Jan – Feb 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	128	60	93	212	153	-27,8
		square metres	5 988	2 836	4 490	10 061	7 326	-27,2
		R'000	41 491	18 677	28 765	70 473	47 442	-32,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	225	139	237	351	376	7,1
		square metres	55 193	34 323	65 409	86 384	99 732	15,5
		R'000	393 394	259 479	490 765	625 861	750 244	19,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	318	90	775	502	865	72,3
		square metres	38 179	18 477	63 418	61 494	81 895	33,2
		R'000	332 522	167 980	586 476	544 393	754 456	38,6
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	8 974	3 057	8 620	10 237	11 677	14,1
		R'000	56 042	19 459	54 078	72 168	73 537	1,9
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>823 449</b>	<b>465 595</b>	<b>1 160 084</b>	<b>1 312 895</b>	<b>1 625 679</b>	<b>23,8</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	7 620	0	10 069	7 620	10 069	32,1
		R'000	71 876	0	73 402	71 876	73 402	2,1
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	456	0	456	..
		R'000	0	0	4 218	0	4 218	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	21 989	9 880	7 835	25 376	17 715	-30,2
		R'000	167 602	65 751	55 929	194 346	121 680	-37,4
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	2 110	1 884	4 374	5 150	6 258	21,5
		R'000	13 051	14 320	32 370	36 045	46 690	29,5
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>252 529</b>	<b>80 071</b>	<b>165 919</b>	<b>302 267</b>	<b>245 990</b>	<b>-18,6</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	18 989	10 978	13 864	29 006	24 842	-14,4
		R'000	133 212	77 584	92 140	205 176	169 724	-17,3
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	3 308	2 719	3 581	11 738	6 300	-46,3
		R'000	43 245	48 173	56 077	131 797	104 250	-20,9
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>176 457</b>	<b>125 757</b>	<b>148 217</b>	<b>336 973</b>	<b>273 974</b>	<b>-18,7</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 252 435</b>	<b>671 423</b>	<b>1 474 220</b>	<b>1 952 135</b>	<b>2 145 643</b>	<b>9,9</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2024	Jan – Feb 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	49	108	1	53	109	105,7
		square metres	2 890	4 406	54	3 099	4 460	43,9
		R'000	23 114	29 438	312	24 805	29 750	19,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	45	10	5	60	15	-75,0
		square metres	8 060	3 083	2 731	12 410	5 814	-53,2
		R'000	64 428	25 513	22 880	99 468	48 393	-51,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	317	0	0	317	0	-100,0
		square metres	17 421	0	0	17 421	0	-100,0
		R'000	139 503	0	0	139 503	0	-100,0
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>227 045</b>	<b>54 951</b>	<b>23 192</b>	<b>263 776</b>	<b>78 143</b>	<b>-70,4</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 958	0	513	1 958	513	-73,8
		R'000	14 367	0	4 446	14 367	4 446	-69,1
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>14 367</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4 446</b>	<b>14 367</b>	<b>4 446</b>	<b>-69,1</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	18 029	5 889	1 870	31 092	7 759	-75,0
		R'000	147 181	49 477	15 956	253 388	65 433	-74,2
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	10 580	2 360	6 837	15 658	9 197	-41,3
		R'000	88 268	20 293	57 468	139 584	77 761	-44,3
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>235 449</b>	<b>69 770</b>	<b>73 424</b>	<b>392 972</b>	<b>143 194</b>	<b>-63,6</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>476 861</b>	<b>124 721</b>	<b>101 062</b>	<b>671 115</b>	<b>225 783</b>	<b>-66,4</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2024	Jan – Feb 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	0	0	1	0	-100,0
		square metres	58	0	0	58	0	-100,0
		R'000	546	0	0	546	0	-100,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	5	3	5	7	8	14,3
		square metres	1 251	617	1 193	1 680	1 810	7,7
		R'000	11 776	6 104	11 802	15 814	17 906	13,2
	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 <sup>2</sup>	square metres	1 164	0	0	1 164	0	-100,0
		R'000	10 957	0	0	10 957	0	-100,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>23 279</b>	<b>6 104</b>	<b>11 802</b>	<b>27 317</b>	<b>17 906</b>	<b>-34,5</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	619	0	0	619	0	-100,0
		R'000	5 827	0	0	5 827	0	-100,0
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>5 827</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5 827</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-100,0</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	937	902	176	2 175	1 078	-50,4
		R'000	8 820	8 924	1 741	20 473	10 665	-47,9
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	14	0	547	833	547	-34,3
		R'000	132	100	5 432	7 931	5 532	-30,2
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>8 952</b>	<b>9 024</b>	<b>7 173</b>	<b>28 404</b>	<b>16 197</b>	<b>-43,0</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>38 058</b>	<b>15 128</b>	<b>18 975</b>	<b>61 548</b>	<b>34 103</b>	<b>-44,6</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2024	Jan – Feb 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	3	0	3	..
		square metres	0	0	177	0	177	..
		R'000	0	0	1 790	0	1 790	..
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	8	11	11	18	22	22,2
		square metres	1 785	3 093	2 208	3 879	5 301	36,7
		R'000	14 688	28 657	20 965	28 758	49 622	72,6
	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 <sup>2</sup>	square metres	853	0	0	853	0	-100,0
		R'000	6 800	0	0	6 800	0	-100,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>21 488</b>	<b>28 657</b>	<b>22 755</b>	<b>35 558</b>	<b>51 412</b>	<b>44,6</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	145	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	897	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-100,0</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 442	228	171	5 635	399	-92,9
		R'000	16 088	1 562	1 084	35 924	2 646	-92,6
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	50	0	0	3 415	0	-100,0
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>16 138</b>	<b>1 562</b>	<b>1 084</b>	<b>39 339</b>	<b>2 646</b>	<b>-93,3</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>37 626</b>	<b>30 219</b>	<b>23 839</b>	<b>75 794</b>	<b>54 058</b>	<b>-28,7</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2024	Jan – Feb 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	12	14	8	18	22	22,2
		square metres	640	826	447	1 007	1 273	26,4
		R'000	5 907	9 147	5 319	9 181	14 466	57,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	42	44	57	79	101	27,8
		square metres	11 181	12 096	14 058	22 204	26 154	17,8
		R'000	115 075	138 119	164 607	227 744	302 726	32,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	50	10	18	136	28	-79,4
		square metres	6 691	2 824	4 524	12 907	7 348	-43,1
		R'000	64 741	21 344	32 205	114 345	53 549	-53,2
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	381	0	0	381	0	-100,0
		R'000	3 050	0	0	3 050	0	-100,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>188 773</b>	<b>168 610</b>	<b>202 131</b>	<b>354 320</b>	<b>370 741</b>	<b>4,6</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	6 750	0	6 750	..
		R'000	0	0	74 250	0	74 250	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	4 127	3 657	33 849	7 784	-77,0
		R'000	0	42 457	40 925	369 577	83 382	-77,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 217	15 170	32 298	11 540	47 468	311,3
		R'000	13 304	107 637	196 256	83 545	303 893	263,7
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	1 421	1 720	0	3 141	..
		R'000	0	15 631	12 354	0	27 985	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>13 304</b>	<b>165 725</b>	<b>323 785</b>	<b>453 122</b>	<b>489 510</b>	<b>8,0</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 294	6 719	7 139	13 355	13 858	3,8
		R'000	97 814	77 579	78 128	156 157	155 707	-0,3
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	6 223	762	3 366	6 324	4 128	-34,7
		R'000	93 191	12 658	34 665	116 378	47 323	-59,3
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>191 005</b>	<b>90 237</b>	<b>112 793</b>	<b>272 535</b>	<b>203 030</b>	<b>-25,5</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>393 082</b>	<b>424 572</b>	<b>638 709</b>	<b>1 079 977</b>	<b>1 063 281</b>	<b>-1,5</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2024	Jan – Feb 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	24	13	11	28	24	-14,3
		square metres	1 379	796	649	1 643	1 445	-12,1
		R'000	9 862	4 652	3 844	11 639	8 496	-27,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	44	31	37	82	68	-17,1
		square metres	9 376	8 362	7 246	17 567	15 608	-11,2
		R'000	65 391	60 329	49 151	126 256	109 480	-13,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	8	12	0	8	12	50,0
		square metres	332	1 052	0	332	1 052	216,9
		R'000	2 053	9 117	0	2 053	9 117	344,1
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	439	0	0	439	..
		R'000	0	3 041	0	0	3 041	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>77 306</b>	<b>77 139</b>	<b>52 995</b>	<b>139 948</b>	<b>130 134</b>	<b>-7,0</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	670	1 692	622	670	2 314	245,4
		R'000	5 007	11 719	5 076	5 007	16 795	235,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 621	0	0	1 621	0	-100,0
		R'000	10 026	0	0	10 026	0	-100,0
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	329	10 507	0	10 836	..
		R'000	0	2 139	84 709	0	86 848	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>15 033</b>	<b>13 858</b>	<b>89 785</b>	<b>15 033</b>	<b>103 643</b>	<b>589,4</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 388	3 165	3 664	7 359	6 829	-7,2
		R'000	33 606	20 606	23 811	47 109	44 417	-5,7
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	1 149	29	32	1 485	61	-95,9
		R'000	9 471	189	208	16 070	397	-97,5
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>43 077</b>	<b>20 795</b>	<b>24 019</b>	<b>63 179</b>	<b>44 814</b>	<b>-29,1</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>135 416</b>	<b>111 792</b>	<b>166 799</b>	<b>218 160</b>	<b>278 591</b>	<b>27,7</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2024	Jan – Feb 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	153	63	314	246	377	53,3
		square metres	8 237	3 545	16 077	13 737	19 622	42,8
		R'000	61 157	19 578	102 146	101 587	121 724	19,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	178	113	179	303	292	-3,6
		square metres	50 778	34 484	49 009	92 065	83 493	-9,3
		R'000	495 912	352 585	473 661	929 482	826 246	-11,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	75	61	180	591	241	-59,2
		square metres	5 474	5 432	12 738	53 312	18 170	-65,9
		R'000	53 210	48 618	136 786	600 162	185 404	-69,1
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>610 279</b>	<b>420 781</b>	<b>712 593</b>	<b>1 631 231</b>	<b>1 133 374</b>	<b>-30,5</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	242	2 015	500	242	2 515	939,3
		R'000	2 883	23 273	5 637	2 883	28 910	902,8
	Shopping space	square metres	3 886	0	1 262	4 831	1 262	-73,9
		R'000	46 155	0	11 736	52 220	11 736	-77,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 502	90 558	15 075	17 052	105 633	519,5
		R'000	39 879	586 454	105 346	169 832	691 800	307,3
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	1 937	9 625	2 764	2 396	12 389	417,1
		R'000	21 419	78 969	21 988	24 762	100 957	307,7
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>110 336</b>	<b>688 696</b>	<b>144 707</b>	<b>249 697</b>	<b>833 403</b>	<b>233,8</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	15 348	8 461	11 947	25 292	20 408	-19,3
		R'000	154 869	87 020	123 865	251 838	210 885	-16,3
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	9 802	35	3 288	18 260	3 323	-81,8
		R'000	92 497	1 557	33 924	187 244	35 481	-81,1
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>247 366</b>	<b>88 577</b>	<b>157 789</b>	<b>439 082</b>	<b>246 366</b>	<b>-43,9</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>967 981</b>	<b>1 198 054</b>	<b>1 015 089</b>	<b>2 320 010</b>	<b>2 213 143</b>	<b>-4,6</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2024	Jan – Feb 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	8	0	11	8	11	37,5
		square metres	533	0	785	533	785	47,3
		R'000	3 883	0	5 216	3 883	5 216	34,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	46	12	22	60	34	-43,3
		square metres	8 311	2 244	6 872	11 219	9 116	-18,7
		R'000	62 462	18 981	58 454	83 373	77 435	-7,1
	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 <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	842	0	842	..
		R'000	0	0	5 473	0	5 473	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>66 345</b>	<b>18 981</b>	<b>69 143</b>	<b>87 256</b>	<b>88 124</b>	<b>1,0</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	8 696	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	77 829	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 045	0	1 822	5 045	1 822	-63,9
		R'000	35 964	0	17 125	35 964	17 125	-52,4
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>35 964</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17 125</b>	<b>113 793</b>	<b>17 125</b>	<b>-85,0</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 046	1 006	2 648	1 046	3 654	249,3
		R'000	7 156	8 603	24 115	7 156	32 718	357,2
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	0	0	1 204	0	1 204	..
		R'000	0	1 761	13 376	201	15 137	7 430,8
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>7 156</b>	<b>10 364</b>	<b>37 491</b>	<b>7 357</b>	<b>47 855</b>	<b>550,5</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>109 465</b>	<b>29 345</b>	<b>123 759</b>	<b>208 406</b>	<b>153 104</b>	<b>-26,5</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2024	Jan – Feb 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	2	1	8	3	-62,5
		square metres	125	127	75	521	202	-61,2
		R'000	859	954	542	3 615	1 496	-58,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	17	8	14	27	22	-18,5
		square metres	5 691	3 100	6 201	8 259	9 301	12,6
		R'000	39 584	22 598	45 981	57 356	68 579	19,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	18	0	0	18	0	-100,0
		square metres	2 706	0	0	2 706	0	-100,0
		R'000	18 598	0	0	18 598	0	-100,0
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>59 041</b>	<b>23 552</b>	<b>46 523</b>	<b>79 569</b>	<b>70 075</b>	<b>-11,9</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	250	0	1 542	250	1 542	516,8
		R'000	1 380	0	11 138	1 380	11 138	707,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 655	1 542	0	7 106	1 542	-78,3
		R'000	16 169	8 964	0	46 761	8 964	-80,8
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>17 549</b>	<b>8 964</b>	<b>11 138</b>	<b>48 141</b>	<b>20 102</b>	<b>-58,2</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	0	167	204	915	371	-59,5
		R'000	0	1 206	1 473	6 362	2 679	-57,9
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	768	0	0	795	0	-100,0
		R'000	7 278	0	2 000	8 927	2 000	-77,6
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>7 278</b>	<b>1 206</b>	<b>3 473</b>	<b>15 289</b>	<b>4 679</b>	<b>-69,4</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>83 868</b>	<b>33 722</b>	<b>61 134</b>	<b>142 999</b>	<b>94 856</b>	<b>-33,7</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

## Explanatory notes

<b>Introduction</b>	<b>1</b>	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
<b>Purpose of the survey</b>	<b>2</b>	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
<b>Scope of the survey</b>	<b>3</b>	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• passing of building plans; and</li> <li>• final inspection of completed buildings.</li> </ul>
<b>Classification</b>	<b>4</b>	Building activities are classified in division five according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
<b>Collection rate</b>	<b>5</b>	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for February 2025 was 86,4%. The revised collection rate for January 2025 was 88,2%.
<b>Statistical unit</b>	<b>6</b>	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
<b>Survey methodology and design</b>	<b>7</b>	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85% of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by email and telephone.
<b>Constant prices</b>	<b>8</b>	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2019. 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 P0151.1: <i>Construction Materials Price Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2023=100) are converted to the base year 2019=100.

- Seasonal adjustment** 9 Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by the United States Census Bureau.
- 10 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 February 2022](#).
- Trend cycle** 11 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** 12 Revised figures are mainly due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. The reasons for routine revisions are outlined in the following schedule. Any unscheduled revisions will be promptly indicated in relevant tables to maintain transparency and accuracy. It is important to note that seasonally adjusted figures are revised monthly.

Statistical release	Reason for revision	Period subject to revision
Feb-25	Additional information from respondents	Feb-23 - Jan-25
Mar-25	Additional information from respondents	Mar-23 - Feb-25
Apr-25	Additional information from respondents	Apr-23 - Mar-25
May-25	Additional information from respondents	May-23 - Apr-25
Jun-25	Additional information from respondents	Jun-23 - May-25
Jul-25	Additional information from respondents	Jul-23 - Jun-25
Aug-25	Additional information from respondents	Aug-23 - Jul-25
Sep-25	Additional information from respondents	Sep-23 - Aug-25
Oct-25	Additional information from respondents	Oct-23 - Sep-25
Nov-25	Additional information from respondents	Nov-23 - Oct-25
Dec-25	Additional information from respondents	Dec-23 - Nov-25
Jan-26	Additional information from respondents	Jan-24 - Dec-25
New base year in 2027/28 – periodic, approximately four to five-year intervals		

- Related publications** 13 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:
- P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* issued annually;
  - P9101.2: *Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region* issued annually; and
  - *Building Statistics* (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.
- Rounding-off of figures** 14 Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.
- Symbols and abbreviations** 15
- .. Changes from a zero in the preceding period cannot be calculated as a percentage
  - 0 Nil or figure too small to publish
  - \* Revised figures
  - Stats SA Statistics South Africa
  - SIC Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities
  - ISIC International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities

## Glossary

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



<b>Reference period</b>	One calendar month.
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Buildings that are used primarily as residences. Includes dwelling-houses, flats, townhouses and other residential buildings.
<b>Townhouses</b>	Multiple, medium-density dwelling-units including cluster housing, group housing, simplexes, duplexes, triplexes and other similar dwelling-units which are usually grouped together, with one level of each unit on ground level. This category excludes blocks of flats.
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