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Key findings for January to February 2026

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 2025	Jan – Feb 2026	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2025 and Jan – Feb 2026	% change between Jan – Feb 2025 and Jan – Feb 2026
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 590 234	6 907 471	317 237	4,8
-Dwelling-houses	4 547 587	4 341 302	-206 285	-4,5
-Flats and townhouses	1 610 705	2 026 313	415 608	25,8
-Other residential buildings	431 942	539 856	107 914	25,0
Non-residential buildings	3 601 601	2 892 295	-709 306	-19,7
Additions and alterations	4 377 280	3 935 297	-441 983	-10,1
Total	14 569 115	13 735 063	-834 052	-5,7

The value of building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 5,7% (-R834,1 million) during January to February 2026 compared with January to February 2025. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-R709,3 million) and additions and alterations (-R442,0 million). An increase was reported for residential buildings (R317,2 million) – see Table A.

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

Province	Jan – Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2026	Weight Jan – Feb 2025	% change between Jan – Feb 2025 and Jan – Feb 2026	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Feb 2025 and Jan – Feb 2026 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2025 and Jan – Feb 2026
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	5 292 586	4 624 129	36,3	-12,6	-4,6	-668 457
Eastern Cape	911 338	860 752	6,3	-5,6	-0,3	-50 586
Northern Cape	111 170	152 871	0,8	37,5	0,3	41 701
Free State	472 349	573 772	3,2	21,5	0,7	101 423
KwaZulu-Natal	2 061 545	1 972 044	14,2	-4,3	-0,6	-89 501
North West	409 194	541 902	2,8	32,4	0,9	132 708
Gauteng	3 837 045	3 829 706	26,3	-0,2	-0,1	-7 339
Mpumalanga	1 143 640	683 202	7,8	-40,3	-3,2	-460 438
Limpopo	330 248	496 685	2,3	50,4	1,1	166 437
Total	14 569 115	13 735 063	100,0	-5,7	-5,7	-834 052

¹ 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 negative contributors to the total decrease of 5,7% (-R834,1 million) were Western Cape (contributing -4,6 percentage points or -R668,5 million) and Mpumalanga (contributing -3,2 percentage points or -R460,4 million).

The largest positive contributors were Limpopo (contributing 1,1 percentage points or R166,4 million) and North West (contributing 0,9 of a percentage point or R132,7 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 2025	Jan – Feb 2026	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2025 and Jan – Feb 2026	% change between Jan – Feb 2025 and Jan – Feb 2026
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	4 762 737	4 841 688	78 951	1,7
Non-residential buildings	2 598 670	2 027 785	-570 885	-22,0
Additions and alterations	3 161 528	2 757 769	-403 759	-12,8
Total	10 522 935	9 627 242	-895 693	-8,5

The real value of building plans passed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 8,5% (-R895,7 million) during January to February 2026 compared with January to February 2025. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-R570,9 million) and additions and alterations (-R403,8 million). An increase was reported for residential buildings (R79,0 million) – see Table C.

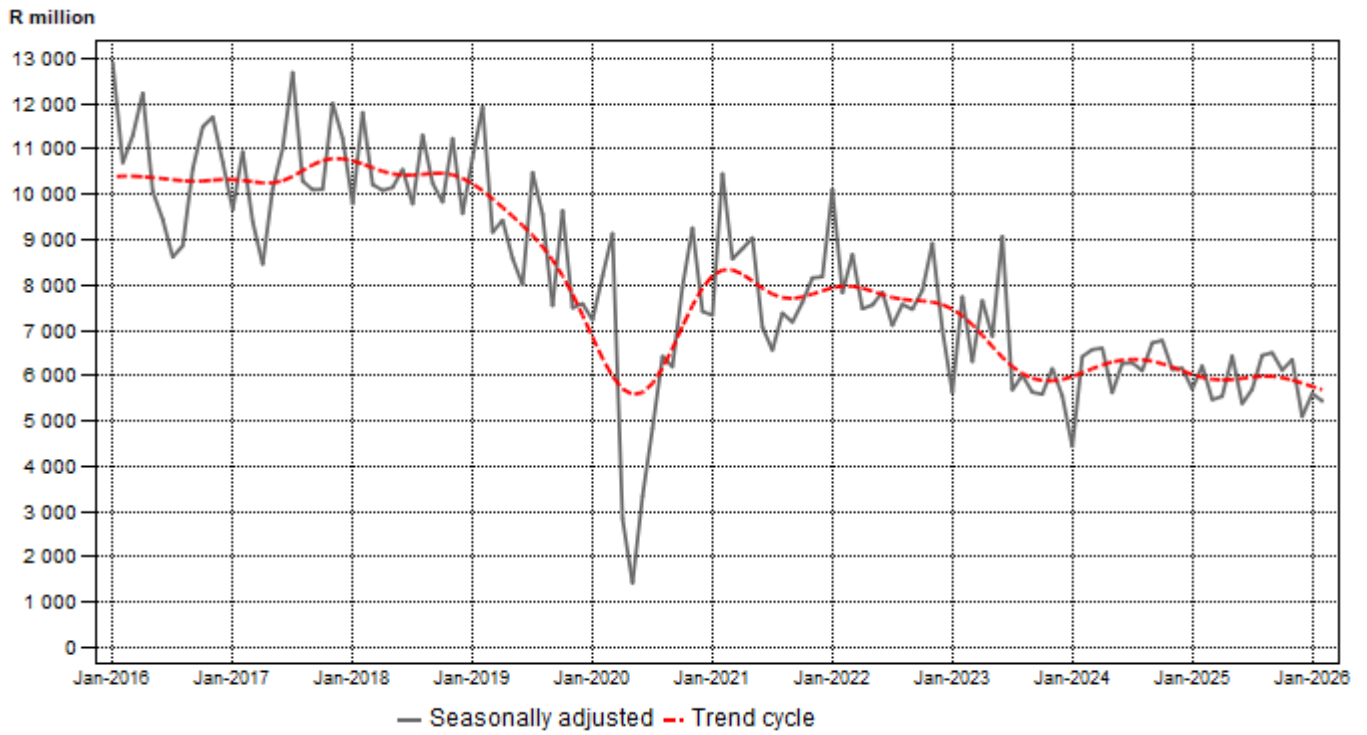
Table D – Seasonally adjusted building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

Type of building	Sep – Nov 2025	Dec 2025 – Feb 2026	% change between Sep – Nov 2025 and Dec 2025 – Feb 2026
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 877 025	8 596 751	-3,2
Non-residential buildings ¹	4 640 002	2 713 442	-41,5
Additions and alterations	5 457 236	4 825 509	-11,6
Total	18 974 263	16 135 702	-15,0

¹ 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 15,0% in the three months ended February 2026 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-41,5%), additions and alterations (-11,6%) and residential buildings (-3,2%) – 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 2025	Jan – Feb 2026	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2025 and Jan – Feb 2026	% change between Jan – Feb 2025 and Jan – Feb 2026
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	3 540 122	4 373 630	833 508	23,5
-Dwelling-houses	2 335 696	2 458 009	122 313	5,2
-Flats and townhouses	1 122 375	1 750 009	627 634	55,9
-Other residential buildings	82 051	165 612	83 561	101,8
Non-residential buildings	2 129 130	856 244	-1 272 886	-59,8
Additions and alterations	951 365	1 314 405	363 040	38,2
Total	6 620 617	6 544 279	-76 338	-1,2

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 1,2% (-R76,3 million) during January to February 2026 compared with January to February 2025. A decrease was reported for non-residential buildings (-R1 272,9 million). Increases were reported for residential buildings (R833,5 million) and additions and alterations (R363,0 million) – see Table E.

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

Province	Jan – Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2026	Weight Jan – Feb 2025	% change between Jan – Feb 2025 and Jan – Feb 2026	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Feb 2025 and Jan – Feb 2026 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2025 and Jan – Feb 2026
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	2 145 643	2 654 964	32,4	23,7	7,7	509 321
Eastern Cape	225 783	443 636	3,4	96,5	3,3	217 853
Northern Cape	34 103	78 348	0,5	129,7	0,7	44 245
Free State	54 058	32 123	0,8	-40,6	-0,3	-21 935
KwaZulu-Natal	1 063 281	586 252	16,1	-44,9	-7,2	-477 029
North West	278 591	209 112	4,2	-24,9	-1,0	-69 479
Gauteng	2 571 198	2 259 827	38,8	-12,1	-4,7	-311 371
Mpumalanga	153 104	145 742	2,3	-4,8	-0,1	-7 362
Limpopo	94 856	134 275	1,4	41,6	0,6	39 419
Total	6 620 617	6 544 279	100,0	-1,2	-1,2	-76 338

¹ 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.

Five out of the nine provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed during January to February 2026. The largest negative contributors were KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -7,2 percentage points or -R477,0 million) and Gauteng (contributing -4,7 percentage points or -R311,4 million).

The largest positive contributors were Western Cape (contributing 7,7 percentage points or R509,3 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing 3,3 percentage points or R217,9 million) – 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 2025	Jan – Feb 2026	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2025 and Jan – Feb 2026	% change between Jan – Feb 2025 and Jan – Feb 2026
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	2 555 021	3 063 469	508 448	19,9
Non-residential buildings	1 540 403	600 107	-940 296	-61,0
Additions and alterations	687 088	921 020	233 932	34,0
Total	4 782 512	4 584 596	-197 916	-4,1

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 4,1% (-R197,9 million) during January to February 2026 compared with January to February 2025. A decrease was reported for non-residential buildings (-R940,3 million). Increases were reported for residential buildings (R508,4 million) and additions and alterations (R233,9 million) – see Table G.

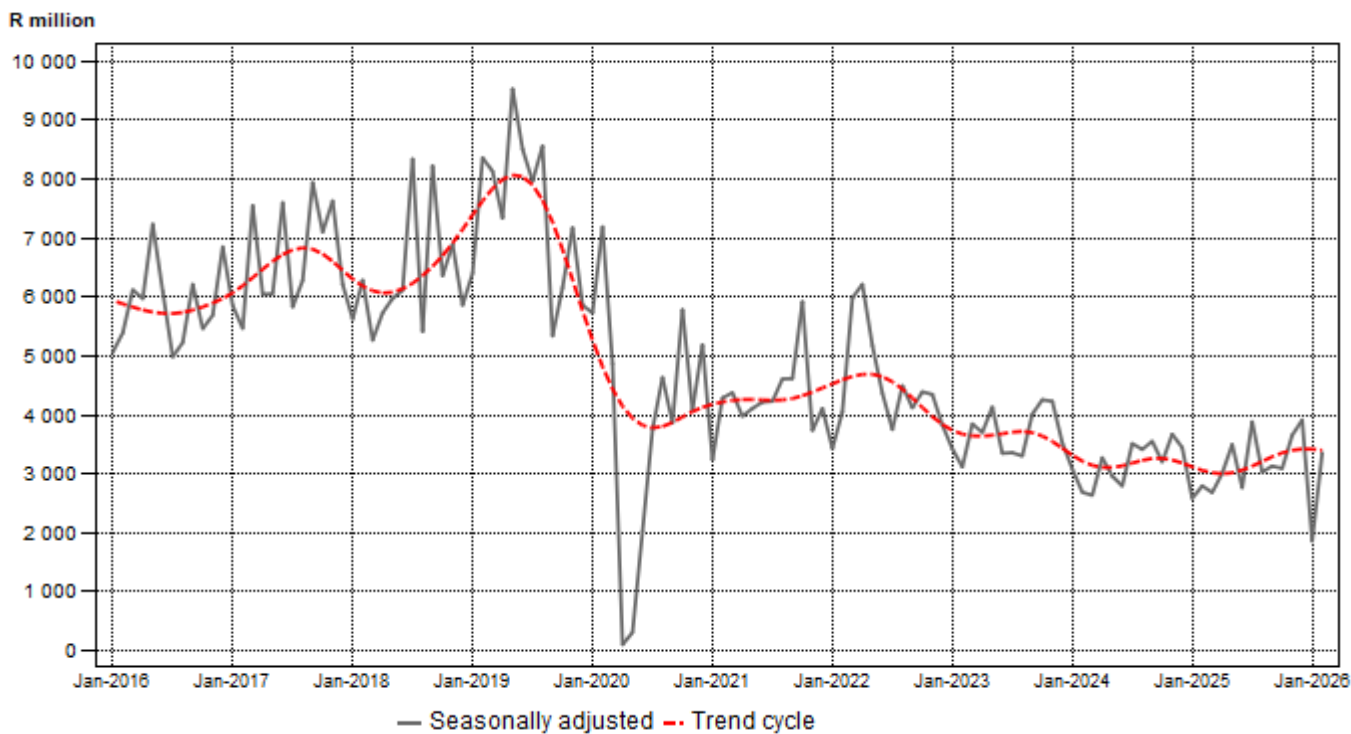
Table H – Seasonally adjusted buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

Type of building	Sep – Nov 2025	Dec 2025 – Feb 2026	% change between Sep – Nov 2025 and Dec 2025 – Feb 2026
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 477 986	6 056 755	10,6
Non-residential buildings ¹	2 802 179	1 301 913	-53,5
Additions and alterations	1 591 438	1 756 590	10,4
Total	9 871 603	9 115 258	-7,7

¹ 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 7,7% in the three months ended February 2026 compared with the previous three months. Non-residential buildings fell by 53,5%. Increases were reported for residential buildings (10,6%) and additions and alterations (10,4%) – 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 ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2025	January	3 186 144	20,6	1 206 164	86,6	1 871 867	34,4	6 264 175	33,8
	February	3 404 090	-31,7	2 395 437	44,7	2 505 413	6,2	8 304 940	-7,7
	March	3 635 173	2,6	1 385 314	-27,3	2 431 589	-6,4	7 452 076	-7,4
	April	3 412 504	-19,6	1 531 377	-42,4	2 341 150	2,6	7 285 031	-20,7
	May	4 284 380	3,5	1 964 424	-3,7	2 979 174	52,3	9 227 978	13,4
	June	3 864 945	2,5	1 313 123	-48,3	2 383 783	2,1	7 561 851	-12,5
	July	4 076 597	2,5	1 983 248	-25,4	2 903 987	2,4	8 963 832	-5,4
	August	4 424 700	3,0	2 607 377	30,0	2 272 708	-11,9	9 304 785	4,8
	September	4 326 400	-11,6	2 535 922	22,5	2 953 505	11,0	9 815 827	2,0
	October	4 288 939	-7,8	2 417 842	-16,4	2 857 339	4,2	9 564 120	-7,0
	November	4 991 149	14,7	1 594 033	-16,5	2 733 447	6,9	9 318 629	5,7
	December	3 054 985	3,7	970 890	-46,0	1 974 604	-12,5	6 000 479	-14,3
	Total	46 950 006	-3,1	21 905 151	-11,6	30 208 566	5,8	99 063 723	-2,7
2026	January	3 218 625	1,0	1 540 679	27,7	1 582 114	-15,5	6 341 418	1,2
	February	3 688 846	8,4	1 351 616	-43,6	2 353 183	-6,1	7 393 645	-11,0

¹ 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 ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2025	January	4 168 516	5,8	1 206 164	-32,9	2 542 521	-7,8	7 917 201	-6,8
	February	3 673 353	-11,9	2 395 437	98,6	2 547 090	0,2	8 615 880	8,8
	March	3 721 639	1,3	1 385 314	-42,2	2 527 220	-0,8	7 634 173	-11,4
	April	3 638 289	-2,2	1 531 377	10,5	2 538 706	0,5	7 708 372	1,0
	May	4 082 523	12,2	1 964 424	28,3	2 869 977	13,0	8 916 924	15,7
	June	3 760 616	-7,9	1 313 123	-33,2	2 382 885	-17,0	7 456 624	-16,4
	July	3 517 403	-6,5	1 983 248	51,0	2 482 107	4,2	7 982 758	7,1
	August	4 173 953	18,7	2 607 377	31,5	2 274 764	-8,4	9 056 094	13,4
	September	4 038 043	-3,3	2 535 922	-2,7	2 580 359	13,4	9 154 324	1,1
	October	3 777 458	-6,5	2 417 842	-4,7	2 466 457	-4,4	8 661 757	-5,4
	November	4 814 035	27,4	1 594 033	-34,1	2 656 775	7,7	9 064 843	4,7
	December	3 995 356	-17,0	970 890	-39,1	2 298 005	-13,5	7 264 251	-19,9
2026	January	4 302 466	7,7	1 540 679	58,7	2 201 323	-4,2	8 044 468	10,7
	February	3 999 729	-7,0	1 351 616	-12,3	2 391 475	8,6	7 742 820	-3,7
	Sep – Nov 25	12 629 536		6 547 797		7 703 591		26 880 924	
	Dec 25 – Feb 26 ²	12 297 551	-2,6	3 863 185	-41,0	6 890 803	-10,6	23 051 539	-14,2

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ 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 ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2025	January	2 315 512	18,3	876 573	82,9	1 360 368	31,7	4 552 453	31,2
	February	2 447 225	-33,6	1 722 097	40,8	1 801 160	3,3	5 970 482	-10,3
	March	2 594 699	-0,3	988 804	-29,4	1 735 610	-9,0	5 319 113	-10,0
	April	2 442 737	-21,2	1 096 190	-43,6	1 675 841	0,5	5 214 768	-22,3
	May	3 084 507	2,6	1 414 272	-4,6	2 144 834	51,0	6 643 613	12,5
	June	2 782 538	1,3	945 373	-48,9	1 716 186	0,9	5 444 097	-13,6
	July	2 897 368	0,5	1 409 558	-26,8	2 063 957	0,4	6 370 883	-7,2
	August	3 144 776	0,8	1 853 146	27,3	1 615 286	-13,7	6 613 208	2,6
	September	3 074 911	-13,5	1 802 361	19,8	2 099 151	8,5	6 976 423	-0,3
	October	3 031 052	-11,2	1 708 722	-19,5	2 019 321	0,3	6 759 095	-10,5
	November	3 534 808	11,3	1 128 919	-19,1	1 935 869	3,6	6 599 596	2,5
	December	2 157 475	0,3	685 657	-47,8	1 394 494	-15,4	4 237 626	-17,1
	Total	33 507 608	-5,3	15 631 672	-13,6	21 562 077	3,3	70 701 357	-4,9
2026	January	2 260 270	-2,4	1 081 938	23,4	1 111 035	-18,3	4 453 243	-2,2
	February	2 581 418	5,5	945 847	-45,1	1 646 734	-8,6	5 173 999	-13,3

¹ 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 ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2025	January	2 988 000	5,2	876 573	-33,3	1 838 687	-8,4	5 703 260	-7,4
	February	2 661 945	-10,9	1 722 097	96,5	1 829 827	-0,5	6 213 869	9,0
	March	2 672 185	0,4	988 804	-42,6	1 806 384	-1,3	5 467 373	-12,0
	April	2 626 246	-1,7	1 096 190	10,9	1 817 903	0,6	5 540 339	1,3
	May	2 953 547	12,5	1 414 272	29,0	2 065 026	13,6	6 432 845	16,1
	June	2 718 966	-7,9	945 373	-33,2	1 712 238	-17,1	5 376 577	-16,4
	July	2 519 767	-7,3	1 409 558	49,1	1 768 220	3,3	5 697 545	6,0
	August	2 965 117	17,7	1 853 146	31,5	1 626 706	-8,0	6 444 969	13,1
	September	2 859 098	-3,6	1 802 361	-2,7	1 842 856	13,3	6 504 315	0,9
	October	2 667 755	-6,7	1 708 722	-5,2	1 740 770	-5,5	6 117 247	-6,0
	November	3 350 172	25,6	1 128 919	-33,9	1 873 610	7,6	6 352 701	3,8
	December	2 792 430	-16,6	685 657	-39,3	1 616 862	-13,7	5 094 949	-19,8
2026	January	2 983 742	6,9	1 081 938	57,8	1 536 165	-5,0	5 601 845	9,9
	February	2 820 579	-5,5	945 847	-12,6	1 672 482	8,9	5 438 908	-2,9
	Sep – Nov 25	8 877 025		4 640 002		5 457 236		18 974 263	
	Dec 25 – Feb 26 ²	8 596 751	-3,2	2 713 442	-41,5	4 825 509	-11,6	16 135 702	-15,0

¹ 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.

² 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.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2025	January	1 276 232	-30,4	1 244 982	68,6	401 356	-39,4	2 922 570	-9,7
	February	2 263 890	8,0	884 148	90,2	550 009	-41,0	3 698 047	5,8
	March	2 505 920	16,6	569 063	45,0	772 015	-15,3	3 846 998	11,4
	April	2 799 975	18,5	481 210	-67,1	726 757	-0,5	4 007 942	-12,0
	May	2 598 855	8,1	1 228 414	6,6	1 127 334	95,2	4 954 603	19,9
	June	2 076 793	-4,2	1 096 793	31,6	617 782	-17,1	3 791 368	1,2
	July	3 384 823	13,0	1 213 265	48,2	1 262 969	-7,9	5 861 057	13,0
	August	3 029 738	21,2	559 053	-58,4	761 372	-21,4	4 350 163	-9,6
	September	2 759 745	-10,7	1 153 612	18,0	719 069	-31,1	4 632 426	-9,4
	October	2 333 864	-17,4	1 373 530	84,0	739 247	-17,5	4 446 641	-0,5
	November	3 359 954	28,9	1 428 347	-28,7	827 015	1,8	5 615 316	3,6
	December	3 622 634	55,4	993 758	-36,7	942 446	15,4	5 558 838	17,8
	Total	32 012 423	9,0	12 226 175	-2,2	9 447 371	-9,8	53 685 969	2,6
2026	January	1 158 252	-9,2	372 511	-70,1	493 085	22,9	2 023 848	-30,8
	February	3 215 378	42,0	483 733	-45,3	821 320	49,3	4 520 431	22,2

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 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 ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2025	January	1 807 386	-19,8	1 244 982	-20,7	516 753	-42,4	3 569 121	-24,4
	February	2 424 407	34,1	884 148	-29,0	548 384	6,1	3 856 939	8,1
	March	2 487 876	2,6	569 063	-35,6	699 212	27,5	3 756 151	-2,6
	April	2 935 640	18,0	481 210	-15,4	782 107	11,9	4 198 957	11,8
	May	2 574 581	-12,3	1 228 414	155,3	1 048 680	34,1	4 851 675	15,5
	June	2 101 027	-18,4	1 096 793	-10,7	651 697	-37,9	3 849 517	-20,7
	July	3 170 308	50,9	1 213 265	10,6	1 065 293	63,5	5 448 866	41,5
	August	2 931 312	-7,5	559 053	-53,9	764 982	-28,2	4 255 347	-21,9
	September	2 555 558	-12,8	1 153 612	106,4	675 750	-11,7	4 384 920	3,0
	October	2 262 926	-11,5	1 373 530	19,1	743 378	10,0	4 379 834	-0,1
	November	2 912 510	28,7	1 428 347	4,0	835 707	12,4	5 176 564	18,2
	December	3 510 991	20,5	993 758	-30,4	1 043 693	24,9	5 548 442	7,2
2026	January	1 644 590	-53,2	372 511	-62,5	643 817	-38,3	2 660 918	-52,0
	February	3 432 831	108,7	483 733	29,9	821 195	27,6	4 737 759	78,0
	Sep – Nov 25	7 730 994		3 955 489		2 254 835		13 941 318	
	Dec 25 – Feb 26 ²	8 588 412	11,1	1 850 002	-53,2	2 508 705	11,3	12 947 119	-7,1

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

³ 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 ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2025	January	927 494	-31,8	904 783	65,3	291 683	-40,6	2 123 960	-11,4
	February	1 627 527	5,0	635 620	85,0	395 405	-42,7	2 658 552	2,9
	March	1 788 665	13,2	406 183	40,9	551 046	-17,8	2 745 894	8,2
	April	2 004 277	16,1	344 460	-67,7	520 227	-2,5	2 868 964	-13,8
	May	1 871 026	7,2	884 387	5,6	811 616	93,5	3 567 029	18,8
	June	1 495 171	-5,3	789 628	30,0	444 767	-18,1	2 729 566	0,0
	July	2 405 702	10,8	862 306	45,4	897 633	-9,7	4 165 641	10,8
	August	2 153 332	18,6	397 337	-59,3	541 131	-23,1	3 091 800	-11,6
	September	1 961 439	-12,6	819 909	15,4	511 065	-32,7	3 292 413	-11,4
	October	1 649 374	-20,5	970 693	77,2	522 436	-20,5	3 142 503	-4,2
	November	2 379 571	25,0	1 011 577	-30,9	585 705	-1,3	3 976 853	0,4
	December	2 558 357	50,2	701 806	-38,8	665 569	11,6	3 925 732	13,9
	Total	22 821 935	6,4	8 728 689	-4,4	6 738 283	-11,9	38 288 907	0,1
2026	January	813 379	-12,3	261 595	-71,1	346 268	18,7	1 421 242	-33,1
	February	2 250 090	38,3	338 512	-46,7	574 752	45,4	3 163 354	19,0

¹ The percentage change is the change in the value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the relevant year/month compared with the 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 ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2025	January	1 304 906	-20,4	904 783	-21,1	370 469	-43,6	2 580 158	-25,1
	February	1 766 109	35,3	635 620	-29,7	391 676	5,7	2 793 405	8,3
	March	1 776 871	0,6	406 183	-36,1	497 789	27,1	2 680 843	-4,0
	April	2 100 724	18,2	344 460	-15,2	563 179	13,1	3 008 363	12,2
	May	1 850 186	-11,9	884 387	156,7	762 131	35,3	3 496 704	16,2
	June	1 506 309	-18,6	789 628	-10,7	465 581	-38,9	2 761 518	-21,0
	July	2 256 551	49,8	862 306	9,2	763 417	64,0	3 882 274	40,6
	August	2 083 525	-7,7	397 337	-53,9	547 143	-28,3	3 028 005	-22,0
	September	1 831 912	-12,1	819 909	106,4	477 499	-12,7	3 129 320	3,3
	October	1 593 386	-13,0	970 693	18,4	525 722	10,1	3 089 801	-1,3
	November	2 052 688	28,8	1 011 577	4,2	588 217	11,9	3 652 482	18,2
	December	2 468 847	20,3	701 806	-30,6	739 881	25,8	3 910 534	7,1
2026	January	1 147 557	-53,5	261 595	-62,7	445 781	-39,7	1 854 933	-52,6
	February	2 440 351	112,7	338 512	29,4	570 928	28,1	3 349 791	80,6
	Sep – Nov 25	5 477 986		2 802 179		1 591 438		9 871 603	
	Dec 25 – Feb 26 ²	6 056 755	10,6	1 301 913	-53,5	1 756 590	10,4	9 115 258	-7,7

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 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 previous three months expressed as a percentage.

³ 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 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Jan – Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	354	710	783	604	1 493	147,2	
		square metres	18 612	31 966	36 830	32 347	68 796	112,7	
		R'000	150 136	198 343	257 750	250 940	456 093	81,8	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	866	625	896	1 721	1 521	-11,6	
		square metres	253 251	188 115	246 907	497 480	435 022	-12,6	
		R'000	2 201 529	1 717 186	2 168 023	4 296 647	3 885 209	-9,6	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	769	1 004	1 461	1 783	2 465	38,3	
		square metres	64 931	90 785	128 050	156 594	218 835	39,7	
		R'000	699 308	823 863	1 202 450	1 610 705	2 026 313	25,8	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	32 778	51 100	7 446	40 979	58 546	42,9	
		R'000	353 117	479 233	60 623	431 942	539 856	25,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	3 404 090	3 218 625	3 688 846	6 590 234	6 907 471	4,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	31 798	11 775	8 160	32 813	19 935	-39,2	
		R'000	343 797	101 458	66 517	350 822	167 975	-52,1	
	Shopping space	square metres	48 105	88 994	30 950	75 579	119 944	58,7	
		R'000	344 811	894 760	309 431	569 762	1 204 191	111,3	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	170 538	59 938	79 982	292 844	139 920	-52,2	
		R'000	1 368 845	465 602	609 261	2 227 271	1 074 863	-51,7	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	36 121	9 973	35 080	49 826	45 053	-9,6	
		R'000	337 984	78 859	366 407	453 746	445 266	-1,9	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	2 395 437	1 540 679	1 351 616	3 601 601	2 892 295	-19,7	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	189 691	113 841	175 827	332 023	289 668	-12,8	
		R'000	1 647 446	1 033 144	1 523 209	2 901 301	2 556 353	-11,9	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	56 236	54 372	73 816	113 528	128 188	12,9	
		R'000	857 967	548 970	829 974	1 475 979	1 378 944	-6,6	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	2 505 413	1 582 114	2 353 183	4 377 280	3 935 297	-10,1
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	8 304 940	6 341 418	7 393 645	14 569 115	13 735 063	-5,7

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Western Cape

			Feb 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Jan – Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	57	54	299	152	353	132,2	
		square metres	2 745	2 583	13 286	7 231	15 869	119,5	
		R'000	21 076	18 984	92 574	52 806	111 558	111,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	390	239	405	805	644	-20,0	
		square metres	103 444	61 339	101 256	209 011	162 595	-22,2	
		R'000	815 472	518 944	821 109	1 598 345	1 340 053	-16,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	154	693	756	626	1 449	131,5	
		square metres	25 169	59 132	65 027	73 400	124 159	69,2	
		R'000	242 978	523 142	592 843	675 712	1 115 985	65,2	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	14 894	6 647	3 249	15 110	9 896	-34,5	
		R'000	161 702	47 825	25 992	163 044	73 817	-54,7	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 241 228	1 108 895	1 532 518	2 489 907	2 641 413	6,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	17 405	11 339	0	17 975	11 339	-36,9	
		R'000	183 993	96 237	0	187 992	96 237	-48,8	
	Shopping space	square metres	5 503	10 073	5 825	23 849	15 898	-33,3	
		R'000	55 733	79 789	46 600	208 399	126 389	-39,4	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	36 043	11 036	22 115	55 912	33 151	-40,7	
		R'000	287 277	88 566	168 512	431 927	257 078	-40,5	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	21 616	7 503	16 722	34 240	24 225	-29,2	
		R'000	208 127	54 332	145 552	312 452	199 884	-36,0	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	735 130	318 924	360 664	1 140 770	679 588	-40,4
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	78 093	33 777	72 758	133 050	106 535	-19,9
R'000			597 859	259 932	547 261	1 028 321	807 193	-21,5	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	16 622	17 384	19 785	34 666	37 169	7,2	
		R'000	421 063	184 793	311 142	633 588	495 935	-21,7	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	1 018 922	444 725	858 403	1 661 909	1 303 128	-21,6	
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	2 995 280	1 872 544	2 751 585	5 292 586	4 624 129	-12,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Eastern Cape

			Feb 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Jan – Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	9	67	79	15	146	873,3	
		square metres	396	3 004	3 526	688	6 530	849,1	
		R'000	3 032	26 336	31 305	5 498	57 641	948,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	45	53	29	75	82	9,3	
		square metres	10 378	15 157	7 666	20 307	22 823	12,4	
		R'000	89 664	133 619	66 376	174 971	199 995	14,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1	8	15	2	23	1 050,0	
		square metres	165	2 617	1 722	1 111	4 339	290,5	
		R'000	1 430	23 362	15 372	9 629	38 734	302,3	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	94 126	183 317	113 053	190 098	296 370	55,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 705	0	1 851	1 705	1 851	8,6	
		R'000	14 747	0	15 982	14 747	15 982	8,4	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	12 998	5 456	0	18 454	..	
		R'000	0	116 033	37 242	0	153 275	..	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	51 862	2 560	2 387	51 862	4 947	-90,5	
		R'000	449 488	22 184	20 585	449 488	42 769	-90,5	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	981	426	39	981	465	-52,6	
		R'000	8 502	3 803	348	8 502	4 151	-51,2	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	472 737	142 020	74 157	472 737	216 177	-54,3	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 198	10 412	15 268	21 724	25 680	18,2	
		R'000	104 925	90 777	129 569	185 265	220 346	18,9	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	3 678	6 448	7 667	7 300	14 115	93,4	
		R'000	32 496	57 874	69 985	63 238	127 859	102,2	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	137 421	148 651	199 554	248 503	348 205	40,1
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	704 284	473 988	386 764	911 338	860 752	-5,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Northern Cape

			Feb 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Jan – Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	0	2	3	2	-33,3	
		square metres	98	0	89	162	89	-45,1	
		R'000	973	0	879	1 606	879	-45,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	13	8	18	30	26	-13,3	
		square metres	2 698	1 511	3 754	5 700	5 265	-7,6	
		R'000	23 441	11 986	33 274	50 007	45 260	-9,5	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	1	0	1	..	
		square metres	0	0	197	0	197	..	
		R'000	0	0	1 683	0	1 683	..	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	24 414	11 986	35 836	51 613	47 822	-7,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	237	0	0	237	..	
		R'000	0	2 415	0	0	2 415	..	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	1 949	0	1 949	..	
		R'000	0	0	16 642	0	16 642	..	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	2 800	72	2 800	3 788,9	
		R'000	0	0	28 529	712	28 529	3 906,9	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	467	0	0	783	0	-100,0	
		R'000	4 620	0	0	7 746	0	-100,0	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	4 620	2 415	45 171	8 458	47 586	462,6	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 765	2 725	2 288	2 897	5 013	73,0	
		R'000	16 577	27 191	22 934	26 852	50 125	86,7	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	446	0	483	1 837	483	-73,7	
		R'000	4 541	2 350	4 988	24 247	7 338	-69,7	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	21 118	29 541	27 922	51 099	57 463	12,5
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	50 152	43 942	108 929	111 170	152 871	37,5

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Free State

			Feb 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Jan – Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	62	125	15	187	1 146,7
		square metres	571	2 565	5 188	847	7 753	815,3
		R'000	5 391	12 992	25 681	7 951	38 673	386,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	43	26	73	70	99	41,4
		square metres	10 759	7 893	15 521	17 490	23 414	33,9
		R'000	96 481	75 452	145 784	152 678	221 236	44,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	62	0	16	62	16	-74,2
		square metres	3 964	0	846	3 964	846	-78,7
		R'000	40 084	0	8 811	40 084	8 811	-78,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	878	0	1 557	1 117	1 557	39,4
		R'000	8 878	0	16 216	11 295	16 216	43,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	150 834	88 444	196 492	212 008	284 936	34,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	130	0	0	130	0	-100,0
		R'000	1 315	0	0	1 315	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	640	0	0	2 886	0	-100,0
		R'000	6 472	0	0	25 940	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 615	11 712	6 245	11 200	17 957	60,3
		R'000	30 643	104 367	62 858	79 946	167 225	109,2
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	3 933	0	711	3 933	711	-81,9
		R'000	39 770	0	5 219	39 770	5 219	-86,9
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	78 200	104 367	68 077	146 971	172 444	17,3	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 077	4 515	6 287	10 455	10 802	3,3
		R'000	46 877	44 303	56 254	91 333	100 557	10,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	2 308	862	420	2 509	1 282	-48,9
		R'000	19 846	9 815	6 020	22 037	15 835	-28,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	66 723	54 118	62 274	113 370	116 392	2,7
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	295 757	246 929	326 843	472 349	573 772	21,5

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: KwaZulu-Natal

			Feb 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Jan – Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	0	5	15	5	-66,7	
		square metres	101	0	252	828	252	-69,6	
		R'000	781	0	2 373	6 895	2 373	-65,6	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	57	69	74	134	143	6,7	
		square metres	23 108	28 150	27 657	54 041	55 807	3,3	
		R'000	264 605	286 618	296 463	615 639	583 081	-5,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	50	72	253	278	325	16,9	
		square metres	4 648	11 281	28 250	27 800	39 531	42,2	
		R'000	38 456	116 351	261 376	329 413	377 727	14,7	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	15 552	6 239	0	19 303	6 239	-67,7	
		R'000	171 072	49 034	0	212 333	49 034	-76,9	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	474 914	452 003	560 212	1 164 280	1 012 215	-13,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	248	0	538	248	538	116,9	
		R'000	1 240	0	3 350	1 240	3 350	170,2	
	Shopping space	square metres	594	3 890	0	1 250	3 890	211,2	
		R'000	4 455	29 970	0	8 400	29 970	256,8	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	15 205	13 536	10 288	29 455	23 824	-19,1	
		R'000	90 499	81 216	63 300	211 624	144 516	-31,7	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 659	104	13 517	1 659	13 621	721,0	
		R'000	17 998	1 404	182 057	17 998	183 461	919,3	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	114 192	112 590	248 707	239 262	361 297	51,0	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	28 419	15 523	22 879	45 153	38 402	-15,0	
		R'000	304 588	156 027	228 284	490 646	384 311	-21,7	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	5 386	7 725	11 594	11 832	19 319	63,3	
		R'000	73 171	84 972	129 249	167 357	214 221	28,0	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	377 759	240 999	357 533	658 003	598 532	-9,0
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	966 865	805 592	1 166 452	2 061 545	1 972 044	-4,3

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: North West

			Feb 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Jan – Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	13	7	14	14	21	50,0	
		square metres	731	406	879	797	1 285	61,2	
		R'000	4 810	2 816	5 553	5 239	8 369	59,7	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	37	38	31	78	69	-11,5	
		square metres	8 226	11 621	11 339	19 367	22 960	18,6	
		R'000	60 743	88 480	91 904	149 001	180 384	21,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	19	29	17	25	46	84,0	
		square metres	1 907	2 531	1 350	2 195	3 881	76,8	
		R'000	13 730	22 594	8 647	15 602	31 241	100,2	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	364	0	0	364	0	-100,0	
		R'000	2 366	0	0	2 366	0	-100,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	81 649	113 890	106 104	172 208	219 994	27,7
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	445	0	-100,0
R'000			0	0	0	3 026	0	-100,0	
Shopping space		square metres	690	0	250	5 236	250	-95,2	
		R'000	4 750	0	1 674	36 077	1 674	-95,4	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	602	4 791	13 064	602	17 855	2 865,9	
		R'000	4 912	32 076	108 862	4 912	140 938	2 769,3	
Other non-residential buildings ³		square metres	0	637	0	185	637	244,3	
		R'000	0	5 308	0	1 069	5 308	396,5	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	9 662	37 384	110 536	45 084	147 920	228,1	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 004	4 737	5 470	10 392	10 207	-1,8
	R'000		47 343	33 954	40 375	70 544	74 329	5,4	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	2 396	1 493	7 952	6 899	9 445	36,9	
		R'000	47 120	16 277	83 382	121 358	99 659	-17,9	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	94 463	50 231	123 757	191 902	173 988	-9,3
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	185 774	201 505	340 397	409 194	541 902	32,4

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Gauteng

			Feb 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Jan – Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	226	499	253	329	752	128,6	
		square metres	11 970	22 279	13 213	18 152	35 492	95,5	
		R'000	96 666	129 444	96 474	138 679	225 918	62,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	200	131	183	371	314	-15,4	
		square metres	65 051	42 151	47 348	114 779	89 499	-22,0	
		R'000	623 103	437 830	466 967	1 123 260	904 797	-19,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	461	120	317	754	437	-42,0	
		square metres	26 001	7 707	22 404	41 732	30 111	-27,8	
		R'000	342 318	85 838	257 737	497 128	343 575	-30,9	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	383	31 572	0	1 913	31 572	1 550,4	
		R'000	2 932	337 906	0	20 714	337 906	1 531,3	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 065 019	991 018	821 178	1 779 781	1 812 196	1,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	12 310	199	573	12 310	772	-93,7	
		R'000	142 502	2 806	8 080	142 502	10 886	-92,4	
	Shopping space	square metres	1 587	38 230	17 229	2 948	55 459	1 781,2	
		R'000	14 004	484 749	205 371	29 475	690 120	2 241,4	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	40 404	10 075	15 924	106 916	25 999	-75,7	
		R'000	329 179	92 221	106 230	771 409	198 451	-74,3	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 608	875	1 988	2 188	2 863	30,9	
		R'000	14 929	10 474	19 108	22 171	29 582	33,4	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	500 614	590 250	338 789	965 557	929 039	-3,8
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	43 019	32 225	40 207	79 832	72 432	-9,3
R'000			426 797	348 899	423 817	802 514	772 716	-3,7	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	17 797	13 833	18 885	27 729	32 718	18,0	
		R'000	199 282	144 452	171 303	289 193	315 755	9,2	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	626 079	493 351	595 120	1 091 707	1 088 471	-0,3	
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	2 191 712	2 074 619	1 755 087	3 837 045	3 829 706	-0,2

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Mpumalanga

			Feb 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Jan – Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	23	20	5	47	25	-46,8	
		square metres	1 370	1 059	322	2 813	1 381	-50,9	
		R'000	12 674	7 354	2 353	26 077	9 707	-62,8	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	49	37	45	93	82	-11,8	
		square metres	17 339	12 873	20 072	30 896	32 945	6,6	
		R'000	139 054	105 958	154 979	243 008	260 937	7,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	13	33	51	17	84	394,1	
		square metres	2 161	4 455	6 744	4 093	11 199	173,6	
		R'000	14 358	30 490	45 872	27 194	76 362	180,8	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	707	6 642	1 645	3 172	8 287	161,3	
		R'000	6 167	44 468	11 013	22 190	55 481	150,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	172 253	188 270	214 217	318 469	402 487	26,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	193	0	193	..	
		R'000	0	0	1 868	0	1 868	..	
	Shopping space	square metres	38 291	250	125	38 291	375	-99,0	
		R'000	254 405	2 420	1 210	254 405	3 630	-98,6	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	22 807	2 677	4 129	33 322	6 806	-79,6	
		R'000	176 847	18 553	27 842	251 720	46 395	-81,6	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	264	2 103	0	2 367	..	
		R'000	0	2 556	14 123	0	16 679	..	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	431 252	23 529	45 043	506 125	68 572	-86,5	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 784	7 926	9 509	24 709	17 435	-29,4	
		R'000	92 984	57 130	65 855	179 005	122 985	-31,3	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	6 936	6 315	5 906	18 797	12 221	-35,0	
		R'000	55 532	45 616	43 542	140 041	89 158	-36,3	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	148 516	102 746	109 397	319 046	212 143	-33,5
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	752 021	314 545	368 657	1 143 640	683 202	-40,3

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Limpopo

			Feb 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Jan – Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	1	1	14	2	-85,7	
		square metres	630	70	75	829	145	-82,5	
		R'000	4 733	417	558	6 189	975	-84,2	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	32	24	38	65	62	-4,6	
		square metres	12 248	7 420	12 294	25 889	19 714	-23,9	
		R'000	88 966	58 299	91 167	189 738	149 466	-21,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	9	49	35	19	84	342,1	
		square metres	916	3 062	1 510	2 299	4 572	98,9	
		R'000	5 954	22 086	10 109	15 943	32 195	101,9	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	995	0	995	..	
		R'000	0	0	7 402	0	7 402	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	99 653	80 802	109 236	211 870	190 038	-10,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	5 005	0	5 005	..	
		R'000	0	0	37 237	0	37 237	..	
	Shopping space	square metres	800	23 553	116	1 119	23 669	2 015,2	
		R'000	4 992	181 799	692	7 066	182 491	2 482,7	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	3 551	3 030	3 503	6 581	87,9	
		R'000	0	26 419	22 543	25 533	48 962	91,8	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	5 857	164	0	5 857	164	-97,2	
		R'000	44 038	982	0	44 038	982	-97,8	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	49 030	209 200	60 472	76 637	269 672	251,9	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 332	2 001	1 161	3 811	3 162	-17,0	
		R'000	9 496	14 931	8 860	26 821	23 791	-11,3	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	667	312	1 124	1 959	1 436	-26,7	
		R'000	4 916	2 821	10 363	14 920	13 184	-11,6	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	14 412	17 752	19 223	41 741	36 975	-11,4
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	163 095	307 754	188 931	330 248	496 685	50,4

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Jan – Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	451	451	571	705	1 022	45,0	
		square metres	23 185	20 138	26 316	35 213	46 454	31,9	
		R'000	150 914	163 691	192 910	230 142	356 601	54,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	575	309	620	917	929	1,3	
		square metres	150 363	83 414	158 738	242 003	242 152	0,1	
		R'000	1 297 958	739 259	1 362 149	2 105 554	2 101 408	-0,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	973	301	2 127	1 252	2 428	93,9	
		square metres	80 680	24 580	131 272	120 193	155 852	29,7	
		R'000	755 467	234 878	1 515 131	1 122 375	1 750 009	55,9	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	9 462	2 391	10 830	12 958	13 221	2,0	
		R'000	59 551	20 424	145 188	82 051	165 612	101,8	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	2 263 890	1 158 252	3 215 378	3 540 122	4 373 630	23,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	27 195	3 578	12 552	34 261	16 130	-52,9	
		R'000	280 532	49 532	105 785	368 882	155 317	-57,9	
	Shopping space	square metres	7 539	4 603	8 529	13 358	13 132	-1,7	
		R'000	73 093	42 549	90 135	127 269	132 684	4,3	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	57 543	31 468	23 223	205 164	54 691	-73,3	
		R'000	379 102	237 001	205 481	1 370 499	442 482	-67,7	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	19 365	6 440	9 073	32 624	15 513	-52,4	
		R'000	151 421	43 429	82 332	262 480	125 761	-52,1	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	884 148	372 511	483 733	2 129 130	856 244	-59,8	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	39 283	36 487	54 706	74 504	91 193	22,4	
		R'000	337 862	312 924	473 731	647 935	786 655	21,4	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	20 244	18 512	29 333	26 729	47 845	79,0	
		R'000	212 147	180 161	347 589	303 430	527 750	73,9	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	550 009	493 085	821 320	951 365	1 314 405	38,2
Buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	3 698 047	2 023 848	4 520 431	6 620 617	6 544 279	-1,2

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Jan – Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	93	321	260	153	581	279,7	
		square metres	4 490	13 510	11 048	7 326	24 558	235,2	
		R'000	28 765	108 414	72 300	47 442	180 714	280,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	237	134	332	376	466	23,9	
		square metres	65 409	34 857	78 889	99 732	113 746	14,1	
		R'000	490 765	276 157	601 271	750 244	877 428	17,0	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	775	250	893	865	1 143	32,1	
		square metres	63 418	18 820	51 495	81 895	70 315	-14,1	
		R'000	586 476	173 281	461 869	754 456	635 150	-15,8	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	8 620	2 391	110	11 677	2 501	-78,6	
		R'000	54 078	20 424	704	73 537	21 128	-71,3	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 160 084	578 276	1 136 144	1 625 679	1 714 420	5,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	10 069	184	11 288	10 069	11 472	13,9	
		R'000	73 402	1 670	94 706	73 402	96 376	31,3	
	Shopping space	square metres	456	1 120	2 115	456	3 235	609,4	
		R'000	4 218	11 748	17 149	4 218	28 897	585,1	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	7 835	21 220	5 084	17 715	26 304	48,5	
		R'000	55 929	160 098	38 129	121 680	198 227	62,9	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	4 374	3 227	1 457	6 258	4 684	-25,2	
		R'000	32 370	21 699	10 353	46 690	32 052	-31,4	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	165 919	195 215	160 337	245 990	355 552	44,5
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 864	16 638	22 266	24 842	38 904	56,6
R'000			92 140	127 070	167 788	169 724	294 858	73,7	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	3 581	11 846	14 916	6 300	26 762	324,8	
		R'000	56 077	107 123	183 011	104 250	290 134	178,3	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	148 217	234 193	350 799	273 974	584 992	113,5	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	1 474 220	1 007 684	1 647 280	2 145 643	2 654 964	23,7

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Jan – Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	40	38	109	78	-28,4
		square metres	54	1 448	1 713	4 460	3 161	-29,1
		R'000	312	12 873	14 889	29 750	27 762	-6,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	5	32	23	15	55	266,7
		square metres	2 731	5 964	7 233	5 814	13 197	127,0
		R'000	22 880	51 731	66 432	48 393	118 163	144,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	2	15	0	17	..
		square metres	0	292	1 557	0	1 849	..
		R'000	0	2 607	13 084	0	15 691	..
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	23 192	67 211	94 405	78 143	161 616	106,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	462	0	462	..
		R'000	0	0	4 124	0	4 124	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	513	4 432	3 426	513	7 858	1 431,8
		R'000	4 446	39 564	30 837	4 446	70 401	1 483,5
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	492	2 299	0	2 791	..
		R'000	0	4 392	22 093	0	26 485	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	4 446	43 956	57 054	4 446	101 010	2 171,9
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 870	6 132	8 057	7 759	14 189
R'000			15 956	53 498	70 834	65 433	124 332	90,0
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	6 837	3 086	3 529	9 197	6 615	-28,1
		R'000	57 468	26 129	30 549	77 761	56 678	-27,1
Total additions and alterations		R'000	73 424	79 627	101 383	143 194	181 010	26,4
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	101 062	190 794	252 842	225 783	443 636	96,5

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Jan – Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2026	% 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	5	2	2	8	4	-50,0
		square metres	1 193	399	355	1 810	754	-58,3
		R'000	11 802	4 065	3 171	17 906	7 236	-59,6
	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 ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	11 802	4 065	3 171	17 906	7 236	-59,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	261	0	261	..
		R'000	0	0	2 659	0	2 659	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 256	0	0	1 256	..
		R'000	0	12 797	0	0	12 797	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	886	0	886	..
		R'000	0	0	9 027	0	9 027	..
	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	0	12 797	11 686	0	24 483	..
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	176	1 838	1 370	1 078	3 208
R'000			1 741	18 727	13 959	10 665	32 686	206,5
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	547	0	1 340	547	1 340	145,0
		R'000	5 432	190	13 753	5 532	13 943	152,0
Total additions and alterations		R'000	7 173	18 917	27 712	16 197	46 629	187,9
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	18 975	35 779	42 569	34 103	78 348	129,7

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Jan – Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	0	39	3	39	1 200,0
		square metres	177	0	1 583	177	1 583	794,4
		R'000	1 790	0	10 653	1 790	10 653	495,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	11	8	2	22	10	-54,5
		square metres	2 208	1 119	511	5 301	1 630	-69,3
		R'000	20 965	11 333	4 119	49 622	15 452	-68,9
	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	22 755	11 333	14 772	51 412	26 105
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	407	0	407	..
		R'000	0	0	3 512	0	3 512	..
	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	0	0	3 512	0	3 512	..
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	171	188	96	399	284	-28,8
		R'000	1 084	1 652	854	2 646	2 506	-5,3
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
Total additions and alterations		R'000	1 084	1 652	854	2 646	2 506	-5,3
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	23 839	12 985	19 138	54 058	32 123	-40,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Jan – Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	8	4	4	22	8	-63,6	
		square metres	447	226	236	1 273	462	-63,7	
		R'000	5 319	2 011	2 555	14 466	4 566	-68,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	57	24	43	101	67	-33,7	
		square metres	14 058	6 372	13 785	26 154	20 157	-22,9	
		R'000	164 607	72 265	145 187	302 726	217 452	-28,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	18	39	29	28	68	142,9	
		square metres	4 524	3 693	4 392	7 348	8 085	10,0	
		R'000	32 205	44 740	41 488	53 549	86 228	61,0	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
Total residential buildings		R'000	202 131	119 016	189 230	370 741	308 246	-16,9	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	6 750	0	541	6 750	541	-92,0	
		R'000	74 250	0	4 296	74 250	4 296	-94,2	
	Shopping space	square metres	3 657	0	5 136	7 784	5 136	-34,0	
		R'000	40 925	0	59 569	83 382	59 569	-28,6	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	32 298	4 278	807	47 468	5 085	-89,3	
		R'000	196 256	27 079	4 035	303 893	31 114	-89,8	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 720	0	1 023	3 141	1 023	-67,4	
		R'000	12 354	0	13 811	27 985	13 811	-50,6	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	323 785	27 079	81 711	489 510	108 790	-77,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 139	3 347	5 737	13 858	9 084	-34,4	
		R'000	78 128	38 348	64 654	155 707	103 002	-33,8	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	3 366	929	2 508	4 128	3 437	-16,7	
		R'000	34 665	22 579	43 635	47 323	66 214	39,9	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	112 793	60 927	108 289	203 030	169 216	-16,7
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	638 709	207 022	379 230	1 063 281	586 252	-44,9

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Jan – Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	5	6	24	11	-54,2
		square metres	649	334	319	1 445	653	-54,8
		R'000	3 844	2 224	2 136	8 496	4 360	-48,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	37	23	44	68	67	-1,5
		square metres	7 246	7 444	8 556	15 608	16 000	2,5
		R'000	49 151	59 442	63 677	109 480	123 119	12,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	14	12	14	16,7
		square metres	0	0	743	1 052	743	-29,4
		R'000	0	0	4 974	9 117	4 974	-45,4
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	439	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	3 041	0	-100,0
Total residential buildings	R'000	52 995	61 666	70 787	130 134	132 453	1,8	
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	622	69	0	2 314	69	-97,0
		R'000	5 076	462	0	16 795	462	-97,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	450	0	450	..
		R'000	0	0	3 013	0	3 013	..
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	10 507	2 721	0	10 836	2 721	-74,9
		R'000	84 709	17 338	0	86 848	17 338	-80,0
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	89 785	17 800	3 013	103 643	20 813	-79,9	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 664	3 407	3 611	6 829	7 018	2,8
		R'000	23 811	22 810	24 406	44 417	47 216	6,3
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	32	120	338	61	458	650,8
		R'000	208	5 256	3 374	397	8 630	2 073,8
Total additions and alterations	R'000	24 019	28 066	27 780	44 814	55 846	24,6	
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	166 799	107 532	101 580	278 591	209 112	-24,9

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Jan – Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	323	77	223	380	300	-21,1	
		square metres	16 508	4 390	11 353	19 545	15 743	-19,5	
		R'000	105 126	35 942	89 994	121 486	125 936	3,7	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	187	71	126	271	197	-27,3	
		square metres	44 445	19 340	36 564	69 167	55 904	-19,2	
		R'000	433 353	202 913	373 217	681 169	576 130	-15,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	180	2	1 143	347	1 145	230,0	
		square metres	12 738	410	68 596	29 898	69 006	130,8	
		R'000	136 786	4 908	960 616	305 253	965 524	216,3	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	10 720	0	10 720	..	
		R'000	0	0	144 484	0	144 484	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	675 265	243 763	1 568 311	1 107 908	1 812 074	63,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	10 376	3 394	0	17 442	3 394	-80,5	
		R'000	132 880	47 862	0	221 230	47 862	-78,4	
	Shopping space	square metres	1 262	2 158	856	1 262	3 014	138,8	
		R'000	11 736	17 542	9 941	11 736	27 483	134,2	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	15 075	1 538	8 931	136 104	10 469	-92,3	
		R'000	105 346	10 260	85 639	914 391	95 899	-89,5	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	2 764	0	4 294	12 389	4 294	-65,3	
		R'000	21 988	0	36 075	100 957	36 075	-64,3	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	271 950	75 664	131 655	1 248 314	207 319	-83,4
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 547	3 995	10 131	15 714	14 126	-10,1
R'000			99 414	43 581	106 479	163 946	150 060	-8,5	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	4 677	2 331	6 702	5 292	9 033	70,7	
		R'000	42 921	17 107	73 267	51 030	90 374	77,1	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	142 335	60 688	179 746	214 976	240 434	11,8	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	1 089 550	380 115	1 879 712	2 571 198	2 259 827	-12,1

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Jan – Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	4	0	11	4	-63,6	
		square metres	785	230	0	785	230	-70,7	
		R'000	5 216	2 227	0	5 216	2 227	-57,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	22	2	33	34	35	2,9	
		square metres	6 872	807	6 495	9 116	7 302	-19,9	
		R'000	58 454	7 812	59 140	77 435	66 952	-13,5	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	8	3	0	11	..	
		square metres	0	1 365	501	0	1 866	..	
		R'000	0	9 342	3 429	0	12 771	..	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	842	0	0	842	0	-100,0	
		R'000	5 473	0	0	5 473	0	-100,0	
Total residential buildings		R'000	69 143	19 381	62 569	88 124	81 950	-7,0	
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	257	0	257	..	
		R'000	0	0	2 488	0	2 488	..	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 822	0	3 232	1 822	3 232	77,4	
		R'000	17 125	0	31 289	17 125	31 289	82,7	
	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	17 125	0	33 777	17 125	33 777	97,2
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 648	672	3 403	3 654	4 075	11,5
R'000			24 115	5 229	24 497	32 718	29 726	-9,1	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	1 204	0	0	1 204	0	-100,0	
		R'000	13 376	289	0	15 137	289	-98,1	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	37 491	5 518	24 497	47 855	30 015	-37,3	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	123 759	24 899	120 843	153 104	145 742	-4,8

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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

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

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

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

			Feb 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Jan – Feb 2025	Jan – Feb 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	0	1	3	1	-66,7
		square metres	75	0	64	202	64	-68,3
		R'000	542	0	383	1 496	383	-74,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	14	13	15	22	28	27,3
		square metres	6 201	7 112	6 350	9 301	13 462	44,7
		R'000	45 981	53 541	45 935	68 579	99 476	45,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	30	0	30	..
		square metres	0	0	3 988	0	3 988	..
		R'000	0	0	29 671	0	29 671	..
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings		R'000	46 523	53 541	75 989	70 075	129 530
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	1 542	0	165	1 542	165	-89,3
		R'000	11 138	0	988	11 138	988	-91,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	1 542	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	8 964	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	11 138	0	988	20 102	988	-95,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	204	270	35	371	305	-17,8
		R'000	1 473	2 009	260	2 679	2 269	-15,3
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	200	0	0	200	..
		R'000	2 000	1 488	0	2 000	1 488	-25,6
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	3 473	3 497	260	4 679	3 757
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	61 134	57 038	77 237	94 856	134 275	41,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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.
Purpose of the survey	2	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	3	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	4	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.
Collection rate	5	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for February 2026 was 87,3%. The revised collection rate for January 2026 was 94,5%.
Statistical unit	6	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	7	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.
Constant prices	8	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 is not intended to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences that may occur in a given 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:

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- 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-26	Additional information from respondents	Feb-24 - Jan-26
Mar-26	Additional information from respondents	Mar-24 - Feb-26
Apr-26	Additional information from respondents	Apr-24 - Mar-26
May-26	Additional information from respondents	May-24 - Apr-26
Jun-26	Additional information from respondents	Jun-24 - May-26
Jul-26	Additional information from respondents	Jul-24 - Jun-26
Aug-26	Additional information from respondents	Aug-24 - Jul-26
Sep-26	Additional information from respondents	Sep-24 - Aug-26
Oct-26	Additional information from respondents	Oct-24 - Sep-26
Nov-26	Additional information from respondents	Nov-24 - Oct-26
Dec-26	Additional information from respondents	Dec-24 - Nov-26
Jan-27	Additional information from respondents New base year for constant prices	Jan-82 - Dec-26
New base year in 2026/27 – 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

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	Include: <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.
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