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Results for January 2019

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:
January 2018 versus January 2019**

Estimates at current prices	January 2018 1/	January 2019 1/	Difference in value between January 2018 and January 2019	% change between January 2018 and January 2019
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	3 423 823	3 251 014	-172 809	-5,0
-Dwelling-houses	2 204 998	1 741 708	-463 290	-21,0
-Flats and townhouses	1 187 871	1 474 019	286 148	24,1
-Other residential buildings	30 954	35 287	4 333	14,0
Non-residential buildings	1 326 388	1 611 299	284 911	21,5
Additions and alterations	2 048 834	1 829 140	-219 694	-10,7
Total	6 799 045	6 691 453	-107 592	-1,6

1/ 2018 and 2019 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total value of recorded building plans passed at current prices

The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 1,6% (-R107,6 million) in January 2019 compared with January 2018.

Decreases were recorded for additions and alterations (-10,7% or -R219,7 million) and residential buildings (-5,0% or -R172,8 million). Non-residential buildings rose by 21,5% (R284,9 million) – see Table A.

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January 2018 versus January 2019**

Estimates at current prices	January 2018 1/	January 2019 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January 2018	% change between January 2018 and January 2019	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January 2018 and January 2019 2/	Difference in value between January 2018 and January 2019
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	1 717 546	1 746 882	25,3	1,7	0,4	29 336
Eastern Cape	548 391	340 682	8,1	-37,9	-3,1	-207 709
Northern Cape	150 888	36 478	2,2	-75,8	-1,7	-114 410
Free State	548 648	193 063	8,1	-64,8	-5,2	-355 585
KwaZulu-Natal	883 088	1 888 746	13,0	113,9	14,8	1 005 658
North West	148 106	149 772	2,2	1,1	0,0	1 666
Gauteng	2 412 499	1 860 041	35,5	-22,9	-8,1	-552 458
Mpumalanga	293 513	257 200	4,3	-12,4	-0,5	-36 313
Limpopo	96 366	218 589	1,4	126,8	1,8	122 223
Total	6 799 045	6 691 453	100,0	-1,6	-1,6	-107 592

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2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January 2018 and January 2019 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during January 2018, divided by 100.

The largest negative contributions to the total decrease of 1,6% (-R107,6 million) were made by Gauteng (contributing -8,1 percentage points or -R552,5 million), Free State (contributing -5,2 percentage points or -R355,6 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing -3,1 percentage points or -R207,7 million). KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 14,8 percentage points or R1 005,7 million) was the largest positive contributor – see Table B.

Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices: January 2018 versus January 2019

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January 2018 1/	January 2019 1/	Difference in value between January 2018 and January 2019	% change between January 2018 and January 2019
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	2 977 237	2 741 159	-236 078	-7,9
Non-residential buildings	1 153 381	1 358 599	205 218	17,8
Additions and alterations	1 781 595	1 542 277	-239 318	-13,4
Total	5 912 213	5 642 035	-270 178	-4,6

1/ 2018 and 2019 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 4,6% (-R270,2 million) in January 2019 compared with January 2018. Decreases were recorded for additions and alterations (-13,4% or -R239,3 million) and residential buildings (-7,9% or -R236,1 million). An increase was recorded for non-residential buildings (17,8% or R205,2 million) – see Table C.

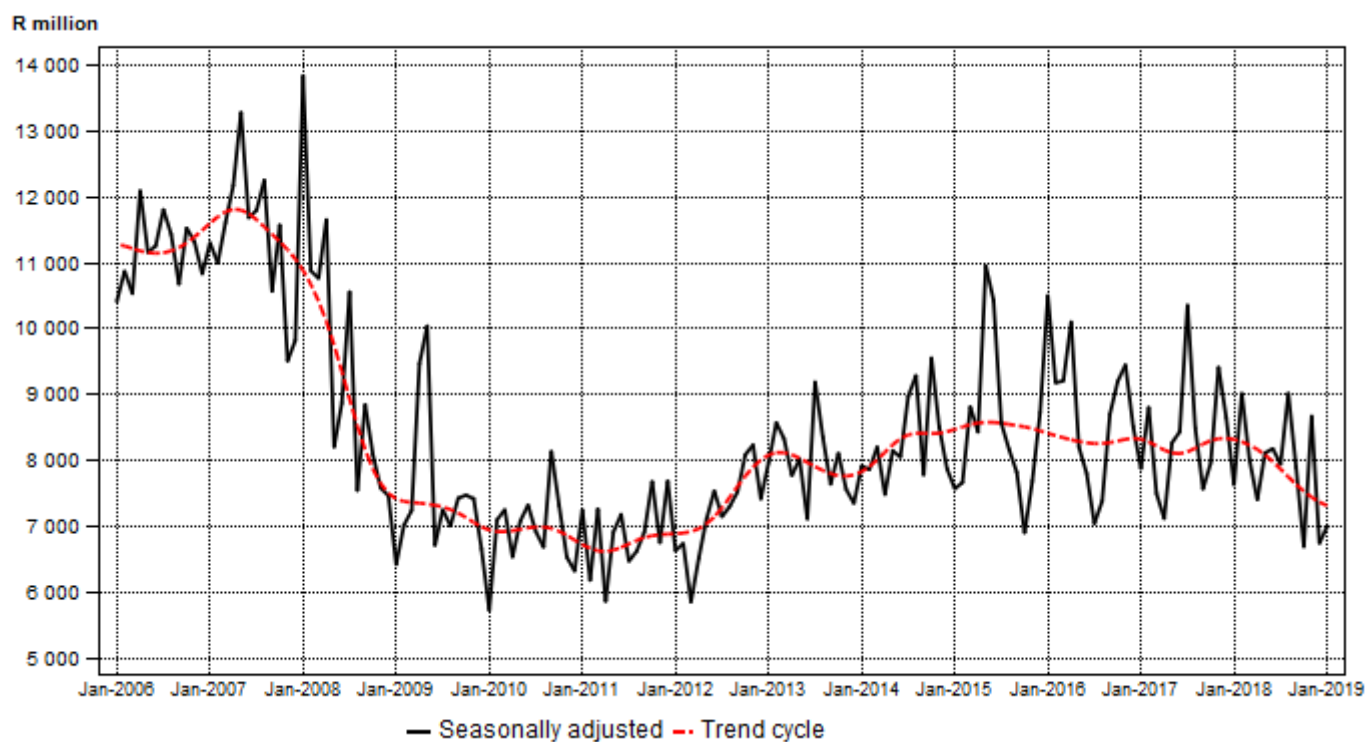
Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	August to October 2018	November 2018 to January 2019	% change between August to October 2018 and November 2018 to January 2019
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	11 917 113	11 683 046	-2,0
Non-residential buildings 1/	5 658 759	4 696 006	-17,0
Additions and alterations	6 038 836	6 046 056	0,1
Total	23 614 708	22 425 108	-5,0

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed decreased by 5,0% in the three months ended January 2019 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-17,0%) and residential buildings (-2,0%) – see Table D.

Figure 1 – Real value of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities**Constant 2015 prices**

**Table E – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices:
January 2018 versus January 2019**

Estimates at current prices	January 2018 1/	January 2019 1/	Difference in value between January 2018 and January 2019	% change between January 2018 and January 2019
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	2 685 943	3 215 858	529 915	19,7
-Dwelling-houses	1 336 675	1 661 230	324 555	24,3
-Flats and townhouses	1 330 769	1 552 289	221 520	16,6
-Other residential buildings	18 499	2 339	-16 160	-87,4
Non-residential buildings	807 034	1 129 725	322 691	40,0
Additions and alterations	792 693	705 401	-87 292	-11,0
Total	4 285 670	5 050 984	765 314	17,9

1/ 2018 and 2019 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total value of buildings reported as completed at current prices

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 17,9% (R765,3 million) in January 2019 compared with January 2018.

Increases were recorded for non-residential buildings (40,0% or R322,7 million) and residential buildings (19,7% or R529,9 million). Additions and alterations fell by 11,0% (-R87,3 million) – see Table E.

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January 2018 versus January 2019**

Estimates at current prices	January 2018 1/	January 2019 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January 2018	% change between January 2018 and January 2019	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January 2018 and January 2019 2/	Difference in value between January 2018 and January 2019
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	1 218 854	1 011 352	28,4	-17,0	-4,8	-207 502
Eastern Cape	151 070	113 122	3,5	-25,1	-0,9	-37 948
Northern Cape	15 242	12 331	0,4	-19,1	-0,1	-2 911
Free State	164 612	63 211	3,8	-61,6	-2,4	-101 401
KwaZulu-Natal	434 995	719 531	10,1	65,4	6,6	284 536
North West	165 342	245 846	3,9	48,7	1,9	80 504
Gauteng	2 045 846	2 719 026	47,7	32,9	15,7	673 180
Mpumalanga	48 393	110 102	1,1	127,5	1,4	61 709
Limpopo	41 316	56 463	1,0	36,7	0,4	15 147
Total	4 285 670	5 050 984	100,0	17,9	17,9	765 314

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2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January 2018 and January 2019 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January 2018, divided by 100.

Five provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed in January 2019, of which Gauteng (contributing 15,7 percentage points or R673,2 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 6,6 percentage points or R284,5 million) were the largest positive contributors. Western Cape (contributing -4,8 percentage points or -R207,5 million) and Free State (contributing -2,4 percentage points or -R101,4 million) were the largest negative contributors – see Table F.

Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices: January 2018 versus January 2019

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January 2018 1/	January 2019 1/	Difference in value between January 2018 and January 2019	% change between January 2018 and January 2019
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	2 335 603	2 711 516	375 913	16,1
Non-residential buildings	701 769	952 551	250 782	35,7
Additions and alterations	689 298	594 773	-94 525	-13,7
Total	3 726 670	4 258 840	532 170	14,3

1/ 2018 and 2019 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2015 prices) increased by 14,3% (R532,2 million) in January 2019 compared with January 2018. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (35,7% or R250,8 million) and residential buildings (16,1% or R375,9 million). Additions and alterations fell by 13,7% (-R94,5 million) – see Table G.

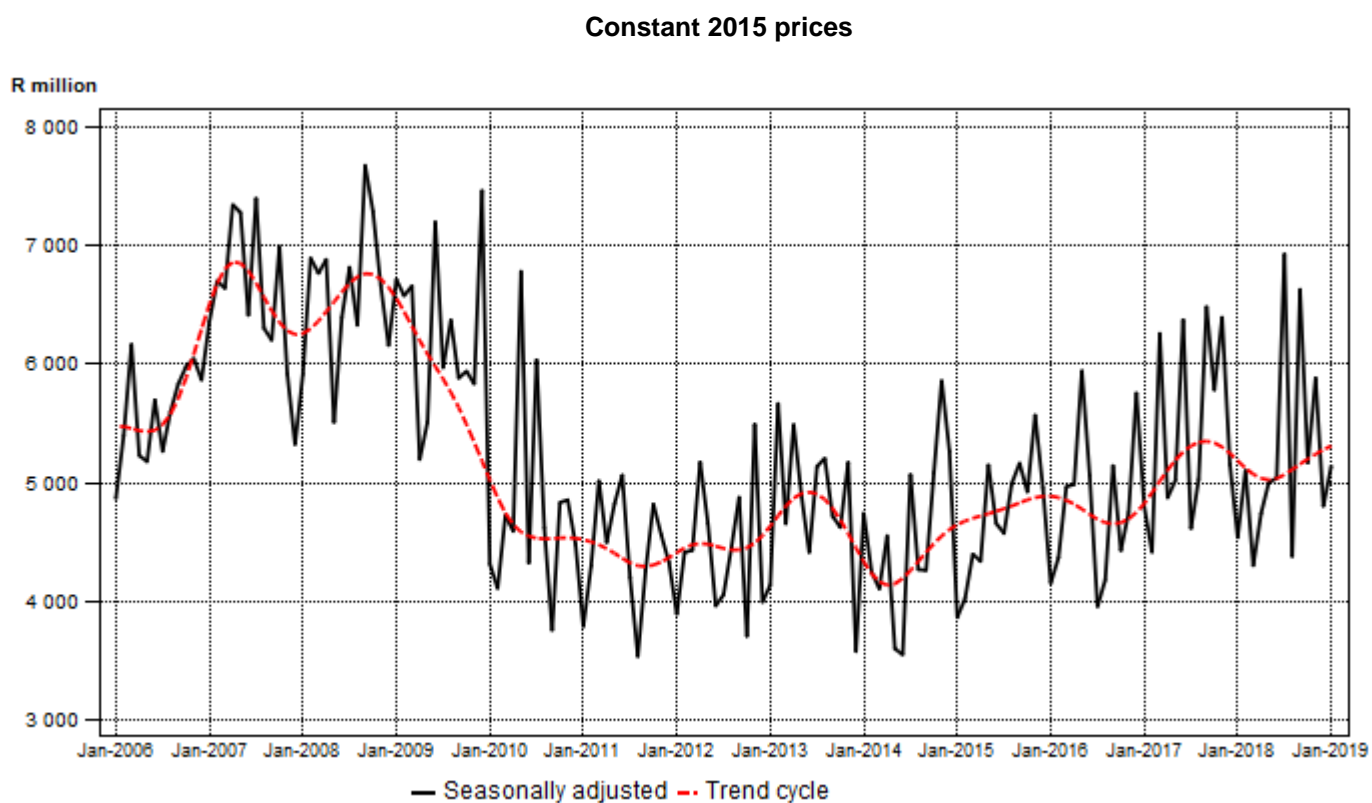
Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	August to October 2018	November 2018 to January 2019	% change between August to October 2018 and November 2018 to January 2019
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 057 373	10 543 968	16,4
Non-residential buildings 1/	4 514 066	2 863 929	-36,6
Additions and alterations	2 597 240	2 412 539	-7,1
Total	16 168 679	15 820 436	-2,2

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased by 2,2% in the three months ended January 2018 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-36,6%) and additions and alterations (-7,1%). Residential buildings rose by 16,4% – see Table H.

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2018	January	3 423 823	8,3	1 326 388	-30,8	2 048 834	20,3	6 799 045	0,3
	February	4 728 955	4,2	3 173 522	7,3	2 360 140	9,2	10 262 617	6,3
	March	4 324 029	-8,5	1 626 613	-9,4	2 549 303	11,9	8 499 945	-3,4
	April	4 675 832	15,3	1 718 431	65,2	2 162 953	9,0	8 557 216	20,9
	May	5 663 085	21,8	1 817 021	-24,9	2 476 180	1,4	9 956 286	4,7
	June	4 961 410	-3,1	2 143 598	-7,2	2 702 425	2,3	9 807 433	-2,6
	July	5 177 874	-16,7	1 831 546	-34,7	2 732 053	4,0	9 741 473	-16,4
	August	6 483 327	41,4	2 530 349	-12,0	2 464 165	-16,7	11 477 841	10,2
	September	4 637 296	3,4	2 337 867	40,6	2 474 656	-8,5	9 449 819	6,7
	October	4 179 241	-21,2	1 811 868	-4,8	3 170 956	5,9	9 162 065	-10,2
	November	5 236 853	11,9	3 015 311	-22,7	2 596 278	-6,8	10 848 442	-4,6
	December	4 002 763	-5,4	969 634	-61,8	1 866 810	-5,8	6 839 207	-21,8
	Total	57 494 488	3,1	24 302 148	-13,6	29 604 753	1,2	111 401 389	-1,5
2019	January	3 251 014	-5,0	1 611 299	21,5	1 829 140	-10,7	6 691 453	-1,6

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2018	January	4 835 003	-1,4	1 326 388	-47,7	2 662 602	5,3	8 823 993	-11,5
	February	4 732 350	-2,1	3 173 522	139,3	2 465 396	-7,4	10 371 268	17,5
	March	4 743 553	0,2	1 626 613	-48,7	2 921 360	18,5	9 291 526	-10,4
	April	4 592 001	-3,2	1 718 431	5,6	2 248 341	-23,0	8 558 773	-7,9
	May	5 143 768	12,0	1 817 021	5,7	2 417 062	7,5	9 377 851	9,6
	June	4 743 461	-7,8	2 143 598	18,0	2 622 778	8,5	9 509 837	1,4
	July	5 018 350	5,8	1 831 546	-14,6	2 406 557	-8,2	9 256 453	-2,7
	August	5 825 724	16,1	2 530 349	38,2	2 204 878	-8,4	10 560 951	14,1
	September	4 629 022	-20,5	2 337 867	-7,6	2 362 220	7,1	9 329 109	-11,7
	October	3 638 793	-21,4	1 811 868	-22,5	2 537 996	7,4	7 988 657	-14,4
	November	4 924 530	35,3	3 015 311	66,4	2 412 970	-4,9	10 352 811	29,6
	December	4 715 581	-4,2	969 634	-67,8	2 378 227	-1,4	8 063 442	-22,1
2019	January	4 331 986	-8,1	1 611 299	66,2	2 378 971	0,0	8 322 256	3,2
	Aug. – Oct. 18	14 093 539		6 680 084		7 105 094		27 878 717	
	Nov. 18 – Jan. 19 2/	13 972 097	-0,9	5 596 244	-16,2	7 170 168	0,9	26 738 509	-4,1

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

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

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

Table 3 – Value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices by type of building

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2018	January	2 977 237	3,6	1 153 381	-33,8	1 781 595	15,1	5 912 213	-4,1
	February	4 112 135	0,4	2 759 584	3,4	2 052 296	5,2	8 924 015	2,4
	March	3 756 758	-11,7	1 413 217	-12,6	2 214 859	8,0	7 384 834	-6,8
	April	4 048 339	11,1	1 487 819	59,2	1 872 687	5,1	7 408 845	16,5
	May	4 894 628	18,3	1 570 459	-27,1	2 140 173	-1,6	8 605 260	1,6
	June	4 269 716	-6,6	1 844 749	-10,6	2 325 667	-1,5	8 440 132	-6,2
	July	4 406 701	-20,6	1 558 763	-37,8	2 325 151	-0,8	8 290 615	-20,3
	August	5 536 573	35,9	2 160 845	-15,3	2 104 325	-19,9	9 801 743	5,9
	September	3 923 262	-0,8	1 977 891	34,9	2 093 618	-12,3	7 994 771	2,4
	October	3 506 075	-24,5	1 520 023	-8,8	2 660 198	1,5	7 686 296	-13,9
	November	4 382 304	7,6	2 523 273	-25,7	2 172 618	-10,4	9 078 195	-8,3
	December	3 360 842	-8,6	814 134	-63,1	1 567 431	-9,1	5 742 407	-24,5
	Total	49 174 570	-0,8	20 784 138	-16,8	25 310 618	-2,6	95 269 326	-5,2
2019	January	2 741 159	-7,9	1 358 599	17,8	1 542 277	-13,4	5 642 035	-4,6

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 4 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2018	January	4 180 952	-1,3	1 153 381	-47,7	2 301 593	4,2	7 635 926	-11,7
	February	4 117 111	-1,5	2 759 584	139,3	2 142 475	-6,9	9 019 170	18,1
	March	4 114 710	-0,1	1 413 217	-48,8	2 482 414	15,9	8 010 341	-11,2
	April	3 979 467	-3,3	1 487 819	5,3	1 941 867	-21,8	7 409 153	-7,5
	May	4 450 213	11,8	1 570 459	5,6	2 096 779	8,0	8 117 451	9,6
	June	4 083 391	-8,2	1 844 749	17,5	2 253 264	7,5	8 181 404	0,8
	July	4 338 966	6,3	1 558 763	-15,5	2 049 786	-9,0	7 947 515	-2,9
	August	4 959 775	14,3	2 160 845	38,6	1 900 542	-7,3	9 021 162	13,5
	September	3 909 592	-21,2	1 977 891	-8,5	2 010 289	5,8	7 897 772	-12,5
	October	3 047 746	-22,0	1 520 023	-23,1	2 128 005	5,9	6 695 774	-15,2
	November	4 119 708	35,2	2 523 273	66,0	2 030 641	-4,6	8 673 622	29,5
	December	3 927 411	-4,7	814 134	-67,7	2 005 452	-1,2	6 746 997	-22,2
2019	January	3 635 927	-7,4	1 358 599	66,9	2 009 963	0,2	7 004 489	3,8
	Aug. – Oct. 18	11 917 113		5 658 759		6 038 836		23 614 708	
	Nov. 18 – Jan. 19 2/	11 683 046	-2,0	4 696 006	-17,0	6 046 056	0,1	22 425 108	-5,0

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2018	January	2 685 943	13,8	807 034	-39,1	792 693	4,9	4 285 670	-3,4
	February	2 996 399	0,3	1 521 419	91,7	1 053 541	25,5	5 571 359	20,6
	March	2 823 654	-21,4	1 044 722	-57,7	1 068 288	-2,6	4 936 664	-31,0
	April	3 373 893	-9,4	1 205 988	44,3	890 508	29,3	5 470 389	4,3
	May	3 191 090	6,5	1 473 491	1,0	903 658	-3,7	5 568 239	3,2
	June	3 381 928	6,2	1 478 214	-47,4	1 020 156	-8,9	5 880 298	-17,3
	July	4 918 774	76,2	1 649 068	16,2	1 362 088	55,0	7 929 930	55,8
	August	2 862 038	-5,3	1 060 192	-31,1	1 181 840	5,4	5 104 070	-10,2
	September	4 790 862	58,8	2 712 580	-22,5	955 730	-22,6	8 459 172	9,1
	October	3 696 841	10,9	1 566 033	-41,3	1 142 493	37,4	6 405 367	-6,3
	November	5 964 109	62,8	1 078 925	-66,9	1 121 099	-1,8	8 164 133	1,3
	December	3 779 538	-9,1	1 201 138	39,1	825 065	-13,9	5 805 741	-2,9
	Total	44 465 069	14,5	16 798 804	-26,8	12 317 159	6,1	73 581 032	0,3
2019	January	3 215 858	19,7	1 129 725	40,0	705 401	-11,0	5 050 984	17,9

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 6 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2018	January	3 395 873	-15,1	807 034	-6,5	1 032 698	-5,8	5 235 605	-12,2
	February	3 292 920	-3,0	1 521 419	88,5	1 043 090	1,0	5 857 429	11,9
	March	2 872 064	-12,8	1 044 722	-31,3	1 026 973	-1,5	4 943 759	-15,6
	April	3 366 610	17,2	1 205 988	15,4	892 086	-13,1	5 464 684	10,5
	May	3 378 424	0,4	1 473 491	22,2	926 217	3,8	5 778 132	5,7
	June	3 403 153	0,7	1 478 214	0,3	963 942	4,1	5 845 309	1,2
	July	5 070 323	49,0	1 649 068	11,6	1 405 424	45,8	8 124 815	39,0
	August	2 959 684	-41,6	1 060 192	-35,7	1 097 948	-21,9	5 117 824	-37,0
	September	4 215 015	42,4	2 712 580	155,9	909 239	-17,2	7 836 834	53,1
	October	3 521 379	-16,5	1 566 033	-42,3	1 062 807	16,9	6 150 219	-21,5
	November	4 946 370	40,5	1 078 925	-31,1	1 026 234	-3,4	7 051 529	14,7
	December	3 615 324	-26,9	1 201 138	11,3	931 103	-9,3	5 747 565	-18,5
2019	January	4 063 486	12,4	1 129 725	-5,9	921 227	-1,1	6 114 438	6,4
	Aug. – Oct. 18	10 696 078		5 338 805		3 069 994		19 104 877	
	Nov. 18 – Jan. 19 2/	12 625 180	18,0	3 409 788	-36,1	2 878 564	-6,2	18 913 532	-1,0

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

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

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

Table 7 – Value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices by type of building

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2018	January	2 335 603	8,9	701 769	-41,7	689 298	0,4	3 726 670	-7,6
	February	2 605 564	-3,4	1 322 973	84,7	916 123	20,9	4 844 660	16,2
	March	2 453 218	-24,1	907 665	-59,2	928 139	-6,0	4 289 022	-33,4
	April	2 921 119	-12,7	1 044 145	39,0	771 003	24,6	4 736 267	0,5
	May	2 758 073	3,3	1 273 545	-2,0	781 035	-6,5	4 812 653	0,2
	June	2 910 437	2,3	1 272 129	-49,3	877 931	-12,2	5 060 497	-20,4
	July	4 186 191	67,9	1 403 462	10,8	1 159 224	47,8	6 748 877	48,5
	August	2 444 097	-8,9	905 373	-33,7	1 009 257	1,3	4 358 727	-13,6
	September	4 053 183	52,3	2 294 907	-25,7	808 570	-25,7	7 156 660	4,7
	October	3 101 377	6,3	1 313 786	-43,8	958 467	31,6	5 373 630	-10,2
	November	4 990 886	56,5	902 866	-68,1	938 158	-5,6	6 831 910	-2,6
	December	3 173 416	-12,3	1 008 512	34,4	692 750	-16,9	4 874 678	-6,3
	Total	37 933 164	10,0	14 351 132	-29,5	10 529 955	2,1	62 814 251	-3,6
2019	January	2 711 516	16,1	952 551	35,7	594 773	-13,7	4 258 840	14,3

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 8 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2018	January	2 940 805	-14,8	701 769	-6,5	894 086	-5,9	4 536 660	-12,0
	February	2 870 690	-2,4	1 322 973	88,5	908 952	1,7	5 102 615	12,5
	March	2 502 719	-12,8	907 665	-31,4	890 339	-2,0	4 300 723	-15,7
	April	2 920 742	16,7	1 044 145	15,0	774 688	-13,0	4 739 575	10,2
	May	2 926 760	0,2	1 273 545	22,0	801 546	3,5	5 001 851	5,5
	June	2 932 662	0,2	1 272 129	-0,1	830 886	3,7	5 035 677	0,7
	July	4 325 616	47,5	1 403 462	10,3	1 197 618	44,1	6 926 696	37,6
	August	2 533 297	-41,4	905 373	-35,5	937 076	-21,8	4 375 746	-36,8
	September	3 563 406	40,7	2 294 907	153,5	768 606	-18,0	6 626 919	51,4
	October	2 960 670	-16,9	1 313 786	-42,8	891 558	16,0	5 166 014	-22,0
	November	4 119 727	39,1	902 866	-31,3	859 072	-3,6	5 881 665	13,9
	December	3 012 994	-26,9	1 008 512	11,7	779 871	-9,2	4 801 377	-18,4
2019	January	3 411 247	13,2	952 551	-5,5	773 596	-0,8	5 137 394	7,0
	Aug. – Oct. 18	9 057 373		4 514 066		2 597 240		16 168 679	
	Nov. 18 – Jan. 19 2/	10 543 968	16,4	2 863 929	-36,6	2 412 539	-7,1	15 820 436	-2,2

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2018	Dec. 2018	Jan. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 557	519	363	-76,7
		square metres	68 800	28 310	20 299	-70,5
		R'000	268 926	175 116	122 451	-54,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	967	1 025	805	-16,8
		square metres	269 645	235 882	220 564	-18,2
		R'000	1 936 072	1 704 223	1 619 257	-16,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2 008	1 507	1 519	-24,4
		square metres	159 583	222 245	153 367	-3,9
		R'000	1 187 871	2 087 026	1 474 019	24,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	4 998	5 133	4 959	-0,8
		R'000	30 954	36 398	35 287	14,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	3 423 823	4 002 763	3 251 014	-5,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	32 793	27 593	29 255	-10,8
		R'000	324 688	290 784	304 397	-6,2
	Shopping space	square metres	41 386	19 803	55 480	34,1
		R'000	289 329	176 432	433 283	49,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	92 431	64 936	104 691	13,3
		R'000	550 441	409 502	658 189	19,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	20 286	15 994	29 012	43,0
		R'000	161 930	92 916	215 430	33,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 326 388	969 634	1 611 299	21,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	177 853	177 317	174 663	-1,8
		R'000	1 268 567	1 283 871	1 330 653	4,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	88 456	48 245	41 389	-53,2
		R'000	780 267	582 939	498 487	-36,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 048 834	1 866 810	1 829 140	-10,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	6 799 045	6 839 207	6 691 453	-1,6

1/ The percentage change between January 2018 and January 2019.

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. 2018	Dec. 2018	Jan. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	77	164	116	50,6
		square metres	3 979	7 358	5 683	42,8
		R'000	27 899	45 653	38 741	38,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	318	358	234	-26,4
		square metres	78 174	81 977	58 018	-25,8
		R'000	520 254	524 424	378 123	-27,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	523	560	215	-58,9
		square metres	53 307	57 764	29 240	-45,1
		R'000	426 226	441 764	214 628	-49,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	977	423	4 711	382,2
		R'000	6 647	5 000	33 371	402,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	981 026	1 016 841	664 863	-32,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	5 847	1 402	0	..
		R'000	46 020	9 263	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	5 210	6 708	41 387	694,4
		R'000	43 627	54 351	328 231	652,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	19 188	30 362	18 944	-1,3
		R'000	112 496	202 669	125 234	11,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	4 130	10 050	22 357	441,3
		R'000	29 478	55 477	168 769	472,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	231 621	321 760	622 234	168,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	56 482	61 053	44 683	-20,9
		R'000	378 052	373 501	304 372	-19,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	13 115	11 942	15 537	18,5
		R'000	126 847	118 460	155 413	22,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	504 899	491 961	459 785	-8,9
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 717 546	1 830 562	1 746 882	1,7

1/ The percentage change between January 2018 and January 2019.

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. 2018	Dec. 2018	Jan. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	122	11	16	-86,9
		square metres	5 226	688	980	-81,2
		R'000	20 403	4 425	5 728	-71,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	57	64	61	7,0
		square metres	12 931	16 179	12 381	-4,3
		R'000	82 657	106 119	82 618	0,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	906	365	25	-97,2
		square metres	47 771	22 187	4 100	-91,4
		R'000	294 283	146 050	23 136	-92,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	397 343	256 594	111 482	-71,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 033	1 097	1 238	19,8
		R'000	6 557	7 021	7 837	19,5
	Shopping space	square metres	1 135	0	451	-60,3
		R'000	7 205	0	2 223	-69,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	464	13 291	13 492	2 807,8
		R'000	2 945	80 198	85 634	2 807,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	642	1 165	296	-53,9
		R'000	4 077	5 976	1 469	-64,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	20 784	93 195	97 163	367,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 180	17 415	14 823	12,5
		R'000	85 006	104 507	94 626	11,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	7 248	7 028	6 256	-13,7
		R'000	45 258	43 657	37 411	-17,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	130 264	148 164	132 037	1,4
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	548 391	497 953	340 682	-37,9

1/ The percentage change between January 2018 and January 2019.

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. 2018	Dec. 2018	Jan. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	1	0	..
		square metres	50	78	0	..
		R'000	402	585	0	..
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	8	11	9	12,5
		square metres	1 723	2 938	1 880	9,1
		R'000	11 243	22 185	12 610	12,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	2	0	..
		square metres	0	227	0	..
		R'000	0	1 785	0	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	294	0	0	..
		R'000	2 058	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	13 703	24 555	12 610	-8,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	7 269	955	0	..
		R'000	58 450	6 685	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 502	0	0	..
		R'000	13 287	0	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	64	0	0	..
		R'000	515	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	72 252	6 685	0	..
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 161	3 158	2 754	137,2
		R'000	8 101	23 896	19 613	142,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	7 079	469	450	-93,6
		R'000	56 832	3 747	4 255	-92,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	64 933	27 643	23 868	-63,2
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	150 888	58 883	36 478	-75,8

1/ The percentage change between January 2018 and January 2019.

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. 2018	Dec. 2018	Jan. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	25	38	14	-44,0
		square metres	1 311	2 270	833	-36,5
		R'000	6 087	17 458	6 233	2,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	62	50	58	-6,5
		square metres	14 943	10 050	11 251	-24,7
		R'000	93 110	69 851	69 502	-25,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	118	79	29	-75,4
		square metres	5 926	18 939	2 173	-63,3
		R'000	42 438	146 285	14 719	-65,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	152	1 434	248	63,2
		R'000	724	11 076	1 916	164,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	142 359	244 670	92 370	-35,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	319	..
		R'000	0	0	1 584	..
	Shopping space	square metres	6 681	0	827	-87,6
		R'000	40 086	0	5 721	-85,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	2 417	..
		R'000	0	0	15 469	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	401	1 546	0	..
		R'000	2 511	7 677	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	42 597	7 677	22 774	-46,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 385	10 293	7 038	-32,2
		R'000	68 961	71 639	46 304	-32,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	35 680	4 343	2 504	-93,0
		R'000	294 731	43 951	31 615	-89,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	363 692	115 590	77 919	-78,6
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	548 648	367 937	193 063	-64,8

1/ The percentage change between January 2018 and January 2019.

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. 2018	Dec. 2018	Jan. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	7	5	13	85,7
		square metres	416	314	737	77,2
		R'000	3 163	2 475	7 122	125,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	68	78	78	14,7
		square metres	21 329	23 798	23 900	12,1
		R'000	206 189	220 490	236 235	14,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	185	243	842	355,1
		square metres	20 557	96 165	84 618	311,6
		R'000	201 874	1 134 378	927 750	359,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 057	0	..
		R'000	0	9 103	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	411 226	1 366 446	1 171 107	184,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	271	22 306	0	..
		R'000	1 897	245 366	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	940	8 073	864	-8,1
		R'000	8 513	85 743	9 504	11,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	33 146	15 763	48 845	47,4
		R'000	189 490	95 396	293 064	54,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	1 411	1 191	..
		R'000	0	13 828	11 120	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	199 900	440 333	313 688	56,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	17 421	23 123	29 031	66,6
		R'000	166 148	226 728	292 035	75,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	7 295	10 003	7 640	4,7
		R'000	105 814	193 504	111 916	5,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	271 962	420 232	403 951	48,5
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	883 088	2 227 011	1 888 746	113,9

1/ The percentage change between January 2018 and January 2019.

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. 2018	Dec. 2018	Jan. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	3	6	..
		square metres	190	188	290	52,6
		R'000	1 016	1 016	1 590	56,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	56	31	47	-16,1
		square metres	13 258	7 804	11 688	-11,8
		R'000	71 802	47 768	67 416	-6,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	93	34	29	-68,8
		square metres	5 488	3 351	3 227	-41,2
		R'000	31 438	19 851	17 238	-45,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	104 256	68 635	86 244	-17,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	2 175	..
		R'000	0	0	10 801	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	504	0	..
		R'000	0	2 502	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	493	0	..
		R'000	0	2 767	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	5 269	10 801	..
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 142	5 167	8 762	7,6
		R'000	43 201	30 507	48 494	12,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	122	892	758	521,3
		R'000	649	6 406	4 233	552,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	43 850	36 913	52 727	20,2
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	148 106	110 817	149 772	1,1

1/ The percentage change between January 2018 and January 2019.

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. 2018	Dec. 2018	Jan. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 305	262	159	-87,8
		square metres	56 603	15 701	9 151	-83,8
		R'000	204 957	94 859	49 249	-76,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	309	386	231	-25,2
		square metres	98 274	76 964	74 677	-24,0
		R'000	778 171	621 363	614 314	-21,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	164	209	362	120,7
		square metres	24 864	22 055	29 253	17,7
		R'000	183 655	189 352	272 794	48,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 166 783	905 574	936 357	-19,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	17 958	1 833	22 680	26,3
		R'000	209 997	22 449	269 288	28,2
	Shopping space	square metres	18 777	2 513	338	-98,2
		R'000	148 825	23 681	2 882	-98,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	27 999	920	17 771	-36,5
		R'000	189 945	7 170	122 376	-35,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	14 744	589	3 523	-76,1
		R'000	123 895	3 516	24 632	-80,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	672 662	56 816	419 178	-37,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	57 199	47 773	54 591	-4,6
		R'000	444 647	404 794	453 986	2,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	16 714	12 755	6 387	-61,8
		R'000	128 407	97 568	50 520	-60,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	573 054	502 362	504 506	-12,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 412 499	1 464 752	1 860 041	-22,9

1/ The percentage change between January 2018 and January 2019.

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. 2018	Dec. 2018	Jan. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	12	35	20	66,7
		square metres	713	1 713	1 347	88,9
		R'000	3 241	8 645	6 820	110,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	58	26	52	-10,3
		square metres	18 065	7 376	13 810	-23,6
		R'000	114 381	44 702	88 480	-22,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	19	5	17	-10,5
		square metres	1 670	475	756	-54,7
		R'000	7 957	2 411	3 754	-52,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	3 266	2 219	0	..
		R'000	20 211	11 219	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	145 790	66 977	99 054	-32,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	1 746	..
		R'000	0	0	8 706	..
	Shopping space	square metres	8 403	2 005	129	-98,5
		R'000	40 052	10 155	968	-97,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 749	2 903	2 475	-63,3
		R'000	32 132	14 707	12 291	-61,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	740	480	..
		R'000	0	3 675	2 382	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	72 184	28 537	24 347	-66,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 544	6 697	6 585	-37,5
		R'000	57 229	33 585	36 647	-36,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 025	659	1 131	10,3
		R'000	18 310	73 796	97 152	430,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	75 539	107 381	133 799	77,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	293 513	202 895	257 200	-12,4

1/ The percentage change between January 2018 and January 2019.

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. 2018	Dec. 2018	Jan. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	5	0	19	280,0
		square metres	312	0	1 278	309,6
		R'000	1 758	0	6 968	296,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	31	21	35	12,9
		square metres	10 948	8 796	12 959	18,4
		R'000	58 265	47 321	69 959	20,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	10	0	..
		square metres	0	1 082	0	..
		R'000	0	5 150	0	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	309	0	0	..
		R'000	1 314	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	61 337	52 471	76 927	25,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	415	0	1 097	164,3
		R'000	1 767	0	6 181	249,8
	Shopping space	square metres	240	0	11 484	4 685,0
		R'000	1 021	0	83 754	8 103,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 383	1 697	747	-68,7
		R'000	10 146	9 362	4 121	-59,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	305	0	1 165	282,0
		R'000	1 454	0	7 058	385,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	14 388	9 362	101 114	602,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 339	2 638	6 396	91,6
		R'000	17 222	14 714	34 576	100,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	178	154	726	307,9
		R'000	3 419	1 850	5 972	74,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	20 641	16 564	40 548	96,4
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	96 366	78 397	218 589	126,8

1/ The percentage change between January 2018 and January 2019.

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. 2018	Dec. 2018	Jan. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	238	1 230	515	116,4
		square metres	12 169	63 306	27 253	124,0
		R'000	66 385	345 371	157 687	137,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	603	1 138	734	21,7
		square metres	162 402	259 489	190 314	17,2
		R'000	1 270 290	1 982 113	1 503 543	18,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 746	1 437	1 366	-21,8
		square metres	167 015	170 825	184 129	10,2
		R'000	1 330 769	1 337 819	1 552 289	16,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 439	23 493	378	-84,5
		R'000	18 499	114 235	2 339	-87,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 685 943	3 779 538	3 215 858	19,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	21 619	27 154	10 552	-51,2
		R'000	236 206	252 016	97 336	-58,8
	Shopping space	square metres	11 048	25 649	20 369	84,4
		R'000	92 194	170 895	174 682	89,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	64 434	96 164	44 416	-31,1
		R'000	404 626	560 733	281 171	-30,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	9 817	28 673	86 983	786,0
		R'000	74 008	217 494	576 536	679,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	807 034	1 201 138	1 129 725	40,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	76 759	66 607	67 358	-12,2
		R'000	541 675	515 106	518 713	-4,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	24 569	32 463	18 317	-25,4
		R'000	251 018	309 959	186 688	-25,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	792 693	825 065	705 401	-11,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	4 285 670	5 805 741	5 050 984	17,9

1/ The percentage change between January 2018 and January 2019.

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. 2018	Dec. 2018	Jan. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	98	244	155	58,2
		square metres	4 570	12 272	7 078	54,9
		R'000	25 440	64 298	40 838	60,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	181	384	126	-30,4
		square metres	48 726	83 842	30 859	-36,7
		R'000	319 596	567 778	200 274	-37,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	907	723	181	-80,0
		square metres	43 518	75 654	19 404	-55,4
		R'000	351 165	608 179	155 226	-55,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	23 074	40	..
		R'000	0	111 923	348	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	696 201	1 352 178	396 686	-43,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	528	5 890	0	..
		R'000	4 620	43 446	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	6 830	558	1 025	-85,0
		R'000	52 877	4 928	5 851	-88,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	19 590	11 772	12 196	-37,7
		R'000	132 234	76 795	85 306	-35,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 222	3 895	47 171	1 364,0
		R'000	22 377	28 537	329 629	1 373,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	212 108	153 706	420 786	98,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	33 182	24 988	17 690	-46,7
		R'000	196 504	170 845	117 174	-40,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	9 146	20 403	8 722	-4,6
		R'000	114 041	199 156	76 706	-32,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	310 545	370 001	193 880	-37,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 218 854	1 875 885	1 011 352	-17,0

1/ The percentage change between January 2018 and January 2019.

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. 2018	Dec. 2018	Jan. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	18	69	27	50,0
		square metres	889	4 467	1 246	40,2
		R'000	4 451	28 924	6 950	56,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	33	69	46	39,4
		square metres	7 983	12 221	8 435	5,7
		R'000	51 922	79 126	55 139	6,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2	13	11	450,0
		square metres	298	3 519	1 926	546,3
		R'000	1 892	23 627	13 154	595,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	58 265	131 677	75 243	29,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	413	0	0	..
		R'000	1 746	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 183	6 165	794	-75,1
		R'000	20 206	39 028	5 695	-71,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	24	0	..
		R'000	0	120	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	21 952	39 148	5 695	-74,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 786	4 026	4 379	-43,8
		R'000	48 958	23 748	25 947	-47,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 928	68	885	-69,8
		R'000	21 895	1 346	6 237	-71,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	70 853	25 094	32 184	-54,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	151 070	195 919	113 122	-25,1

1/ The percentage change between January 2018 and January 2019.

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. 2018	Dec. 2018	Jan. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	2	0	..
		square metres	0	121	0	..
		R'000	0	935	0	..
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	2	5	2	0,0
		square metres	301	644	423	40,5
		R'000	2 107	4 154	3 173	50,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 107	5 089	3 173	50,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	0	..
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 684	1 144	1 173	-30,3
		R'000	12 580	8 880	8 798	-30,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	82	969	0	..
		R'000	555	7 468	360	-35,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	13 135	16 348	9 158	-30,3
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	15 242	21 437	12 331	-19,1

1/ The percentage change between January 2018 and January 2019.

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. 2018	Dec. 2018	Jan. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	29	54	1	-96,6
		square metres	1 493	2 856	73	-95,1
		R'000	3 733	13 440	483	-87,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	14	24	27	92,9
		square metres	2 393	3 992	6 271	162,1
		R'000	16 398	24 619	33 756	105,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	112	0	0	..
		square metres	15 607	0	0	..
		R'000	115 585	0	0	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	143	0	0	..
		R'000	681	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	136 397	38 059	34 239	-74,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	201	0	631	213,9
		R'000	1 233	0	3 134	154,2
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	535	0	943	76,3
		R'000	3 396	0	4 683	37,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	326	9 284	0	..
		R'000	2 000	71 710	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	6 629	71 710	7 817	17,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 130	1 919	3 942	-4,6
		R'000	20 972	10 533	21 024	0,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	35	85	0	..
		R'000	614	717	131	-78,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	21 586	11 250	21 155	-2,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	164 612	121 019	63 211	-61,6

1/ The percentage change between January 2018 and January 2019.

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. 2018	Dec. 2018	Jan. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	8	9	10	25,0
		square metres	478	535	568	18,8
		R'000	5 279	4 998	4 696	-11,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	93	57	69	-25,8
		square metres	21 579	19 400	28 441	31,8
		R'000	228 894	211 694	320 589	40,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	34	42	67	97,1
		square metres	5 254	9 033	9 900	88,4
		R'000	53 845	86 713	110 152	104,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	858	0	0	..
		R'000	10 211	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	298 229	303 405	435 437	46,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	654	1 714	0	..
		R'000	7 194	18 854	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	3 262	1 907	..
		R'000	0	32 911	20 977	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	25 708	3 557	..
		R'000	0	170 280	21 966	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	382	349	16 657	4 260,5
		R'000	2 674	2 827	86 453	3 133,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	9 868	224 872	129 396	1 211,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 758	11 312	11 216	14,9
		R'000	111 328	129 785	131 305	17,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 349	1 990	896	-33,6
		R'000	15 570	38 407	23 393	50,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	126 898	168 192	154 698	21,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	434 995	696 469	719 531	65,4

1/ The percentage change between January 2018 and January 2019.

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. 2018	Dec. 2018	Jan. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	0	6	50,0
		square metres	234	0	396	69,2
		R'000	1 170	0	3 456	195,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	34	111	129	279,4
		square metres	8 909	12 563	18 805	111,1
		R'000	51 456	66 694	101 989	98,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	127	77	152	19,7
		square metres	13 219	8 134	10 584	-19,9
		R'000	83 472	49 705	65 464	-21,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	136 098	116 399	170 909	25,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	881	0	416	-52,8
		R'000	4 942	0	2 066	-58,2
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	491	..
		R'000	0	0	2 438	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 473	0	0	..
		R'000	10 635	0	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	3 253	..
		R'000	0	0	18 923	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	15 577	0	23 427	50,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 266	800	6 317	178,8
		R'000	13 132	5 297	39 196	198,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	57	4 331	1 822	3 096,5
		R'000	535	28 999	12 314	2 201,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	13 667	34 296	51 510	276,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	165 342	150 695	245 846	48,7

1/ The percentage change between January 2018 and January 2019.

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. 2018	Dec. 2018	Jan. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	72	697	289	301,4
		square metres	3 990	35 037	16 127	304,2
		R'000	23 588	191 889	90 046	281,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	216	405	232	7,4
		square metres	64 394	109 087	80 046	24,3
		R'000	557 445	922 250	691 127	24,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	559	469	953	70,5
		square metres	88 641	59 723	141 933	60,1
		R'000	722 777	496 287	1 206 186	66,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 303 810	1 610 426	1 987 359	52,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	19 355	16 850	9 505	-50,9
		R'000	218 217	174 820	92 136	-57,8
	Shopping space	square metres	3 805	3 993	16 946	345,4
		R'000	37 571	36 306	145 416	287,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	38 653	50 199	25 558	-33,9
		R'000	238 155	262 854	157 445	-33,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	5 887	8 330	18 551	215,1
		R'000	46 957	80 576	134 711	186,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	540 900	554 556	529 708	-2,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 470	17 137	19 585	35,3
		R'000	119 234	139 041	158 848	33,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	8 421	3 518	4 837	-42,6
		R'000	81 902	26 415	43 111	-47,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	201 136	165 456	201 959	0,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 045 846	2 330 438	2 719 026	32,9

1/ The percentage change between January 2018 and January 2019.

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. 2018	Dec. 2018	Jan. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	145	15	..
		square metres	0	7 374	948	..
		R'000	0	37 334	6 711	..
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	11	53	74	572,7
		square metres	2 823	8 118	10 849	284,3
		R'000	15 774	53 398	63 632	303,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	113	0	..
		square metres	0	14 762	0	..
		R'000	0	73 308	0	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	15 774	164 040	70 343	345,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	2 997	0	..
		R'000	0	14 883	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	2 320	0	..
		R'000	0	11 776	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	6 791	1 149	..
		R'000	0	33 724	5 706	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	60 383	5 706	..
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 141	4 738	2 830	-9,9
		R'000	17 213	23 928	15 216	-11,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 551	1 099	720	-71,8
		R'000	15 406	6 451	18 837	22,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	32 619	30 379	34 053	4,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	48 393	254 802	110 102	127,5

1/ The percentage change between January 2018 and January 2019.

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. 2018	Dec. 2018	Jan. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	9	10	12	33,3
		square metres	515	644	817	58,6
		R'000	2 724	3 553	4 507	65,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	19	30	29	52,6
		square metres	5 294	9 622	6 185	16,8
		R'000	26 698	52 400	33 864	26,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	5	0	2	-60,0
		square metres	478	0	382	-20,1
		R'000	2 033	0	2 107	3,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 438	419	338	-76,5
		R'000	7 607	2 312	1 991	-73,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	39 062	58 265	42 469	8,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	2 700	0	..
		R'000	0	14 896	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	14 839	0	..
		R'000	0	81 867	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	1 368	..
		R'000	0	0	6 076	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	202	..
		R'000	0	0	1 114	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	96 763	7 190	..
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	342	543	226	-33,9
		R'000	1 754	3 049	1 205	-31,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	435	..
		R'000	500	1 000	5 599	1 019,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 254	4 049	6 804	201,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	41 316	159 077	56 463	36,7

1/ The percentage change between January 2018 and January 2019.

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

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

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

Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
	2	In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
Purpose of the survey	3	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
Scope of the survey	4	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	5	Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> , (SIC) Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
Collection rate	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for January 2019 was 93,6%. The collection rate for December 2018 was 95,5%.
Statistical unit	7	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	8	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.
Constant prices	9	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2015. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: <i>Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP) Work Groups and Selected Materials Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2016=100) are converted to the base year 2015=100.

- Seasonal adjustment** **10** Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by US Bureau of the Census Economic Research and Analyses Division, 1968.
- 11** Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore, the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for building statistics is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at [Click to download building statistics seasonal adjustment May 2017](#)
- Trend cycle** **12** The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.
- Revised figures** **13** Revised figures are due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or to respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. Figures for the latest two years are therefore preliminary. Data are edited at municipal level.
- 14** Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3: *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 where applicable.
- Related publications** **15** 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** **16** Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.

**Symbols and
abbreviations**

17	..	No meaningful percentage change between two specified periods available since either one or both of the totals are nil
	0	Nil or figure too small to publish.
	*	Revised.
	Stats SA	Statistics South Africa.
	SIC	Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities.
	ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities.

Glossary

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

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

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