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## Results for January 2012

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:  
January 2011 versus January 2012**

Estimates at current prices	January 2011 1/	January 2012 1/	Difference in value between January 2011 and January 2012	% change between January 2011 and January 2012
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>1 566 806</b>	<b>1 981 456</b>	<b>414 650</b>	<b>26,5</b>
-Dwelling-houses	1 227 023	1 567 344	340 321	27,7
-Flats and townhouses	297 073	345 165	48 092	16,2
-Other residential buildings	42 710	68 947	26 237	61,4
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1 656 955</b>	<b>730 910</b>	<b>-926 045</b>	<b>-55,9</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1 270 964</b>	<b>1 478 757</b>	<b>207 793</b>	<b>16,3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 494 725</b>	<b>4 191 123</b>	<b>-303 602</b>	<b>-6,8</b>

1/ 2011 and 2012 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

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

*The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) was 6,8% (-R303,6 million) lower during January 2012 compared with January 2011 (see Table A).*

The only decrease was reported for non-residential buildings (-55,9% or -R926,0 million). Increases were reported for residential buildings (26,5% or R414,7 million) and additions and alterations (16,3% or R207,8 million).

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:  
January 2011 versus January 2012**

Estimates at current prices	January 2011 1/	January 2012 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January 2011	% change between January 2011 and January 2012	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January 2011 and January 2012 2/	Difference in value between January 2011 and January 2012
	R'000	R'000				R'000
<b>Western Cape</b>	<b>844 505</b>	<b>1 079 839</b>	<b>18,8</b>	<b>27,9</b>	<b>5,2</b>	<b>235 334</b>
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	<b>194 727</b>	<b>258 837</b>	<b>4,3</b>	<b>32,9</b>	<b>1,4</b>	<b>64 110</b>
<b>Northern Cape</b>	<b>19 782</b>	<b>120 140</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>507,3</b>	<b>2,2</b>	<b>100 358</b>
<b>Free State</b>	<b>111 990</b>	<b>259 995</b>	<b>2,5</b>	<b>132,2</b>	<b>3,3</b>	<b>148 005</b>
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	<b>1 261 715</b>	<b>532 195</b>	<b>28,1</b>	<b>-57,8</b>	<b>-16,2</b>	<b>-729 520</b>
<b>North West</b>	<b>112 921</b>	<b>154 229</b>	<b>2,5</b>	<b>36,6</b>	<b>0,9</b>	<b>41 308</b>
<b>Gauteng</b>	<b>1 099 677</b>	<b>1 417 029</b>	<b>24,5</b>	<b>28,9</b>	<b>7,1</b>	<b>317 352</b>
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	<b>758 323</b>	<b>210 779</b>	<b>16,9</b>	<b>-72,2</b>	<b>-12,2</b>	<b>-547 544</b>
<b>Limpopo</b>	<b>91 085</b>	<b>158 080</b>	<b>2,0</b>	<b>73,6</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>66 995</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 494 725</b>	<b>4 191 123</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>-6,8</b>	<b>-6,8</b>	<b>-303 602</b>

1/ 2011 and 2012 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between Jan. 2011 and Jan. 2012 with the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during Jan. 2011, divided by 100.

Two provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of building plans passed during January 2012, namely KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -16,2 percentage points or -R729,5 million) and Mpumalanga (contributing -12,2 percentage points or -R547,5 million). The other seven provinces reported increases. The biggest increases were reported in Gauteng (contributing 7,1 percentage points or R317,4 million), Western Cape (contributing 5,2 percentage points or R235,3 million) and Free State (3,3 percentage points or R148,0 million) (see Table B).

**Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices:  
January 2011 versus January 2012**

Estimates at constant 2005 prices	January 2011 1/	January 2012 1/	Difference in value between January 2011 and January 2012	% change between January 2011 and January 2012
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	1 060 803	1 260 468	199 665	18,8
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	1 121 838	464 955	-656 883	-58,6
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	860 504	940 685	80 181	9,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 043 145</b>	<b>2 666 108</b>	<b>-377 037</b>	<b>-12,4</b>

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### Real value of recorded building plans passed

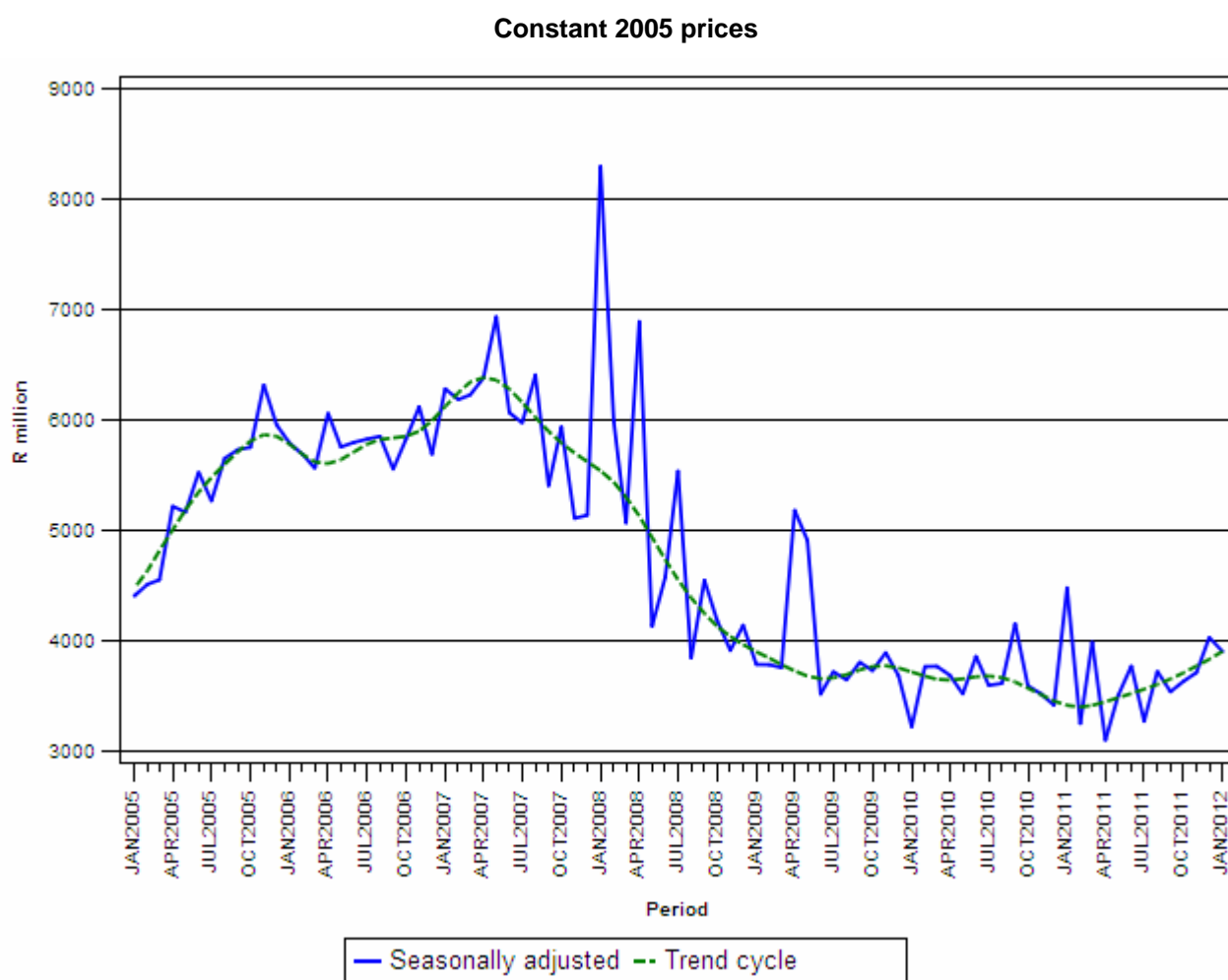
The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2005 prices) decreased year-on-year by 12,4% (-R377,0 million) during January 2012, which is attributable to a large decrease reported for non-residential buildings (-58,6% or -R656,9 million). Increases reported for residential buildings (18,8% or R199,7 million) and additions and alterations (9,3% or R80,2 million) counteracted the decrease reported for non-residential buildings to a certain extent (see Table C).

**Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by  
larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices**

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2005 prices	August to October 2011	November 2011 to January 2012	% change between August to October 2011 and November 2011 to January 2012
	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	4 447 188	5 276 095	18,6
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	3 120 835	2 341 745	-25,0
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	3 324 965	4 027 631	21,1
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 892 988</b>	<b>11 645 471</b>	<b>6,9</b>

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed increased by 6,9% during the three months ended January 2012 compared with the three months ended October 2011. Increases were reported for additions and alterations (21,1%) and residential buildings (18,6%). In contrast, a decrease was reported for non-residential buildings (-25,0%) (see Table D).

**Figure 1 – Real value of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities**

**Table E – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices:  
January 2011 versus January 2012**

Estimates at current prices	January 2011 1/	January 2012 1/	Difference in value between January 2011 and January 2012	% change between January 2011 and January 2012
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>1 125 669</b>	<b>1 264 748</b>	<b>139 079</b>	<b>12,4</b>
-Dwelling-houses	745 872	1 018 024	272 152	36,5
-Flats and townhouses	254 261	243 658	-10 603	-4,2
-Other residential buildings	125 536	3 066	-122 470	-97,6
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>444 436</b>	<b>692 164</b>	<b>247 728</b>	<b>55,7</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	<b>741 775</b>	<b>633 116</b>	<b>-108 659</b>	<b>-14,6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 311 880</b>	<b>2 590 028</b>	<b>278 148</b>	<b>12,0</b>

1/ 2011 and 2012 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

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

*As indicated in Table E, the value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 12,0% (R278,1 million) during January 2012 compared with January 2011.*

Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (55,7% or R247,7 million) and residential buildings (12,4% or R139,1 million) while a decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-14,6% or -R108,7 million) during the above-mentioned period.

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:  
January 2011 versus January 2012**

Estimates at current prices	January 2011 1/	January 2012 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January 2011	% change between January 2011 and January 2012	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January 2011 and January 2012 2/	Difference in value between January 2011 and January 2012
	R'000	R'000				R'000
<b>Western Cape</b>	<b>508 595</b>	<b>832 206</b>	<b>22,0</b>	<b>63,6</b>	<b>14,0</b>	<b>323 611</b>
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	<b>133 447</b>	<b>117 507</b>	<b>5,8</b>	<b>-11,9</b>	<b>-0,7</b>	<b>-15 940</b>
<b>Northern Cape</b>	<b>19 481</b>	<b>34 605</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>77,6</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>15 124</b>
<b>Free State</b>	<b>99 317</b>	<b>62 438</b>	<b>4,3</b>	<b>-37,1</b>	<b>-1,6</b>	<b>-36 879</b>
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	<b>359 317</b>	<b>290 149</b>	<b>15,5</b>	<b>-19,2</b>	<b>-3,0</b>	<b>-69 168</b>
<b>North West</b>	<b>36 447</b>	<b>87 343</b>	<b>1,6</b>	<b>139,6</b>	<b>2,2</b>	<b>50 896</b>
<b>Gauteng</b>	<b>964 205</b>	<b>1 061 919</b>	<b>41,7</b>	<b>10,1</b>	<b>4,2</b>	<b>97 714</b>
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	<b>127 269</b>	<b>87 768</b>	<b>5,5</b>	<b>-31,0</b>	<b>-1,7</b>	<b>-39 501</b>
<b>Limpopo</b>	<b>63 802</b>	<b>16 093</b>	<b>2,8</b>	<b>-74,8</b>	<b>-2,1</b>	<b>-47 709</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 311 880</b>	<b>2 590 028</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>12,0</b>	<b>12,0</b>	<b>278 148</b>

1/ 2011 and 2012 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between Jan. 2011 and Jan. 2012 with the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during Jan. 2011, divided by 100.

Four provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January 2012. The province mainly responsible for the increase of 12,0% was Western Cape (contributing 14,0 percentage points or R323,6 million), followed by Gauteng (contributing 4,2 percentage points or R97,7 million) and North West (2,2 percentage points or R50,9 million) (see Table F).

**Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices:  
January 2011 versus January 2012**

Estimates at constant 2005 prices	January 2011	January 2012	Difference in value between January 2011 and January 2012	% change between January 2011 and January 2012
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	779 503	830 252	50 749	6,5
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	317 908	476 041	158 133	49,7
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	520 544	428 650	-91 894	-17,7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 617 955</b>	<b>1 734 943</b>	<b>116 988</b>	<b>7,2</b>

1/ 2011 and 2012 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

### Real value of buildings reported as completed

As indicated in Table G, the real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2005 prices) increased by 7,2% (R117,0 million) during January 2012 compared with January 2011. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (49,7% or R158,1 million) and residential buildings (6,5% or R50,7 million), as opposed to a decrease for additions and alterations (-17,7% or -R91,9 million).

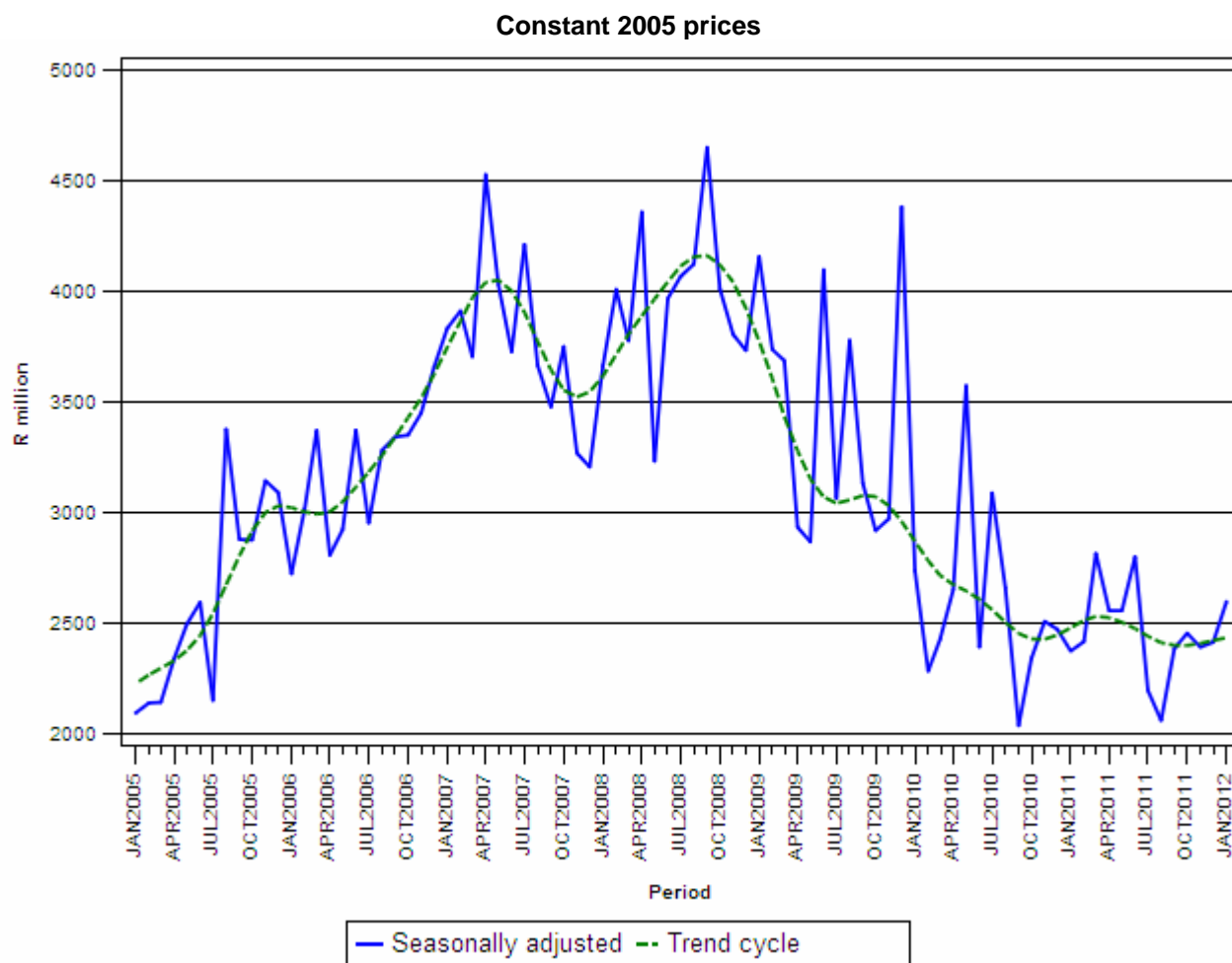
**Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to  
larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices**

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2005 prices	August to October 2011	November 2011 to January 2012	% change between August to October 2011 and November 2011 to January 2012
	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	3 467 233	3 614 150	4,2
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	1 520 805	1 905 028	25,3
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	1 911 722	1 883 345	-1,5
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 899 760</b>	<b>7 402 523</b>	<b>7,3</b>

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 7,3% during the three months ended January 2012 compared with the three months ended October 2011. The biggest increase was reported for non-residential buildings (25,3%), followed by residential buildings (4,2%). A decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-1,5%) during the above-mentioned period (see Table H).



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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
<b>2011</b> <b>2/</b>	<b>January</b>	1 566 806	-3,3	1 656 955	218,7	1 270 964	17,0	4 494 725	39,3
	<b>February</b>	1 970 284	-6,3	1 106 923	-13,7	1 794 031	-11,2	4 871 238	-9,9
	<b>March</b>	3 073 821	48,0	1 000 239	-35,1	1 979 477	5,8	6 053 537	10,3
	<b>April</b>	2 020 947	1,2	672 605	-42,8	1 411 697	-6,7	4 105 249	-12,4
	<b>May</b>	2 428 570	-2,9	1 473 299	34,8	1 704 755	-6,5	5 606 624	3,5
	<b>June</b>	2 946 729	16,9	1 355 028	-11,9	1 746 673	-2,2	6 048 430	3,5
	<b>July</b>	2 708 689	9,8	1 032 367	2,9	1 724 471	-23,6	5 465 527	-4,6
	<b>August</b>	2 707 518	7,2	1 193 475	23,0	1 884 471	1,9	5 785 464	8,2
	<b>September</b>	2 493 492	-8,9	1 655 685	67,5	2 110 051	-34,8	6 259 228	-10,1
	<b>October</b>	2 253 071	-11,4	2 495 539	143,1	1 881 737	-26,6	6 630 347	8,1
	<b>November</b>	2 928 568	30,2	1 000 947	-21,3	2 252 316	16,9	6 181 831	13,5
	<b>December</b>	2 124 049	23,4	1 316 754	47,6	1 787 179	17,6	5 227 982	26,5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>29 222 544</b>	<b>8,0</b>	<b>15 959 816</b>	<b>20,0</b>	<b>21 547 822</b>	<b>-8,1</b>	<b>66 730 182</b>	<b>4,6</b>
<b>2012 2/</b>	<b>January</b>	1 981 456	26,5	730 910	-55,9	1 478 757	16,3	4 191 123	-6,8

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2011	January	2 181 641	-1,2	2 584 393	147,8	1 916 779	6,5	6 682 813	32,3
	February	1 939 744	-11,1	1 140 899	-55,9	1 791 702	-6,5	4 872 345	-27,1
	March	3 119 799	60,8	910 806	-20,2	2 014 107	12,4	6 044 712	24,1
	April	2 282 665	-26,8	783 967	-13,9	1 620 729	-19,5	4 687 361	-22,5
	May	2 239 405	-1,9	1 301 812	66,1	1 749 051	7,9	5 290 268	12,9
	June	2 613 060	16,7	1 319 108	1,3	1 789 745	2,3	5 721 913	8,2
	July	2 511 814	-3,9	906 696	-31,3	1 568 898	-12,3	4 987 408	-12,8
	August	2 578 243	2,6	1 288 294	42,1	1 826 335	16,4	5 692 872	14,1
	September	2 277 608	-11,7	1 473 897	14,4	1 691 073	-7,4	5 442 578	-4,4
	October	1 976 396	-13,2	2 045 674	38,8	1 595 232	-5,7	5 617 302	3,2
	November	2 804 905	41,9	990 608	-51,6	2 005 350	25,7	5 800 863	3,3
	December	2 721 325	-3,0	1 526 263	54,1	2 095 827	4,5	6 343 415	9,4
2012	January	2 780 127	2,2	1 169 184	-23,4	2 233 350	6,6	6 182 661	-2,5
	Aug. - Oct. 11	6 832 247		4 807 865		5 112 640		16 752 752	
	Nov. 11 - Jan. 12 2/	8 306 357	21,6	3 686 055	-23,3	6 334 527	23,9	18 326 939	9,4

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

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

**Table 3 – Value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2005 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/
2011 2/	January	1 060 803	-6,7	1 121 838	207,4	860 504	12,9	3 043 145	34,4
	February	1 322 338	-9,9	742 901	-17,1	1 204 048	-14,6	3 269 287	-13,4
	March	2 035 643	40,9	662 410	-38,2	1 310 912	0,8	4 008 965	5,0
	April	1 335 722	-3,6	444 551	-45,5	933 045	-11,1	2 713 318	-16,5
	May	1 605 135	-6,8	973 760	29,4	1 126 738	-10,2	3 705 633	-0,6
	June	1 937 363	12,0	890 880	-15,6	1 148 371	-6,3	3 976 614	-0,9
	July	1 764 618	4,0	672 552	-2,6	1 123 434	-27,6	3 560 604	-9,6
	August	1 760 415	1,2	775 992	16,1	1 225 274	-3,8	3 761 681	2,2
	September	1 613 911	-14,2	1 071 641	57,6	1 365 729	-38,7	4 051 281	-15,4
	October	1 453 594	-16,7	1 610 025	128,7	1 214 024	-30,9	4 277 643	1,7
	November	1 880 904	22,2	642 869	-26,2	1 446 574	9,7	3 970 347	6,5
	December	1 359 827	15,8	842 992	38,5	1 144 161	10,3	3 346 980	18,7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>19 130 273</b>	<b>2,5</b>	<b>10 452 411</b>	<b>13,9</b>	<b>14 102 814</b>	<b>-12,8</b>	<b>43 685 498</b>	<b>-0,7</b>
2012 2/	January	1 260 468	18,8	464 955	-58,6	940 685	9,3	2 666 108	-12,4

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

**Table 4 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2005 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/
2011	January	1 463 139	-2,0	1 727 910	144,5	1 288 835	5,9	4 479 884	31,1
	February	1 294 205	-11,5	761 747	-55,9	1 194 089	-7,4	3 250 041	-27,5
	March	2 058 142	59,0	603 146	-20,8	1 326 947	11,1	3 988 235	22,7
	April	1 508 444	-26,7	516 944	-14,3	1 072 629	-19,2	3 098 017	-22,3
	May	1 482 800	-1,7	862 357	66,8	1 158 787	8,0	3 503 944	13,1
	June	1 723 874	16,3	868 058	0,7	1 180 135	1,8	3 772 067	7,7
	July	1 646 858	-4,5	594 995	-31,5	1 028 693	-12,8	3 270 546	-13,3
	August	1 689 180	2,6	839 204	41,0	1 194 612	16,1	3 722 996	13,8
	September	1 481 151	-12,3	956 251	13,9	1 100 984	-7,8	3 538 386	-5,0
	October	1 276 857	-13,8	1 325 380	38,6	1 029 369	-6,5	3 631 606	2,6
	November	1 794 077	40,5	635 201	-52,1	1 283 046	24,6	3 712 324	2,2
	December	1 726 749	-3,8	972 008	53,0	1 331 704	3,8	4 030 461	8,6
2012	January	1 755 269	1,7	734 536	-24,4	1 412 881	6,1	3 902 686	-3,2
	Aug. - Oct. 11	4 447 188		3 120 835		3 324 965		10 892 988	
	Nov. 11 - Jan. 12 2/	5 276 095	18,6	2 341 745	-25,0	4 027 631	21,1	11 645 471	6,9

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

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

**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/
2011 2/	January	1 125 669	-8,0	444 436	-40,5	741 775	21,5	2 311 880	-10,4
	February	1 546 614	0,3	680 377	12,0	1 053 311	20,0	3 280 302	8,4
	March	1 970 910	23,7	1 004 255	-14,6	1 333 696	53,6	4 308 861	18,4
	April	1 499 060	-2,2	1 030 371	15,9	804 453	-16,8	3 333 884	-1,6
	May	1 794 029	-28,2	1 073 391	-27,2	810 876	-19,6	3 678 296	-26,1
	June	1 850 291	10,1	1 067 467	46,8	1 060 307	26,0	3 978 065	22,4
	July	1 753 772	-6,5	801 085	-46,6	932 648	-33,4	3 487 505	-27,0
	August	1 525 616	-15,3	552 989	-22,0	898 305	-24,6	2 976 910	-19,6
	September	1 985 672	29,9	650 495	2,4	973 206	21,6	3 609 373	21,8
	October	2 048 135	25,1	1 146 807	-19,3	936 292	15,4	4 131 234	6,8
	November	2 174 964	4,5	912 244	-10,5	1 115 957	2,1	4 203 165	0,2
	December	2 061 276	2,0	705 588	4,9	811 523	3,0	3 578 387	2,8
	<b>Total</b>	<b>21 336 008</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>10 069 505</b>	<b>-13,0</b>	<b>11 472 349</b>	<b>1,9</b>	<b>42 877 862</b>	<b>-2,2</b>
2012 2/	January	1 264 748	12,4	692 164	55,7	633 116	-14,6	2 590 028	12,0

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

**Table 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		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2011	January	1 700 576	-2,5	695 789	-15,3	987 846	4,1	3 384 211	-3,7
	February	1 726 615	1,5	714 470	2,7	1 012 864	2,5	3 453 949	2,1
	March	1 915 829	11,0	925 203	29,5	1 205 271	19,0	4 046 303	17,2
	April	1 771 480	-7,5	1 028 771	11,2	860 473	-28,6	3 660 724	-9,5
	May	1 874 041	5,8	949 515	-7,7	859 037	-0,2	3 682 593	0,6
	June	1 871 229	-0,2	1 076 800	13,4	1 119 315	30,3	4 067 344	10,4
	July	1 725 772	-7,8	714 996	-33,6	781 165	-30,2	3 221 933	-20,8
	August	1 515 437	-12,2	671 111	-6,1	822 036	5,2	3 008 584	-6,6
	September	1 817 877	20,0	708 557	5,6	974 895	18,6	3 501 329	16,4
	October	1 831 880	0,8	822 738	16,1	955 281	-2,0	3 609 899	3,1
	November	1 773 545	-3,2	811 856	-1,3	950 654	-0,5	3 536 055	-2,0
	December	1 765 268	-0,5	852 947	5,1	968 603	1,9	3 586 818	1,4
2012	January	1 920 398	8,8	1 085 287	27,2	856 416	-11,6	3 862 101	7,7
	Aug. - Oct. 11	5 165 194		2 202 406		2 752 212		10 119 812	
	Nov. 11 - Jan. 12 2/	5 459 211	5,7	2 750 090	24,9	2 775 673	0,9	10 984 974	8,5

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

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

**Table 7 – Value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2005 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/
<b>2011</b> <b>2/</b>	<b>January</b>	779 503	-11,4	317 908	-39,6	520 544	16,9	1 617 955	-12,6
	<b>February</b>	1 069 795	-2,9	484 254	14,9	735 552	15,6	2 289 601	6,0
	<b>March</b>	1 358 894	19,3	713 756	-12,9	927 466	48,3	3 000 116	16,1
	<b>April</b>	1 031 741	-5,8	732 839	17,9	558 260	-19,8	2 322 840	-3,7
	<b>May</b>	1 230 156	-31,3	762 893	-27,0	558 070	-23,5	2 551 119	-28,4
	<b>June</b>	1 264 174	5,6	754 394	43,0	727 733	19,4	2 746 301	17,7
	<b>July</b>	1 191 192	-10,0	562 165	-48,6	641 436	-36,0	2 394 793	-30,0
	<b>August</b>	1 028 006	-18,7	386 166	-24,8	618 667	-27,1	2 032 839	-22,6
	<b>September</b>	1 327 376	24,2	452 361	-1,1	669 330	17,6	2 449 067	16,9
	<b>October</b>	1 369 501	19,9	795 841	-22,2	642 176	11,3	2 807 518	2,4
	<b>November</b>	1 452 450	0,4	627 835	-14,8	763 831	-1,7	2 844 116	-4,0
	<b>December</b>	1 368 766	-2,3	484 275	-0,6	553 563	-0,6	2 406 604	-1,6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>14 471 554</b>	<b>-2,6</b>	<b>7 074 687</b>	<b>-14,5</b>	<b>7 916 628</b>	<b>-1,9</b>	<b>29 462 869</b>	<b>-5,6</b>
<b>2012 2/</b>	<b>January</b>	830 252	6,5	476 041	49,7	428 650	-17,7	1 734 943	7,2

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

2/ Preliminary figures.



**Table 8 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2005 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/
2011	January	1 182 125	-2,3	503 006	-15,7	688 774	3,5	2 373 905	-4,0
	February	1 201 658	1,7	510 854	1,6	704 043	2,2	2 416 555	1,8
	March	1 317 905	9,7	664 357	30,0	833 527	18,4	2 815 789	16,5
	April	1 221 811	-7,3	734 664	10,6	600 073	-28,0	2 556 548	-9,2
	May	1 289 613	5,5	668 487	-9,0	598 527	-0,3	2 556 627	-0,0
	June	1 272 276	-1,3	753 771	12,8	774 518	29,4	2 800 565	9,5
	July	1 168 443	-8,2	505 340	-33,0	522 032	-32,6	2 195 815	-21,6
	August	1 016 615	-13,0	467 355	-7,5	575 559	10,3	2 059 529	-6,2
	September	1 220 968	20,1	488 142	4,4	676 587	17,6	2 385 697	15,8
	October	1 229 650	0,7	565 308	15,8	659 576	-2,5	2 454 534	2,9
	November	1 178 141	-4,2	563 019	-0,4	650 578	-1,4	2 391 738	-2,6
	December	1 170 910	-0,6	587 080	4,3	655 812	0,8	2 413 802	0,9
2012	January	1 265 099	8,0	754 929	28,6	576 955	-12,0	2 596 983	7,6
	Aug. - Oct. 11	3 467 233		1 520 805		1 911 722		6 899 760	
	Nov. 11 - Jan. 12 2/	3 614 150	4,2	1 905 028	25,3	1 883 345	-1,5	7 402 523	7,3

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

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

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

			Jan. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	<b>Number</b>	728	1 416	2 075	185,0
		<b>square metres</b>	33 783	72 499	92 820	174,8
		<b>R'000</b>	97 748	197 337	265 268	171,4
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	<b>Number</b>	865	1 171	1 108	28,1
		<b>square metres</b>	234 781	266 903	249 689	6,3
		<b>R'000</b>	1 129 275	1 384 431	1 302 076	15,3
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	<b>Number</b>	767	776	706	-8,0
		<b>square metres</b>	66 347	91 039	65 113	-1,9
		<b>R'000</b>	297 073	483 039	345 165	16,2
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	<b>square metres</b>	7 771	10 790	12 699	63,4
		<b>R'000</b>	42 710	59 242	68 947	61,4
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 566 806</b>	<b>2 124 049</b>	<b>1 981 456</b>	<b>26,5</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	<b>square metres</b>	8 277	69 243	10 332	24,8
		<b>R'000</b>	40 895	406 558	62 137	51,9
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	<b>square metres</b>	158 642	44 874	48 610	-69,4
		<b>R'000</b>	1 122 226	275 645	271 300	-75,8
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	<b>square metres</b>	87 084	83 746	78 090	-10,3
		<b>R'000</b>	317 005	386 763	319 894	0,9
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	<b>square metres</b>	34 026	48 847	20 189	-40,7
		<b>R'000</b>	176 829	247 788	77 579	-56,1
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 656 955</b>	<b>1 316 754</b>	<b>730 910</b>	<b>-55,9</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	<b>square metres</b>	208 481	214 388	209 167	0,3
		<b>R'000</b>	960 654	1 065 792	1 041 723	8,4
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	<b>square metres</b>	58 543	125 872	71 807	22,7
		<b>R'000</b>	310 310	721 387	437 034	40,8
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 270 964</b>	<b>1 787 179</b>	<b>1 478 757</b>	<b>16,3</b>
<b>4. Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>4 494 725</b>	<b>5 227 982</b>	<b>4 191 123</b>	<b>-6,8</b>

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2011 and Jan. 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	Number	394	307	230	-41,6
		square metres	16 853	13 319	9 776	-42,0
		R'000	38 377	33 049	24 098	-37,2
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	Number	178	269	196	10,1
		square metres	48 563	67 087	55 734	14,8
		R'000	218 675	323 337	291 162	33,1
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	Number	207	151	155	-25,1
		square metres	24 207	34 868	18 328	-24,3
		R'000	111 958	175 787	102 132	-8,8
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	square metres	7 058	8 749	0	..
		R'000	39 684	47 537	0	..
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>408 694</b>	<b>579 710</b>	<b>417 392</b>	<b>2,1</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	square metres	1 113	38 380	3 921	252,3
		R'000	4 821	197 022	21 173	339,2
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	square metres	9 716	1 267	30 121	210,0
		R'000	43 236	6 493	171 201	296,0
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	square metres	4 645	26 699	22 619	387,0
		R'000	19 749	139 883	99 205	402,3
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	square metres	2 199	16 475	2 009	-8,6
		R'000	11 859	85 951	7 929	-33,1
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>79 665</b>	<b>429 349</b>	<b>299 508</b>	<b>276,0</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	square metres	57 319	61 204	53 915	-5,9
		R'000	240 171	272 882	244 115	1,6
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	square metres	25 044	27 249	13 532	-46,0
		R'000	115 975	169 843	118 824	2,5
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	R'000	<b>356 146</b>	<b>442 725</b>	<b>362 939</b>	<b>1,9</b>
<b>4. Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	R'000	<b>844 505</b>	<b>1 451 784</b>	<b>1 079 839</b>	<b>27,9</b>

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2011 and Jan. 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	Number	6	12	139	2 216,7
		square metres	383	670	5 830	1 422,2
		R'000	1 319	2 603	7 354	457,5
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	Number	59	51	46	-22,0
		square metres	13 160	9 484	11 269	-14,4
		R'000	61 426	42 629	45 327	-26,2
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	Number	48	3	276	475,0
		square metres	2 490	491	14 898	498,3
		R'000	7 576	2 172	62 052	719,1
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	square metres	0	0	440	..
		R'000	0	0	2 640	..
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>70 321</b>	<b>47 404</b>	<b>117 373</b>	<b>66,9</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	square metres	3 137	0	723	-77,0
		R'000	12 828	0	2 415	-81,2
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	square metres	730	0	1 127	54,4
		R'000	2 920	0	5 140	76,0
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	square metres	7 286	410	4 599	-36,9
		R'000	24 633	1 095	12 461	-49,4
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	square metres	0	2 787	5 066	..
		R'000	0	11 685	20 183	..
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>40 381</b>	<b>12 780</b>	<b>40 199</b>	<b>-0,5</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	square metres	18 737	18 436	18 731	0,0
		R'000	70 109	75 562	79 445	13,3
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	square metres	3 812	21 418	6 566	72,2
		R'000	13 916	65 152	21 820	56,8
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	R'000	<b>84 025</b>	<b>140 714</b>	<b>101 265</b>	<b>20,5</b>
<b>4. Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	R'000	<b>194 727</b>	<b>200 898</b>	<b>258 837</b>	<b>32,9</b>

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2011 and Jan. 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	Number	0	226	496	..
		square metres	0	13 630	20 524	..
		R'000	0	17 719	86 277	..
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	Number	9	19	10	11,1
		square metres	2 192	5 362	2 619	19,5
		R'000	9 628	23 516	11 467	19,1
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	Number	0	11	0	..
		square metres	0	2 267	0	..
		R'000	0	9 195	0	..
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>9 628</b>	<b>50 430</b>	<b>97 744</b>	<b>915,2</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	square metres	0	0	149	..
		R'000	0	0	671	..
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	square metres	367	0	0	..
		R'000	1 651	0	0	..
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	square metres	0	1 430	249	..
		R'000	0	5 045	1 151	..
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	square metres	0	8 361	0	..
		R'000	0	31 908	0	..
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>1 651</b>	<b>36 953</b>	<b>1 822</b>	<b>10,4</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	square metres	1 998	3 491	3 931	96,7
		R'000	8 503	14 986	16 939	99,2
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	square metres	0	32 514	856	..
		R'000	0	195 599	3 635	..
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	R'000	<b>8 503</b>	<b>210 585</b>	<b>20 574</b>	<b>142,0</b>
<b>4. Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	R'000	<b>19 782</b>	<b>297 968</b>	<b>120 140</b>	<b>507,3</b>

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2011 and Jan. 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	Number	8	88	121	1 412,5
		square metres	523	4 766	6 094	1 065,2
		R'000	1 831	7 481	11 036	502,7
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	Number	73	73	67	-8,2
		square metres	13 088	16 929	14 799	13,1
		R'000	49 462	70 047	58 047	17,4
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	Number	19	95	0	..
		square metres	1 643	5 231	0	..
		R'000	7 394	28 771	0	..
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	square metres	0	250	10 147	..
		R'000	0	875	55 533	..
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>58 687</b>	<b>107 174</b>	<b>124 616</b>	<b>112,3</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	square metres	709	0	110	-84,5
		R'000	2 836	0	548	-80,7
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	square metres	0	20 178	84	..
		R'000	0	108 958	244	..
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	square metres	543	5 604	772	42,2
		R'000	2 118	15 997	3 316	56,6
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	square metres	1 188	475	319	-73,1
		R'000	4 862	1 165	1 187	-75,6
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>9 816</b>	<b>126 120</b>	<b>5 295</b>	<b>-46,1</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	square metres	9 982	14 267	9 868	-1,1
		R'000	36 214	54 764	36 197	0,0
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	square metres	1 260	7 223	17 410	1 281,7
		R'000	7 273	37 589	93 887	1 190,9
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	R'000	<b>43 487</b>	<b>92 353</b>	<b>130 084</b>	<b>199,1</b>
<b>4. Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	R'000	<b>111 990</b>	<b>325 647</b>	<b>259 995</b>	<b>132,2</b>

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2011 and Jan. 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	38	27	38	0,0
		square metres	2 178	1 528	2 206	1,3
		R'000	15 110	9 769	14 823	-1,9
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	94	107	75	-20,2
		square metres	29 118	25 243	21 497	-26,2
		R'000	201 559	173 854	163 480	-18,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	136	309	98	-27,9
		square metres	12 860	27 598	10 855	-15,6
		R'000	60 197	173 989	73 349	21,8
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	329	0	0	..
		R'000	1 625	0	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	278 491	357 612	251 652	-9,6
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	2 123	12 673	624	-70,6
		R'000	15 710	82 884	2 500	-84,1
	2. Shopping space	square metres	104 693	0	6 549	-93,7
		R'000	616 880	0	42 688	-93,1
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	13 906	15 987	16 742	20,4
		R'000	52 892	69 344	63 657	20,4
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	10 255	1 558	796	-92,2
		R'000	62 001	10 127	2 817	-95,5
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	747 483	162 355	111 662	-85,1
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	26 427	28 782	20 518	-22,4
		R'000	167 511	188 537	134 399	-19,8
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	12 261	13 774	4 352	-64,5
		R'000	68 230	89 511	34 482	-49,5
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	235 741	278 048	168 881	-28,4
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 261 715	798 015	532 195	-57,8

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2011 and Jan. 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	Number	21	8	5	-76,2
		square metres	1 212	449	300	-75,2
		R'000	3 184	1 605	1 153	-63,8
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	Number	74	54	93	25,7
		square metres	15 243	9 810	17 415	14,2
		R'000	51 106	41 459	70 647	38,2
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	Number	55	35	24	-56,4
		square metres	4 661	2 406	1 599	-65,7
		R'000	17 317	13 263	6 848	-60,5
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	square metres	271	740	0	..
		R'000	949	3 000	0	..
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>72 556</b>	<b>59 327</b>	<b>78 648</b>	<b>8,4</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	square metres	0	0	118	..
		R'000	0	0	509	..
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	square metres	272	0	926	240,4
		R'000	908	0	3 728	310,6
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	square metres	340	1 920	1 375	304,4
		R'000	680	6 720	4 125	506,6
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	square metres	501	252	1 095	118,6
		R'000	1 430	1 059	3 614	152,7
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>3 018</b>	<b>7 779</b>	<b>11 976</b>	<b>296,8</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	square metres	9 654	9 179	12 442	28,9
		R'000	30 669	31 280	49 353	60,9
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	square metres	1 665	0	3 468	108,3
		R'000	6 678	13 418	14 252	113,4
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	R'000	<b>37 347</b>	<b>44 698</b>	<b>63 605</b>	<b>70,3</b>
<b>4. Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	R'000	<b>112 921</b>	<b>111 804</b>	<b>154 229</b>	<b>36,6</b>

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2011 and Jan. 2012.

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

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

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



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

			Jan. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	Number	130	703	975	650,0
		square metres	6 393	35 950	44 365	594,0
		R'000	22 235	116 669	106 883	380,7
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	Number	233	426	465	99,6
		square metres	76 539	93 851	93 408	22,0
		R'000	390 028	547 058	523 655	34,3
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	Number	64	133	65	1,6
		square metres	5 173	16 053	5 936	14,7
		R'000	30 419	71 008	43 269	42,2
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	square metres	0	1 051	1 814	..
		R'000	0	7 830	9 433	..
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>442 682</b>	<b>742 565</b>	<b>683 240</b>	<b>54,3</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	square metres	0	18 190	4 687	..
		R'000	0	126 652	34 321	..
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	square metres	679	23 172	7 582	1 016,6
		R'000	4 142	159 237	39 511	853,9
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	square metres	48 267	25 797	21 583	-55,3
		R'000	169 908	122 874	94 919	-44,1
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	square metres	14 204	16 767	5 017	-64,7
		R'000	69 059	97 520	21 969	-68,2
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>243 109</b>	<b>506 283</b>	<b>190 720</b>	<b>-21,5</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	square metres	66 899	65 928	75 274	12,5
		R'000	340 399	373 325	420 939	23,7
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	square metres	11 740	21 676	20 959	78,5
		R'000	73 487	141 602	122 130	66,2
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	R'000	<b>413 886</b>	<b>514 927</b>	<b>543 069</b>	<b>31,2</b>
<b>4. Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	R'000	<b>1 099 677</b>	<b>1 763 775</b>	<b>1 417 029</b>	<b>28,9</b>

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2011 and Jan. 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	Number	119	43	64	-46,2
		square metres	5 470	2 072	3 338	-39,0
		R'000	12 222	7 924	11 800	-3,5
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	Number	114	134	111	-2,6
		square metres	29 633	31 017	21 513	-27,4
		R'000	115 417	125 768	84 049	-27,2
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	Number	217	31	9	-95,9
		square metres	12 398	1 629	637	-94,9
		R'000	49 094	6 622	2 302	-95,3
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	square metres	113	0	0	..
		R'000	452	0	0	..
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>177 185</b>	<b>140 314</b>	<b>98 151</b>	<b>-44,6</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	square metres	985	0	0	..
		R'000	3 900	0	0	..
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	square metres	42 185	118	1 014	-97,6
		R'000	452 489	472	4 563	-99,0
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	square metres	9 964	4 686	7 382	-25,9
		R'000	38 891	20 655	29 359	-24,5
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	square metres	5 679	1 841	5 733	1,0
		R'000	27 618	7 114	19 418	-29,7
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>522 898</b>	<b>28 241</b>	<b>53 340</b>	<b>-89,8</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	square metres	12 011	8 746	9 367	-22,0
		R'000	43 960	35 463	37 600	-14,5
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	square metres	450	1 196	3 869	759,8
		R'000	14 280	5 327	21 688	51,9
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	R'000	<b>58 240</b>	<b>40 790</b>	<b>59 288</b>	<b>1,8</b>
<b>4. Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	R'000	<b>758 323</b>	<b>209 345</b>	<b>210 779</b>	<b>-72,2</b>

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2011 and Jan. 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	Number	12	2	7	-41,7
		square metres	771	115	387	-49,8
		R'000	3 470	518	1 844	-46,9
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	Number	31	38	45	45,2
		square metres	7 245	8 120	11 435	57,8
		R'000	31 974	36 763	54 242	69,6
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	Number	21	8	79	276,2
		square metres	2 915	496	12 860	341,2
		R'000	13 118	2 232	55 213	320,9
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	square metres	0	0	298	..
		R'000	0	0	1 341	..
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>48 562</b>	<b>39 513</b>	<b>112 640</b>	<b>132,0</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	square metres	210	0	0	..
		R'000	800	0	0	..
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	square metres	0	139	1 207	..
		R'000	0	485	4 225	..
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	square metres	2 133	1 213	2 769	29,8
		R'000	8 134	5 150	11 701	43,9
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	square metres	0	331	154	..
		R'000	0	1 259	462	..
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>8 934</b>	<b>6 894</b>	<b>16 388</b>	<b>83,4</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	square metres	5 454	4 355	5 121	-6,1
		R'000	23 118	18 993	22 736	-1,7
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	square metres	2 311	822	795	-65,6
		R'000	10 471	3 346	6 316	-39,7
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	R'000	<b>33 589</b>	<b>22 339</b>	<b>29 052</b>	<b>-13,5</b>
<b>4. Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	R'000	<b>91 085</b>	<b>68 746</b>	<b>158 080</b>	<b>73,6</b>

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2011 and Jan. 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	Number	652	1 573	1 470	125,5
		square metres	29 416	73 836	65 771	123,6
		R'000	75 322	215 014	153 463	103,7
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	Number	578	886	812	40,5
		square metres	152 391	242 786	183 844	20,6
		R'000	670 550	1 296 713	864 561	28,9
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	Number	575	662	603	4,9
		square metres	48 366	89 308	51 121	5,7
		R'000	254 261	490 062	243 658	-4,2
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	square metres	16 969	8 300	438	-97,4
		R'000	125 536	59 487	3 066	-97,6
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>1 125 669</b>	<b>2 061 276</b>	<b>1 264 748</b>	<b>12,4</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	square metres	13 398	18 240	29 803	122,4
		R'000	76 805	124 427	122 857	60,0
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	square metres	5 132	31 364	15 594	203,9
		R'000	32 822	140 677	74 949	128,3
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	square metres	52 854	79 855	100 146	89,5
		R'000	212 249	334 238	396 489	86,8
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	square metres	42 800	19 602	17 207	-59,8
		R'000	122 560	106 246	97 869	-20,1
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>444 436</b>	<b>705 588</b>	<b>692 164</b>	<b>55,7</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	square metres	132 152	112 496	110 775	-16,2
		R'000	568 258	579 983	486 250	-14,4
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	square metres	32 155	40 242	28 518	-11,3
		R'000	173 517	231 540	146 866	-15,4
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	R'000	<b>741 775</b>	<b>811 523</b>	<b>633 116</b>	<b>-14,6</b>
<b>4. Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	R'000	<b>2 311 880</b>	<b>3 578 387</b>	<b>2 590 028</b>	<b>12,0</b>

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2011 and Jan. 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	Number	78	547	304	289,7
		square metres	3 382	22 368	12 574	271,8
		R'000	5 979	43 757	21 448	258,7
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	Number	114	276	195	71,1
		square metres	34 813	71 056	53 792	54,5
		R'000	134 183	304 952	225 924	68,4
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	Number	63	68	86	36,5
		square metres	4 794	13 906	9 456	97,2
		R'000	17 554	58 933	37 306	112,5
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	square metres	177	5 713	438	147,5
		R'000	800	45 000	3 066	283,3
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>158 516</b>	<b>452 642</b>	<b>287 744</b>	<b>81,5</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	square metres	0	2 746	8 572	..
		R'000	0	12 532	37 411	..
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	square metres	0	22 480	12 700	..
		R'000	0	88 541	56 835	..
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	square metres	9 042	5 503	51 829	473,2
		R'000	40 770	23 516	226 845	456,4
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	square metres	37 518	5 596	867	-97,7
		R'000	99 934	20 081	3 516	-96,5
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>140 704</b>	<b>144 670</b>	<b>324 607</b>	<b>130,7</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	square metres	37 775	37 568	47 200	25,0
		R'000	143 873	145 391	167 852	16,7
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	square metres	11 159	8 809	11 418	2,3
		R'000	65 502	55 769	52 003	-20,6
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	R'000	<b>209 375</b>	<b>201 160</b>	<b>219 855</b>	<b>5,0</b>
<b>4. Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	R'000	<b>508 595</b>	<b>798 472</b>	<b>832 206</b>	<b>63,6</b>

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2011 and Jan. 2012.

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

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

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

**Table 21 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Eastern Cape**

			Jan. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	Number	296	96	310	4,7
		square metres	12 036	4 196	12 623	4,9
		R'000	22 790	8 816	12 518	-45,1
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	Number	55	25	25	-54,5
		square metres	11 827	6 399	5 874	-50,3
		R'000	39 609	24 442	24 489	-38,2
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	Number	19	5	2	-89,5
		square metres	2 009	917	384	-80,9
		R'000	7 592	3 054	1 152	-84,8
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	square metres	247	0	0	..
		R'000	839	0	0	..
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>70 830</b>	<b>36 312</b>	<b>38 159</b>	<b>-46,1</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	square metres	695	0	15 660	2 153,2
		R'000	2 278	0	47 547	1 987,2
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	square metres	0	138	0	..
		R'000	0	398	0	..
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	square metres	0	450	0	..
		R'000	0	387	0	..
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	square metres	1 130	0	164	-85,5
		R'000	4 520	0	636	-85,9
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>6 798</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>48 183</b>	<b>608,8</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	square metres	15 623	5 042	6 888	-55,9
		R'000	49 059	16 899	22 419	-54,3
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	square metres	1 760	688	2 228	26,6
		R'000	6 760	1 962	8 746	29,4
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	R'000	<b>55 819</b>	<b>18 861</b>	<b>31 165</b>	<b>-44,2</b>
<b>4. Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	R'000	<b>133 447</b>	<b>55 958</b>	<b>117 507</b>	<b>-11,9</b>

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2011 and Jan. 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	Number	60	0	2	-96,7
		square metres	2 400	0	113	-95,3
		R'000	3 000	0	410	-86,3
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	Number	8	10	7	-12,5
		square metres	1 833	3 746	1 553	-15,3
		R'000	7 686	16 147	6 673	-13,2
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	Number	1	0	5	400,0
		square metres	136	0	725	433,1
		R'000	571	0	3 559	523,3
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>11 257</b>	<b>16 147</b>	<b>10 642</b>	<b>-5,5</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	square metres	16	0	190	1 087,5
		R'000	66	0	855	1 195,5
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	square metres	0	2 187	0	..
		R'000	0	9 842	0	..
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	square metres	0	1 041	0	..
		R'000	0	4 685	0	..
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	square metres	0	135	0	..
		R'000	0	608	0	..
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>66</b>	<b>15 135</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>1 195,5</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	square metres	1 961	3 629	4 552	132,1
		R'000	8 158	15 492	19 278	136,3
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	square metres	0	1 050	851	..
		R'000	0	4 665	3 830	..
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	R'000	<b>8 158</b>	<b>20 157</b>	<b>23 108</b>	<b>183,3</b>
<b>4. Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	R'000	<b>19 481</b>	<b>51 439</b>	<b>34 605</b>	<b>77,6</b>

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2011 and Jan. 2012.

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

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

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

**Table 23 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Free State**

			Jan. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	Number	5	10	14	180,0
		square metres	310	570	826	166,5
		R'000	1 012	1 785	2 778	174,5
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	Number	58	12	39	-32,8
		square metres	13 712	4 026	8 998	-34,4
		R'000	43 682	14 998	29 115	-33,3
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	Number	14	19	12	-14,3
		square metres	804	2 340	1 497	86,2
		R'000	2 815	8 190	6 000	113,1
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>47 509</b>	<b>24 973</b>	<b>37 893</b>	<b>-20,2</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	square metres	554	0	220	-60,3
		R'000	2 493	0	880	-64,7
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	square metres	0	0	364	..
		R'000	0	0	1 092	..
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>2 493</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1 972</b>	<b>-20,9</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	square metres	11 504	2 099	6 106	-46,9
		R'000	33 019	5 251	18 297	-44,6
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	square metres	3 787	401	583	-84,6
		R'000	16 296	1 716	4 276	-73,8
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	R'000	<b>49 315</b>	<b>6 967</b>	<b>22 573</b>	<b>-54,2</b>
<b>4. Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	R'000	<b>99 317</b>	<b>31 940</b>	<b>62 438</b>	<b>-37,1</b>

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2011 and Jan. 2012.

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

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

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



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

			Jan. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	<b>Number</b>	8	36	31	287,5
		<b>square metres</b>	460	1 971	1 827	297,2
		<b>R'000</b>	2 060	12 368	10 374	403,6
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	<b>Number</b>	58	94	74	27,6
		<b>square metres</b>	14 667	27 142	17 022	16,1
		<b>R'000</b>	92 978	192 676	99 617	7,1
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	<b>Number</b>	164	161	25	-84,8
		<b>square metres</b>	14 941	25 616	4 409	-70,5
		<b>R'000</b>	85 875	151 773	22 862	-73,4
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	<b>square metres</b>	2 172	0	0	..
		<b>R'000</b>	12 482	0	0	..
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>193 395</b>	<b>356 817</b>	<b>132 853</b>	<b>-31,3</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	<b>square metres</b>	1 084	9 873	836	-22,9
		<b>R'000</b>	5 103	70 183	6 041	18,4
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	<b>square metres</b>	0	2 843	0	..
		<b>R'000</b>	0	17 118	0	..
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	<b>square metres</b>	3 820	27 667	0	..
		<b>R'000</b>	14 898	116 646	0	..
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	<b>square metres</b>	931	5 113	3 325	257,1
		<b>R'000</b>	5 561	21 393	17 731	218,8
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>25 562</b>	<b>225 340</b>	<b>23 772</b>	<b>-7,0</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	<b>square metres</b>	15 168	27 597	13 316	-12,2
		<b>R'000</b>	104 897	210 350	99 239	-5,4
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	<b>square metres</b>	7 388	6 613	5 789	-21,6
		<b>R'000</b>	35 463	31 449	34 285	-3,3
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>140 360</b>	<b>241 799</b>	<b>133 524</b>	<b>-4,9</b>
<b>4. Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>359 317</b>	<b>823 956</b>	<b>290 149</b>	<b>-19,2</b>

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2011 and Jan. 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	Number	1	4	5	400,0
		square metres	63	258	260	312,7
		R'000	189	1 232	783	314,3
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	Number	15	49	73	386,7
		square metres	3 434	11 475	13 696	298,8
		R'000	13 183	53 604	47 484	260,2
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	Number	53	94	69	30,2
		square metres	3 753	7 134	4 811	28,2
		R'000	15 788	29 794	18 620	17,9
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	square metres	0	2 587	0	..
		R'000	0	14 487	0	..
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>29 160</b>	<b>99 117</b>	<b>66 887</b>	<b>129,4</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	square metres	113	0	820	625,7
		R'000	509	0	4 100	705,5
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>509</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4 100</b>	<b>705,5</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	square metres	1 773	793	3 912	120,6
		R'000	5 005	3 112	11 239	124,6
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	square metres	618	10 114	1 459	136,1
		R'000	1 773	56 638	5 117	188,6
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	R'000	<b>6 778</b>	<b>59 750</b>	<b>16 356</b>	<b>141,3</b>
<b>4. Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	R'000	<b>36 447</b>	<b>158 867</b>	<b>87 343</b>	<b>139,6</b>

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2011 and Jan. 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	Number	149	848	762	411,4
		square metres	7 634	42 254	35 364	363,2
		R'000	26 028	137 688	98 268	277,5
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	Number	174	338	306	75,9
		square metres	54 292	99 440	64 867	19,5
		R'000	273 543	597 179	358 019	30,9
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	Number	168	304	392	133,3
		square metres	14 340	38 209	28 677	100,0
		R'000	90 088	233 351	149 283	65,7
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	square metres	13 656	0	0	..
		R'000	109 248	0	0	...
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>498 907</b>	<b>968 218</b>	<b>605 570</b>	<b>21,4</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	square metres	11 490	5 621	3 725	-67,6
		R'000	68 849	41 712	26 903	-60,9
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	square metres	4 578	3 366	2 605	-43,1
		R'000	30 329	23 378	16 922	-44,2
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	square metres	29 621	43 022	48 317	63,1
		R'000	114 677	182 054	169 644	47,9
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	square metres	1 728	8 374	12 425	619,0
		R'000	6 573	62 164	74 586	1 034,7
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>220 428</b>	<b>309 308</b>	<b>288 055</b>	<b>30,7</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	square metres	39 883	29 168	24 602	-38,3
		R'000	197 147	161 087	132 041	-33,0
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	square metres	7 443	11 799	5 587	-24,9
		R'000	47 723	75 421	36 253	-24,0
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	R'000	<b>244 870</b>	<b>236 508</b>	<b>168 294</b>	<b>-31,3</b>
<b>4. Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	R'000	<b>964 205</b>	<b>1 514 034</b>	<b>1 061 919</b>	<b>10,1</b>

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2011 and Jan. 2012.

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

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

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

**Table 27 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Mpumalanga**

			Jan. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	Number	4	17	39	875,0
		square metres	170	1 229	2 030	1 094,1
		R'000	340	4 913	6 191	1 720,9
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	Number	78	59	77	-1,3
		square metres	14 038	11 497	15 430	9,9
		R'000	49 028	55 613	61 953	26,4
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	Number	12	10	12	-0,0
		square metres	961	1 003	1 162	20,9
		R'000	4 152	4 012	4 876	17,4
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	square metres	717	0	0	..
		R'000	2 167	0	0	..
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>55 687</b>	<b>64 538</b>	<b>73 020</b>	<b>31,1</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	square metres	0	350	69	..
		R'000	0	1 400	312	..
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	square metres	9 696	2 172	0	..
		R'000	38 866	6 950	0	..
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	square metres	1 493	384	62	-95,8
		R'000	5 972	2 000	308	-94,8
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>44 838</b>	<b>10 350</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>-98,6</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	square metres	8 386	6 199	3 585	-57,3
		R'000	26 744	20 596	13 254	-50,4
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	square metres	0	213	213	..
		R'000	0	1 422	874	..
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	R'000	<b>26 744</b>	<b>22 018</b>	<b>14 128</b>	<b>-47,2</b>
<b>4. Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	R'000	<b>127 269</b>	<b>96 906</b>	<b>87 768</b>	<b>-31,0</b>

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2011 and Jan. 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2011	Dec. 2011	Jan. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	Number	51	15	3	-94,1
		square metres	2 961	990	154	-94,8
		R'000	13 924	4 455	693	-95,0
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	Number	18	23	16	-11,1
		square metres	3 775	8 005	2 612	-30,8
		R'000	16 658	37 102	11 287	-32,2
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	Number	81	1	0	..
		square metres	6 628	183	0	..
		R'000	29 826	955	0	..
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>60 408</b>	<b>42 512</b>	<b>11 980</b>	<b>-80,2</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	square metres	675	0	0	..
		R'000	3 038	0	0	..
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>3 038</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	square metres	79	401	614	677,2
		R'000	356	1 805	2 631	639,0
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	square metres	0	555	390	..
		R'000	0	2 498	1 482	..
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	R'000	<b>356</b>	<b>4 303</b>	<b>4 113</b>	<b>1 055,3</b>
<b>4. Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	R'000	<b>63 802</b>	<b>46 815</b>	<b>16 093</b>	<b>-74,8</b>

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2011 and Jan. 2012.

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

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

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

## Explanatory notes

<b>Introduction</b>	<p><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. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the National Department of Housing.</p> <p><b>2</b> In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.</p>
<b>Purpose of the survey</b>	<p><b>3</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.</p>
<b>Scope of the survey</b>	<p><b>4</b> This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• passing of building plans; and</li> <li>• final inspection of completed buildings.</li> </ul>
<b>Classification</b>	<p><b>5</b> Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities, (SIC) Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02</i>. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC)</i> with suitable adaptations for local conditions.</p>
<b>Collection rate</b>	<p><b>6</b> The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for January 2012 was 96,4%. Collection rate for December 2011 was 96,4%.</p>
<b>Statistical unit</b>	<p><b>7</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.</p>
<b>Survey methodology and design</b>	<p><b>8</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 88 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.</p>
<b>Constant prices</b>	<p><b>9</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 2005. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: <i>JBCC Contract Price Adjustment Provisions Work Group Indices</i>. In order to be applicable, these indices (base February 1991=100) are converted to the base year 2005=100.</p>

- 10** The value of buildings completed at constant prices is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with the price index which is used to calculate building plans passed at constant prices (see paragraph 9). Since the completion of buildings may extend over a few months to a few years, the current value of buildings completed is deflated by price indices which prevailed at the time the plans were passed. Therefore, the duration of the completion of different types of buildings are taken into account in ascertaining the deflators e.g. the value of dwelling-houses completed at constant prices at January 2008 is obtained by deflating the current value of dwelling-houses completed for January 2008 with the price index of a month six months prior to January 2008. Furthermore, the value of other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and additions and alterations at constant prices is obtained by deflating the current values with price indices of 12 months, 18 months and 12 months prior to the relevant month, respectively.

- Seasonal adjustment**
- 11** Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-11 Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by US Bureau of the Census Economic Research and Analyses Division, 1968.
- 12** 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.
- Trend cycle**
- 13** The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-11 Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.
- Revised figures**
- 14** Revised figures are due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or to respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. Figures for the latest two years are therefore preliminary. Data are edited at municipal level.
- 15** Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* is published with the revised and updated information at provincial and municipal level for the previous calendar year. Due to this comprehensive revision, the monthly statistical release P5041.1 reflects provincial revision for 2009 where applicable.
- Related publications**
- 16** 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.
  - *Bulletin of Statistics* issued quarterly.
  - *South African Statistics* issued annually.
  - *Building Statistics (Report no. 50-11-01)* issued annually.
- Rounding-off of figures**
- 17** Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.

**Symbols and abbreviations**

<b>18</b>	..	no meaningful percentage change between two specified periods available since either one or both of the totals are nil
	0	nil or figure too small to publish
	*	revised
	Stats SA	Statistics South Africa
	SIC	Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities
	ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities
	JBCC	Joint Building Contracts Committee

**2010 World Cup note**

- 19** Information relating to the 2010 Soccer World Cup new stadia and renovations, as well as other public sector infrastructure spending e.g. Eskom expansions and the Gautrain project, will not be included in the private sector building data series, as these are partially public sector funded.



## 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>	Include – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District municipalities;</li> <li>• Metropolitan municipalities; and</li> <li>• Local municipalities.</li> </ul>
<b>Municipality</b>	A generic term describing the “unit” of government in the local spheres responsible for local government in a geographically demarcated area and including district, metropolitan and local municipalities. It is an institution consisting of a municipal council (elected political representatives) and municipal administration (appointed officials).
<b>District municipality</b>	A municipality that has municipal executive and legislative authority in an area that includes more than one municipality, and which is described in section 155(1) of the Constitution as a category C municipality (refer to Local Government: Municipal Structure Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998)).
<b>Metropolitan municipality</b>	A municipality that has municipal executive and legislative authority in an area that includes more than one municipality, and which is described in section 155(1) of the Constitution as a category A municipality (refer to Local Government: Municipal Structure Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998)).
<b>Local municipality</b>	A municipality that shares municipal executive and legislative authority in its area with a district municipality within whose area it falls, which is described in section 155(1) of the constitution as a category B municipality.
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Factories and commercial, financial and other office buildings, as well as other buildings not used for residential purposes, such as churches, halls, clubs, schools and hospitals.
<b>Other residential buildings</b>	Institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, old people’s homes, hostels, hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation, entertainment centres and casinos.
<b>Percentage change</b>	<p>When using monthly actual values, the percentage change is the change in actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the relevant month compared with the actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the same month in the previous year expressed as a percentage.</p> <p>When using annual actual values, the percentage change is the change in the actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the relevant year compared with the actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the previous year expressed as a percentage.</p> <p>When using seasonally adjusted values, the percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the relevant month compared with the seasonally adjusted values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the previous month expressed as a percentage.</p>

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<b>Reference period</b>	One calendar month.
<b>Residential buildings</b>	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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