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## Results for January 2020

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:  
January 2019 versus January 2020**

Estimates at current prices	Jan 2019 1/	Jan 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan 2019 and Jan 2020	% change between Jan 2019 and Jan 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>4 772 821</b>	<b>2 609 035</b>	<b>-2 163 786</b>	<b>-45,3</b>
-Dwelling-houses	1 729 406	1 753 363	23 957	1,4
-Flats and townhouses	3 008 128	845 423	-2 162 705	-71,9
-Other residential buildings	35 287	10 249	-25 038	-71,0
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1 611 299</b>	<b>1 422 087</b>	<b>-189 212</b>	<b>-11,7</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1 836 501</b>	<b>1 687 952</b>	<b>-148 549</b>	<b>-8,1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8 220 621</b>	<b>5 719 074</b>	<b>-2 501 547</b>	<b>-30,4</b>

1/ 2019 and 2020 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 30,4% (-R2 501,5 million) in January 2020 compared with January 2019.

Decreases were recorded for residential buildings (-45,3% or -R2 163,8 million), non-residential buildings (-11,7% or -R189,2 million) and additions and alterations (-8,1% or -R148,5 million) – see Table A.

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:  
January 2019 versus January 2020**

Estimates at current prices	Jan 2019 1/	Jan 2020 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during Jan 2019	% change between Jan 2019 and Jan 2020	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan 2019 and Jan 2020 2/	Difference in value between Jan 2019 and Jan 2020
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	1 746 882	1 583 887	21,3	-9,3	-2,0	-162 995
Eastern Cape	340 682	274 331	4,1	-19,5	-0,8	-66 351
Northern Cape	36 478	112 811	0,4	209,3	0,9	76 333
Free State	193 063	281 759	2,3	45,9	1,1	88 696
KwaZulu-Natal	1 777 677	1 258 361	21,6	-29,2	-6,3	-519 316
North West	149 772	271 294	1,8	81,1	1,5	121 522
Gauteng	3 503 553	1 366 182	42,6	-61,0	-26,0	-2 137 371
Mpumalanga	253 925	413 188	3,1	62,7	1,9	159 263
Limpopo	218 589	157 261	2,7	-28,1	-0,7	-61 328
<b>Total</b>	<b>8 220 621</b>	<b>5 719 074</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>-30,4</b>	<b>-30,4</b>	<b>-2 501 547</b>

1/ 2019 and 2020 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January 2019 and January 2020 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during January 2019, divided by 100.

The largest negative contributions to the total decrease of 30,4% (-R2 501,5 million) were made by Gauteng (contributing -26,0 percentage points or -R2 137,4 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -6,3 percentage points or -R519,3 million) and Western Cape (contributing -2,0 percentage points or -R163,0 million) – see Table B.

**Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices: January 2019 versus January 2020**

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan 2019 1/	Jan 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan 2019 and Jan 2020	% change between Jan 2019 and Jan 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	4 027 697	2 100 672	-1 927 025	-47,8
Non-residential buildings	1 359 746	1 144 998	-214 748	-15,8
Additions and alterations	1 549 790	1 359 060	-190 730	-12,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 937 233</b>	<b>4 604 730</b>	<b>-2 332 503</b>	<b>-33,6</b>

1/ 2019 and 2020 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 33,6% (-R2 332,5 million) in January 2020 compared with January 2019. Decreases were recorded for residential buildings (-47,8% or -R1 927,0 million), non-residential buildings (-15,8% or -R214,7 million) and additions and alterations (-12,3% or -R190,7 million) – see Table C.

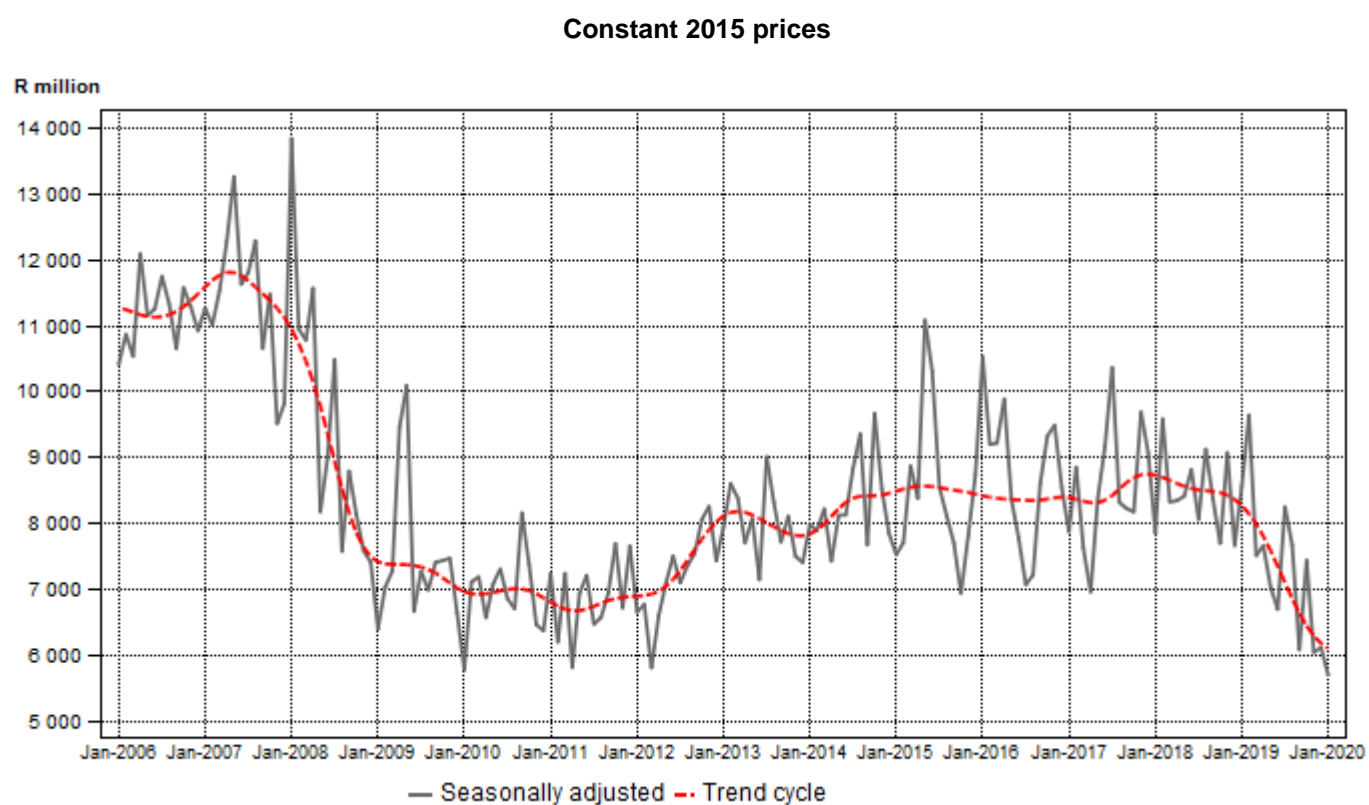
**Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices**

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Aug – Oct 2019	Nov 2019 – Jan 2020	% change between Aug – Oct 2019 and Nov 2019 – Jan 2020
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 724 622	8 450 723	-13,1
Non-residential buildings 1/	5 683 415	3 551 531	-37,5
Additions and alterations	5 802 312	5 876 142	1,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>21 210 349</b>	<b>17 878 396</b>	<b>-15,7</b>

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 15,7% in the three months ended January 2020 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-37,5%) and residential buildings (-13,1%) – 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 2019 versus January 2020**

Estimates at current prices	Jan 2019 1/	Jan 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan 2019 and Jan 2020	% change between Jan 2019 and Jan 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>3 215 693</b>	<b>2 154 645</b>	<b>-1 061 048</b>	<b>-33,0</b>
-Dwelling-houses	1 660 473	1 291 214	-369 259	-22,2
-Flats and townhouses	1 552 881	831 737	-721 144	-46,4
-Other residential buildings	2 339	31 694	29 355	1 255,0
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1 129 725</b>	<b>1 477 291</b>	<b>347 566</b>	<b>30,8</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	<b>704 984</b>	<b>1 186 716</b>	<b>481 732</b>	<b>68,3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 050 402</b>	<b>4 818 652</b>	<b>-231 750</b>	<b>-4,6</b>

1/ 2019 and 2020 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

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

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 4,6% (-R231,8 million) in January 2020 compared with January 2019.

A decrease was recorded for residential buildings (-33,0% or -R1 061,0 million). Increases were recorded for additions and alterations (68,3% or R481,7 million) and non-residential buildings (30,8% or R347,6 million) – see Table E.

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:  
January 2019 versus January 2020**

Estimates at current prices	Jan 2019 1/	Jan 2020 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during Jan 2019	% change between Jan 2019 and Jan 2020	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan 2019 and Jan 2020  2/	Difference in value between Jan 2019 and Jan 2020
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	1 011 352	1 442 375	20,0	42,6	8,5	431 023
Eastern Cape	113 122	676 574	2,2	498,1	11,2	563 452
Northern Cape	12 331	51 891	0,2	320,8	0,8	39 560
Free State	63 211	108 722	1,3	72,0	0,9	45 511
KwaZulu-Natal	720 155	618 455	14,3	-14,1	-2,0	-101 700
North West	245 846	121 029	4,9	-50,8	-2,5	-124 817
Gauteng	2 717 820	1 676 980	53,8	-38,3	-20,6	-1 040 840
Mpumalanga	110 102	71 282	2,2	-35,3	-0,8	-38 820
Limpopo	56 463	51 344	1,1	-9,1	-0,1	-5 119
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 050 402</b>	<b>4 818 652</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>-4,6</b>	<b>-4,6</b>	<b>-231 750</b>

1/ 2019 and 2020 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January 2019 and January 2020 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January 2019, divided by 100.

Five provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed in January 2020, of which Gauteng (contributing -20,6 percentage points or -R1 040,8 million), North West (contributing -2,5 percentage points or -R124,8 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -2,0 percentage points or -R101,7 million) were the largest negative contributors. Eastern Cape (contributing 11,2 percentage points or R563,5 million) and Western Cape (contributing 8,5 percentage points or R431,0 million) were the largest positive contributors – see Table F.

**Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices: January 2019 versus January 2020**

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan 2019 1/	Jan 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan 2019 and Jan 2020	% change between Jan 2019 and Jan 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	2 713 665	1 734 819	-978 846	-36,1
Non-residential buildings	953 354	1 189 445	236 091	24,8
Additions and alterations	594 923	955 488	360 565	60,6
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 261 942</b>	<b>3 879 752</b>	<b>-382 190</b>	<b>-9,0</b>

1/ 2019 and 2020 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

### Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 9,0% (-R382,2 million) in January 2020 compared with January 2019. A decrease was reported for residential buildings (-36,1% or -R978,8 million). Increases were recorded for additions and alterations (60,6% or R360,6 million) and non-residential buildings (24,8% or R236,1 million) – see Table G.

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

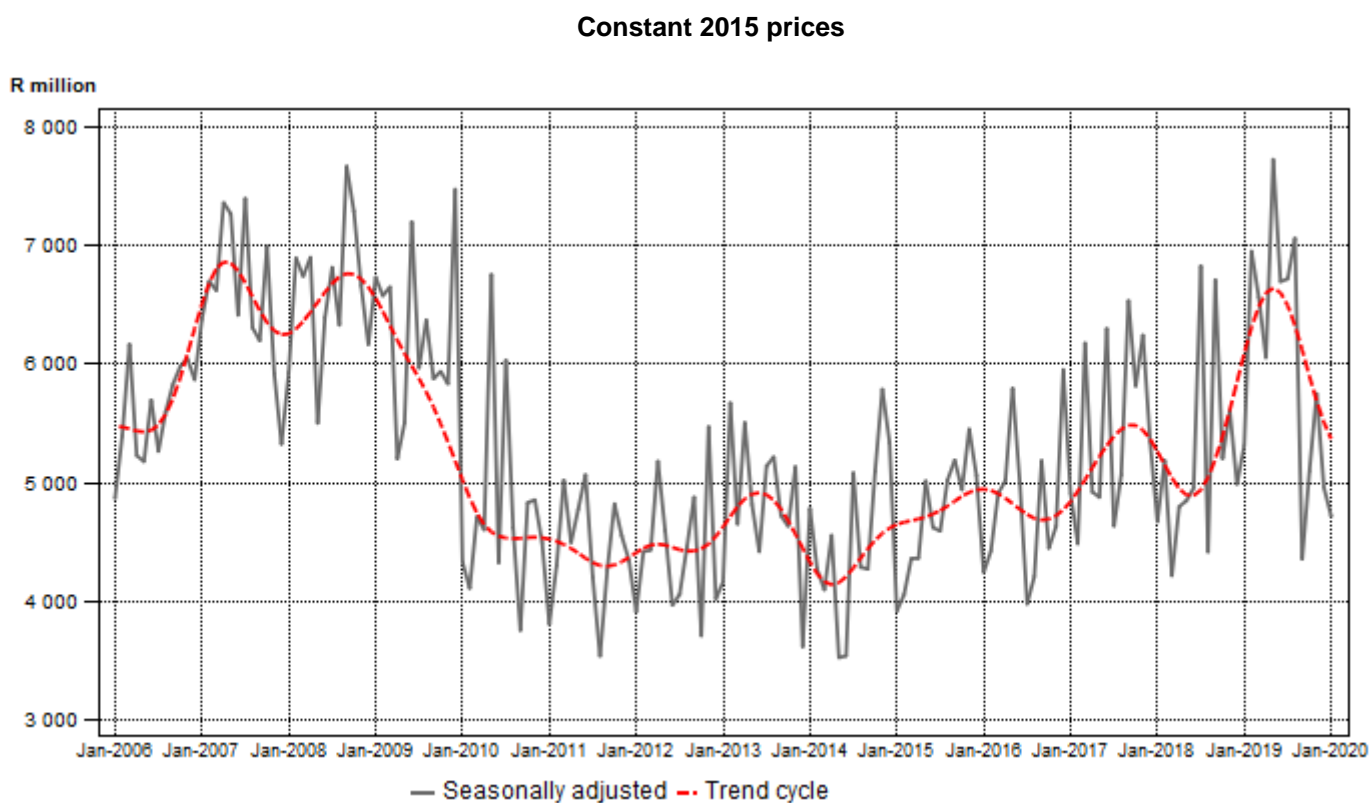
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Aug – Oct 2019	Nov 2019 – Jan 2020	% change between Aug – Oct 2019 and Nov – Jan 2020
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 431 779	7 653 685	-18,9
Non-residential buildings 1/	4 267 026	4 694 463	10,0
Additions and alterations	2 812 236	3 077 734	9,4
<b>Total</b>	<b>16 511 041</b>	<b>15 425 882</b>	<b>-6,6</b>

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

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased by 6,6% in the three months ended January 2020 compared with the previous three months. Residential buildings decreased by 18,9%. Increases were recorded for non-residential buildings (10,0%) and additions and alterations (9,4%) – 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/
2019	January	4 772 821	39,4	1 611 299	-7,9	1 836 501	-10,4	8 220 621	13,8
	February	6 990 891	47,8	2 069 538	-45,8	2 399 945	1,7	11 460 374	5,1
	March	4 148 476	-7,3	2 414 651	32,7	2 314 165	-9,2	8 877 292	0,4
	April	4 276 398	-24,1	2 091 416	6,3	2 473 785	14,4	8 841 599	-9,4
	May	4 422 359	-22,2	1 664 678	-12,7	2 646 651	6,9	8 733 688	-13,2
	June	4 082 091	-24,9	1 648 322	-34,2	2 534 350	-6,2	8 264 763	-22,3
	July	5 781 318	11,3	1 917 207	-0,6	3 282 645	20,2	10 981 170	11,4
	August	5 031 902	-22,4	2 749 039	-4,7	2 453 296	-0,7	10 234 237	-13,6
	September	3 431 994	-36,3	1 679 577	-29,9	2 703 734	9,3	7 815 305	-23,8
	October	5 218 314	-2,7	2 578 004	36,7	2 772 425	-12,6	10 568 743	1,4
	November	3 846 996	-29,7	997 639	-67,7	2 751 222	6,0	7 595 857	-31,9
	December	2 605 709	-41,8	1 980 035	59,6	1 961 680	5,1	6 547 424	-13,7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>54 609 269</b>	<b>-11,6</b>	<b>23 401 405</b>	<b>-13,9</b>	<b>30 130 399</b>	<b>1,8</b>	<b>108 141 073</b>	<b>-8,8</b>
2020	January	2 609 035	-45,3	1 422 087	-11,7	1 687 952	-8,1	5 719 074	-30,4

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 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/
<b>2019</b>	January	6 102 049	10,3	1 611 299	29,8	2 449 034	2,2	10 162 382	10,9
	February	6 950 775	13,9	2 069 538	28,4	2 509 796	2,5	11 530 109	13,5
	March	4 176 727	-39,9	2 414 651	16,7	2 505 358	-0,2	9 096 736	-21,1
	April	4 637 782	11,0	2 091 416	-13,4	2 579 770	3,0	9 308 968	2,3
	May	4 294 334	-7,4	1 664 678	-20,4	2 598 671	0,7	8 557 683	-8,1
	June	3 953 091	-7,9	1 648 322	-1,0	2 521 802	-3,0	8 123 215	-5,1
	July	5 496 286	39,0	1 917 207	16,3	2 688 512	6,6	10 102 005	24,4
	August	4 325 352	-21,3	2 749 039	43,4	2 368 927	-11,9	9 443 318	-6,5
	September	3 341 413	-22,7	1 679 577	-38,9	2 493 587	5,3	7 514 577	-20,4
	October	4 334 600	29,7	2 578 004	53,5	2 334 803	-6,4	9 247 407	23,1
	November	3 896 875	-10,1	997 639	-61,3	2 567 213	10,0	7 461 727	-19,3
	December	3 218 853	-17,4	1 980 035	98,5	2 405 692	-6,3	7 604 580	1,9
<b>2020</b>	January	3 363 473	4,5	1 422 087	-28,2	2 294 931	-4,6	7 080 491	-6,9
	<b>Aug – Oct 19</b>	<b>12 001 365</b>		<b>7 006 620</b>		<b>7 197 317</b>		<b>26 205 302</b>	
	<b>Nov 19 – Jan 20 2/</b>	<b>10 479 201</b>	<b>-12,7</b>	<b>4 399 761</b>	<b>-37,2</b>	<b>7 267 836</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>22 146 798</b>	<b>-15,5</b>

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/
2019	January	4 027 697	35,3	1 359 746	-10,6	1 549 790	-13,0	6 937 233	10,5
	February	5 850 118	42,1	1 731 831	-47,9	2 008 322	-2,2	9 590 271	1,0
	March	3 428 493	-11,8	1 995 579	26,2	1 912 533	-13,6	7 336 605	-4,5
	April	3 513 885	-27,9	1 718 501	0,9	2 032 691	8,5	7 265 077	-14,0
	May	3 627 858	-26,1	1 365 610	-17,1	2 171 166	1,4	7 164 634	-17,6
	June	3 351 470	-28,3	1 353 302	-37,2	2 080 747	-10,5	6 785 519	-25,9
	July	4 727 161	7,0	1 567 626	-4,5	2 684 092	15,4	8 978 879	7,1
	August	4 100 980	-25,9	2 240 456	-9,1	1 999 426	-5,3	8 340 862	-17,5
	September	2 776 694	-39,1	1 358 881	-33,0	2 187 487	4,5	6 323 062	-27,2
	October	4 218 524	-6,3	2 084 078	31,7	2 241 249	-15,7	8 543 851	-2,3
	November	3 112 456	-32,1	807 151	-68,8	2 225 908	2,5	6 145 515	-34,2
	December	2 104 773	-44,0	1 599 382	53,5	1 584 556	1,1	5 288 711	-17,0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>44 840 109</b>	<b>-15,1</b>	<b>19 182 143</b>	<b>-17,6</b>	<b>24 677 967</b>	<b>-2,5</b>	<b>88 700 219</b>	<b>-12,5</b>
2020	January	2 100 672	-47,8	1 144 998	-15,8	1 359 060	-12,3	4 604 730	-33,6

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/
<b>2019</b>	January	5 142 981	11,6	1 359 746	30,5	2 063 421	2,4	8 566 148	11,7
	February	5 817 936	13,1	1 731 831	27,4	2 097 704	1,7	9 647 471	12,6
	March	3 457 212	-40,6	1 995 579	15,2	2 062 573	-1,7	7 515 364	-22,1
	April	3 828 096	10,7	1 718 501	-13,9	2 119 512	2,8	7 666 109	2,0
	May	3 528 397	-7,8	1 365 610	-20,5	2 143 944	1,2	7 037 951	-8,2
	June	3 241 200	-8,1	1 353 302	-0,9	2 105 775	-1,8	6 700 277	-4,8
	July	4 500 830	38,9	1 567 626	15,8	2 190 102	4,0	8 258 558	23,3
	August	3 518 692	-21,8	2 240 456	42,9	1 917 964	-12,4	7 677 112	-7,0
	September	2 699 797	-23,3	1 358 881	-39,3	2 027 064	5,7	6 085 742	-20,7
	October	3 506 133	29,9	2 084 078	53,4	1 857 284	-8,4	7 447 495	22,4
	November	3 159 980	-9,9	807 151	-61,3	2 081 038	12,0	6 048 169	-18,8
	December	2 583 836	-18,2	1 599 382	98,2	1 941 613	-6,7	6 124 831	1,3
<b>2020</b>	January	2 706 907	4,8	1 144 998	-28,4	1 853 491	-4,5	5 705 396	-6,8
	<b>Aug – Oct 19</b>	<b>9 724 622</b>		<b>5 683 415</b>		<b>5 802 312</b>		<b>21 210 349</b>	
	<b>Nov 19 – Jan 20 2/</b>	<b>8 450 723</b>	<b>-13,1</b>	<b>3 551 531</b>	<b>-37,5</b>	<b>5 876 142</b>	<b>1,3</b>	<b>17 878 396</b>	<b>-15,7</b>

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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/
2019	January	3 215 693	19,7	1 129 725	40,0	704 984	-11,1	5 050 402	17,8
	February	3 662 196	22,2	3 157 234	107,5	991 268	-5,9	7 810 698	40,2
	March	5 459 272	93,3	1 420 463	36,0	1 490 196	39,5	8 369 931	69,5
	April	4 328 058	28,3	1 623 694	34,6	1 026 808	15,3	6 978 560	27,6
	May	5 249 660	64,5	3 123 392	112,0	1 035 312	14,6	9 408 364	69,0
	June	6 325 555	87,0	1 259 061	-14,8	868 430	-14,9	8 453 046	43,8
	July	4 795 499	-2,5	1 904 394	28,3	1 202 470	-11,7	7 902 363	1,8
	August	5 048 824	76,4	2 136 907	101,6	1 240 827	5,0	8 426 558	65,1
	September	3 405 658	-28,9	1 262 510	-53,5	1 108 538	16,0	5 776 706	-31,7
	October	3 267 018	-11,6	1 860 458	18,8	1 351 483	18,3	6 478 959	1,1
	November	4 771 617	-20,0	2 350 550	117,9	1 224 790	9,2	8 346 957	2,2
	December	2 964 337	-21,6	1 984 860	65,2	1 026 971	24,5	5 976 168	2,9
	<b>Total</b>	<b>52 493 387</b>	<b>18,1</b>	<b>23 213 248</b>	<b>39,6</b>	<b>13 272 077</b>	<b>7,8</b>	<b>88 978 712</b>	<b>21,2</b>
2020	January	2 154 645	-33,0	1 477 291	30,8	1 186 716	68,3	4 818 652	-4,6

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
<b>2019</b>	January	4 268 984	12,2	1 129 725	-5,9	895 558	-5,1	6 294 267	5,8
	February	4 139 830	-3,0	3 157 234	179,5	1 003 831	12,1	8 300 895	31,9
	March	5 376 481	29,9	1 420 463	-55,0	1 126 127	12,2	7 923 071	-4,6
	April	4 433 123	-17,5	1 623 694	14,3	1 305 172	15,9	7 361 989	-7,1
	May	5 308 396	19,7	3 123 392	92,4	1 070 158	-18,0	9 501 946	29,1
	June	6 041 125	13,8	1 259 061	-59,7	822 673	-23,1	8 122 859	-14,5
	July	5 080 005	-15,9	1 904 394	51,3	1 216 383	47,9	8 200 782	1,0
	August	5 357 118	5,5	2 136 907	12,2	1 155 593	-5,0	8 649 618	5,5
	September	3 044 693	-43,2	1 262 510	-40,9	1 072 905	-7,2	5 380 108	-37,8
	October	3 191 533	4,8	1 860 458	47,4	1 244 720	16,0	6 296 711	17,0
	November	3 635 125	13,9	2 350 550	26,3	1 124 630	-9,6	7 110 305	12,9
	December	2 985 812	-17,9	1 984 860	-15,6	1 175 017	4,5	6 145 689	-13,6
<b>2020</b>	January	2 875 879	-3,7	1 477 291	-25,6	1 494 845	27,2	5 848 015	-4,8
	<b>Aug – Oct 19</b>	<b>11 593 344</b>		<b>5 259 875</b>		<b>3 473 218</b>		<b>20 326 437</b>	
	<b>Nov 19 – Jan 20 2/</b>	<b>9 496 816</b>	<b>-18,1</b>	<b>5 812 701</b>	<b>10,5</b>	<b>3 794 492</b>	<b>9,3</b>	<b>19 104 009</b>	<b>-6,0</b>

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/
2019	January	2 713 665	16,2	953 354	35,9	594 923	-13,7	4 261 942	14,4
	February	3 064 599	17,5	2 642 037	99,5	829 513	-9,5	6 536 149	34,8
	March	4 511 795	83,9	1 173 936	29,3	1 231 567	32,7	6 917 298	61,3
	April	3 556 334	21,7	1 334 177	27,8	843 721	9,4	5 734 232	21,1
	May	4 306 530	56,1	2 562 258	101,2	849 313	8,7	7 718 101	60,4
	June	5 193 395	78,4	1 033 712	-18,7	712 997	-18,8	6 940 104	37,1
	July	3 921 095	-6,3	1 557 150	23,3	983 213	-15,2	6 461 458	-2,2
	August	4 114 771	68,4	1 741 570	92,4	1 011 269	0,2	6 867 610	57,6
	September	2 755 387	-32,0	1 021 448	-55,5	896 875	10,9	4 673 710	-34,7
	October	2 641 082	-14,8	1 504 008	14,5	1 092 549	14,0	5 237 639	-2,5
	November	3 860 532	-22,6	1 901 739	110,6	990 930	5,6	6 753 201	-1,2
	December	2 394 456	-24,5	1 603 279	59,0	829 540	19,7	4 827 275	-1,0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>43 033 641</b>	<b>13,4</b>	<b>19 028 668</b>	<b>33,9</b>	<b>10 866 410</b>	<b>3,2</b>	<b>72 928 719</b>	<b>16,4</b>
2020	January	1 734 819	-36,1	1 189 445	24,8	955 488	60,6	3 879 752	-9,0

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 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/
<b>2019</b>	January	3 594 583	12,8	953 354	-5,5	764 978	-3,1	5 312 915	6,6
	February	3 468 703	-3,5	2 642 037	177,1	840 035	9,8	6 950 775	30,8
	March	4 456 006	28,5	1 173 936	-55,6	932 731	11,0	6 562 673	-5,6
	April	3 654 704	-18,0	1 334 177	13,6	1 064 034	14,1	6 052 915	-7,8
	May	4 282 389	17,2	2 562 258	92,0	879 339	-17,4	7 723 986	27,6
	June	4 985 382	16,4	1 033 712	-59,7	675 646	-23,2	6 694 740	-13,3
	July	4 165 714	-16,4	1 557 150	50,6	994 581	47,2	6 717 445	0,3
	August	4 378 542	5,1	1 741 570	11,8	940 575	-5,4	7 060 687	5,1
	September	2 465 135	-43,7	1 021 448	-41,3	868 040	-7,7	4 354 623	-38,3
	October	2 588 102	5,0	1 504 008	47,2	1 003 621	15,6	5 095 731	17,0
	November	2 937 972	13,5	1 901 739	26,4	909 782	-9,4	5 749 493	12,8
	December	2 407 986	-18,0	1 603 279	-15,7	946 667	4,1	4 957 932	-13,8
<b>2020</b>	January	2 307 727	-4,2	1 189 445	-25,8	1 221 285	29,0	4 718 457	-4,8
	<b>Aug – Oct 19</b>	<b>9 431 779</b>		<b>4 267 026</b>		<b>2 812 236</b>		<b>16 511 041</b>	
	<b>Nov 19 – Jan 20 2/</b>	<b>7 653 685</b>	<b>-18,9</b>	<b>4 694 463</b>	<b>10,0</b>	<b>3 077 734</b>	<b>9,4</b>	<b>15 425 882</b>	<b>-6,6</b>

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 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	364	978	440	20,9
		square metres	20 355	48 526	25 200	23,8
		R'000	122 677	275 584	170 385	38,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	800	804	812	1,5
		square metres	219 043	224 877	209 107	-4,5
		R'000	1 606 729	1 707 738	1 582 978	-1,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2 451	983	1 134	-53,7
		square metres	359 350	75 149	102 566	-71,5
		R'000	3 008 128	607 389	845 423	-71,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	4 959	2 116	1 531	-69,1
		R'000	35 287	14 998	10 249	-71,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>4 772 821</b>	<b>2 605 709</b>	<b>2 609 035</b>	<b>-45,3</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	29 255	34 064	55 027	88,1
		R'000	304 397	357 405	415 144	36,4
	Shopping space	square metres	55 480	69 616	59 863	7,9
		R'000	433 283	645 417	565 823	30,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	104 691	148 618	58 353	-44,3
		R'000	658 189	845 602	350 035	-46,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	29 012	15 459	14 669	-49,4
		R'000	215 430	131 611	91 085	-57,7
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 611 299</b>	<b>1 980 035</b>	<b>1 422 087</b>	<b>-11,7</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	175 115	170 647	165 895	-5,3
		R'000	1 335 945	1 326 063	1 232 465	-7,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	41 389	55 262	41 210	-0,4
		R'000	500 556	635 617	455 487	-9,0
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 836 501</b>	<b>1 961 680</b>	<b>1 687 952</b>	<b>-8,1</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>8 220 621</b>	<b>6 547 424</b>	<b>5 719 074</b>	<b>-30,4</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2019 and January 2020.

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 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	116	184	61	-47,4
		square metres	5 683	8 332	3 258	-42,7
		R'000	38 741	52 139	18 337	-52,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	234	267	206	-12,0
		square metres	58 018	67 436	50 196	-13,5
		R'000	378 123	452 496	335 211	-11,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	215	186	300	39,5
		square metres	29 240	23 043	36 285	24,1
		R'000	214 628	182 262	281 951	31,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	4 711	151	450	-90,4
		R'000	33 371	1 071	3 268	-90,2
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>664 863</b>	<b>687 968</b>	<b>638 767</b>	<b>-3,9</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	7 385	37 233	..
		R'000	0	61 428	314 937	..
	Shopping space	square metres	41 387	5 896	2 707	-93,5
		R'000	328 231	46 837	22 383	-93,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	18 944	3 399	8 441	-55,4
		R'000	125 234	22 311	57 837	-53,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	22 357	11 329	9 277	-58,5
		R'000	168 769	98 321	53 339	-68,4
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>622 234</b>	<b>228 897</b>	<b>448 496</b>	<b>-27,9</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	44 683	53 261	52 478	17,4
		R'000	304 372	364 411	334 257	9,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	15 537	21 555	19 448	25,2
		R'000	155 413	270 267	162 367	4,5
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>459 785</b>	<b>634 678</b>	<b>496 624</b>	<b>8,0</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 746 882</b>	<b>1 551 543</b>	<b>1 583 887</b>	<b>-9,3</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2019 and January 2020.

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 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	16	8	9	-43,8
		square metres	980	534	622	-36,5
		R'000	5 728	3 057	4 084	-28,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	61	61	70	14,8
		square metres	12 381	15 860	15 151	22,4
		R'000	82 618	103 907	103 326	25,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	25	59	18	-28,0
		square metres	4 100	4 144	1 119	-72,7
		R'000	23 136	25 279	7 506	-67,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>111 482</b>	<b>132 243</b>	<b>114 916</b>	<b>3,1</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 238	3 031	0	..
		R'000	7 837	20 971	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	451	21 856	0	..
		R'000	2 223	151 222	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	13 492	9 202	8 121	-39,8
		R'000	85 634	63 669	43 954	-48,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	296	1 872	0	..
		R'000	1 469	11 557	0	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>97 163</b>	<b>247 419</b>	<b>43 954</b>	<b>-54,8</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 823	15 566	14 215	-4,1
		R'000	94 626	101 505	94 106	-0,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	6 256	5 080	2 401	-61,6
		R'000	37 411	33 322	21 355	-42,9
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>132 037</b>	<b>134 827</b>	<b>115 461</b>	<b>-12,6</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>340 682</b>	<b>514 489</b>	<b>274 331</b>	<b>-19,5</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2019 and January 2020.

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 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	5	1	..
		square metres	0	269	43	..
		R'000	0	2 328	378	..
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	9	12	14	55,6
		square metres	1 880	3 740	3 052	62,3
		R'000	12 610	29 515	24 962	98,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	90	..
		square metres	0	0	8 730	..
		R'000	0	0	76 518	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>12 610</b>	<b>31 843</b>	<b>101 858</b>	<b>707,8</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 399	0	..
		R'000	0	11 472	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	375	0	..
		R'000	0	2 246	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13 718</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>..</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 754	3 560	1 363	-50,5
		R'000	19 613	28 834	10 553	-46,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	450	175	0	..
		R'000	4 255	2 790	400	-90,6
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>23 868</b>	<b>31 624</b>	<b>10 953</b>	<b>-54,1</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>36 478</b>	<b>77 185</b>	<b>112 811</b>	<b>209,3</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2019 and January 2020.

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 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	14	3	17	21,4
		square metres	833	190	960	15,2
		R'000	6 233	1 534	7 590	21,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	58	20	53	-8,6
		square metres	11 251	5 464	11 683	3,8
		R'000	69 502	35 174	87 686	26,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	29	0	35	20,7
		square metres	2 173	0	3 400	56,5
		R'000	14 719	0	27 445	86,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	248	0	0	..
		R'000	1 916	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>92 370</b>	<b>36 708</b>	<b>122 721</b>	<b>32,9</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	319	0	0	..
		R'000	1 584	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	827	168	0	..
		R'000	5 721	1 124	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 417	0	14 995	520,4
		R'000	15 469	0	83 135	437,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>22 774</b>	<b>1 124</b>	<b>83 135</b>	<b>265,0</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 038	6 316	8 132	15,5
		R'000	46 304	43 626	56 198	21,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 504	4 740	2 190	-12,5
		R'000	31 615	42 195	19 705	-37,7
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>77 919</b>	<b>85 821</b>	<b>75 903</b>	<b>-2,6</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>193 063</b>	<b>123 653</b>	<b>281 759</b>	<b>45,9</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2019 and January 2020.

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 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	13	14	19	46,2
		square metres	737	887	1 149	55,9
		R'000	7 122	7 724	9 677	35,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	78	117	95	21,8
		square metres	23 900	36 765	26 646	11,5
		R'000	236 235	362 072	262 323	11,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	842	159	275	-67,3
		square metres	84 618	20 390	18 351	-78,3
		R'000	814 612	222 674	191 681	-76,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 057 969</b>	<b>592 470</b>	<b>463 681</b>	<b>-56,2</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	308	212	..
		R'000	0	2 169	1 590	..
	Shopping space	square metres	864	39 635	33 929	3 827,0
		R'000	9 504	427 808	369 474	3 787,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	48 845	20 132	1 720	-96,5
		R'000	293 064	150 263	10 320	-96,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 191	247	973	-18,3
		R'000	11 120	2 421	7 784	-30,0
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>313 688</b>	<b>582 661</b>	<b>389 168</b>	<b>24,1</b>
	Additions and alterations	square metres	29 031	27 173	22 099	-23,9
		R'000	292 035	282 448	236 468	-19,0
		square metres	7 640	15 601	10 013	31,1
		R'000	113 985	205 358	169 044	48,3
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>406 020</b>	<b>487 806</b>	<b>405 512</b>	<b>-0,1</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 777 677</b>	<b>1 662 937</b>	<b>1 258 361</b>	<b>-29,2</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2019 and January 2020.

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 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	347	3	-50,0
		square metres	290	15 449	207	-28,6
		R'000	1 590	57 713	1 432	-9,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	47	27	52	10,6
		square metres	11 688	7 061	10 367	-11,3
		R'000	67 416	42 233	60 790	-9,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	29	12	57	96,6
		square metres	3 227	498	7 302	126,3
		R'000	17 238	2 584	50 523	193,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 102	1 081	..
		R'000	0	8 816	6 981	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>86 244</b>	<b>111 346</b>	<b>119 726</b>	<b>38,8</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 175	0	0	..
		R'000	10 801	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	266	11 648	..
		R'000	0	1 840	80 593	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	1 533	..
		R'000	0	0	8 432	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>10 801</b>	<b>1 840</b>	<b>89 025</b>	<b>724,2</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 762	4 200	9 924	13,3
		R'000	48 494	23 354	59 019	21,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	758	189	295	-61,1
		R'000	4 233	1 312	3 524	-16,7
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>52 727</b>	<b>24 666</b>	<b>62 543</b>	<b>18,6</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>149 772</b>	<b>137 852</b>	<b>271 294</b>	<b>81,1</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2019 and January 2020.

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 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	160	372	287	79,4
		square metres	9 207	20 446	16 771	82,2
		R'000	49 475	138 912	114 830	132,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	228	221	218	-4,4
		square metres	73 620	65 236	63 139	-14,2
		R'000	604 089	542 614	529 157	-12,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 294	557	344	-73,4
		square metres	235 236	26 734	25 027	-89,4
		R'000	1 920 041	172 788	197 224	-89,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 573 605</b>	<b>854 314</b>	<b>841 211</b>	<b>-67,3</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	22 680	21 941	924	-95,9
		R'000	269 288	261 365	11 458	-95,7
	Shopping space	square metres	338	1 795	884	161,5
		R'000	2 882	16 586	9 514	230,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	17 771	110 809	8 879	-50,0
		R'000	122 376	577 082	63 267	-48,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 523	2 011	1 615	-54,2
		R'000	24 632	19 312	14 483	-41,2
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>419 178</b>	<b>874 345</b>	<b>98 722</b>	<b>-76,4</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	55 239	47 808	42 630	-22,8
		R'000	460 250	407 888	356 779	-22,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	6 387	7 069	6 741	5,5
		R'000	50 520	69 890	69 470	37,5
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>510 770</b>	<b>477 778</b>	<b>426 249</b>	<b>-16,5</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 503 553</b>	<b>2 206 437</b>	<b>1 366 182</b>	<b>-61,0</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2019 and January 2020.

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 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	20	42	42	110,0
		square metres	1 347	2 224	2 139	58,8
		R'000	6 820	11 053	13 746	101,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	50	48	77	54,0
		square metres	13 346	12 380	19 536	46,4
		R'000	86 177	76 504	125 333	45,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	17	10	12	-29,4
		square metres	756	340	1 798	137,8
		R'000	3 754	1 802	9 330	148,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	863	0	..
		R'000	0	5 111	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>96 751</b>	<b>94 470</b>	<b>148 409</b>	<b>53,4</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 746	0	16 658	854,1
		R'000	8 706	0	87 159	901,1
	Shopping space	square metres	129	0	10 695	8 190,7
		R'000	968	0	83 859	8 563,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 475	3 658	3 649	47,4
		R'000	12 291	24 017	19 170	56,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	480	0	488	1,7
		R'000	2 382	0	2 532	6,3
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>24 347</b>	<b>24 017</b>	<b>192 720</b>	<b>691,6</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 389	9 671	11 733	83,6
		R'000	35 675	55 883	65 640	84,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 131	853	0	..
		R'000	97 152	6 983	6 419	-93,4
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>132 827</b>	<b>62 866</b>	<b>72 059</b>	<b>-45,7</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>253 925</b>	<b>181 353</b>	<b>413 188</b>	<b>62,7</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2019 and January 2020.

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 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	19	3	1	-94,7
		square metres	1 278	195	51	-96,0
		R'000	6 968	1 124	311	-95,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	35	31	27	-22,9
		square metres	12 959	10 935	9 337	-27,9
		R'000	69 959	63 223	54 190	-22,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	3	..
		square metres	0	0	554	..
		R'000	0	0	3 245	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>76 927</b>	<b>64 347</b>	<b>57 746</b>	<b>-24,9</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 097	0	0	..
		R'000	6 181	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	11 484	0	0	..
		R'000	83 754	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	747	1 043	12 548	1 579,8
		R'000	4 121	6 014	72 352	1 655,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 165	0	783	-32,8
		R'000	7 058	0	4 515	-36,0
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>101 114</b>	<b>6 014</b>	<b>76 867</b>	<b>-24,0</b>
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 396	3 092	-48,1
			R'000	34 576	18 114	-43,8
		Other buildings 4/	square metres	726	0	-83,2
			R'000	5 972	3 203	-46,4
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>40 548</b>	<b>21 614</b>	<b>22 648</b>	<b>-44,1</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>218 589</b>	<b>91 975</b>	<b>157 261</b>	<b>-28,1</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2019 and January 2020.

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 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	515	775	707	37,3
		square metres	27 253	40 535	34 608	27,0
		R'000	157 687	226 611	186 616	18,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	734	731	535	-27,1
		square metres	190 236	211 613	140 706	-26,0
		R'000	1 502 786	1 645 293	1 104 598	-26,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 366	1 073	751	-45,0
		square metres	184 129	124 475	98 529	-46,5
		R'000	1 552 881	1 061 895	831 737	-46,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	378	4 994	3 254	760,8
		R'000	2 339	30 538	31 694	1 255,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 215 693</b>	<b>2 964 337</b>	<b>2 154 645</b>	<b>-33,0</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	10 552	63 181	27 858	164,0
		R'000	97 336	626 507	264 295	171,5
	Shopping space	square metres	20 369	57 392	21 915	7,6
		R'000	174 682	508 818	209 733	20,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	44 416	126 599	111 295	150,6
		R'000	281 171	726 128	748 387	166,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	86 983	15 037	34 516	-60,3
		R'000	576 536	123 407	254 876	-55,8
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 129 725</b>	<b>1 984 860</b>	<b>1 477 291</b>	<b>30,8</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	67 311	71 120	88 821	32,0
		R'000	518 264	552 863	661 187	27,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	18 317	44 850	38 349	109,4
		R'000	186 720	474 108	525 529	181,5
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>704 984</b>	<b>1 026 971</b>	<b>1 186 716</b>	<b>68,3</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>5 050 402</b>	<b>5 976 168</b>	<b>4 818 652</b>	<b>-4,6</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2019 and January 2020.

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 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	155	192	90	-41,9
		square metres	7 078	8 992	4 424	-37,5
		R'000	40 838	45 116	24 953	-38,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	126	304	154	22,2
		square metres	30 859	80 193	44 827	45,3
		R'000	200 274	538 060	308 989	54,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	181	426	141	-22,1
		square metres	19 404	51 231	24 782	27,7
		R'000	155 226	404 038	193 315	24,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	40	320	0	..
		R'000	348	2 325	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>396 686</b>	<b>989 539</b>	<b>527 257</b>	<b>32,9</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	17 058	2 091	..
		R'000	0	144 661	18 034	..
	Shopping space	square metres	1 025	20 225	5 944	479,9
		R'000	5 851	165 577	43 665	646,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	12 196	16 428	15 985	31,1
		R'000	85 306	112 346	109 432	28,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	47 171	1 129	15 927	-66,2
		R'000	329 629	8 356	112 035	-66,0
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>420 786</b>	<b>430 940</b>	<b>283 166</b>	<b>-32,7</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	17 690	31 199	40 127	126,8
		R'000	117 174	226 261	284 623	142,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	8 722	27 515	21 544	147,0
		R'000	76 706	328 553	347 329	352,8
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>193 880</b>	<b>554 814</b>	<b>631 952</b>	<b>226,0</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 011 352</b>	<b>1 975 293</b>	<b>1 442 375</b>	<b>42,6</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2019 and January 2020.

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 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	27	5	13	-51,9
		square metres	1 246	283	668	-46,4
		R'000	6 950	1 522	3 538	-49,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	46	39	36	-21,7
		square metres	8 435	10 369	8 086	-4,1
		R'000	55 139	69 052	57 554	4,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	11	27	9	-18,2
		square metres	1 926	2 456	1 024	-46,8
		R'000	13 154	16 082	6 897	-47,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	273	0	..
		R'000	0	2 046	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>75 243</b>	<b>88 702</b>	<b>67 989</b>	<b>-9,6</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	2 210	0	..
		R'000	0	11 468	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 633	0	..
		R'000	0	10 919	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	794	3 260	70 304	8 754,4
		R'000	5 695	22 272	470 193	8 156,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	1 336	1 786	..
		R'000	0	7 043	9 146	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>5 695</b>	<b>51 702</b>	<b>479 339</b>	<b>8 316,8</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 379	7 549	14 514	231,4
		R'000	25 947	51 274	99 224	282,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	885	7 793	4 451	402,9
		R'000	6 237	63 709	30 022	381,4
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>32 184</b>	<b>114 983</b>	<b>129 246</b>	<b>301,6</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>113 122</b>	<b>255 387</b>	<b>676 574</b>	<b>498,1</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2019 and January 2020.

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 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	2	9	11	450,0
		square metres	423	2 488	3 203	657,2
		R'000	3 173	19 780	25 738	711,2
	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	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 173</b>	<b>19 780</b>	<b>25 738</b>	<b>711,2</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	108	0	..
		R'000	0	886	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	2 486	1 802	..
		R'000	0	20 385	13 306	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	504	..
		R'000	0	0	4 133	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21 271</b>	<b>17 439</b>	<b>..</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 173	2 657	1 042	-11,2
		R'000	8 798	21 787	8 544	-2,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	360	60	170	-52,8
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>9 158</b>	<b>21 847</b>	<b>8 714</b>	<b>-4,8</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>12 331</b>	<b>62 898</b>	<b>51 891</b>	<b>320,8</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2019 and January 2020.

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 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	2	4	300,0
		square metres	73	137	268	267,1
		R'000	483	711	2 164	348,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	27	8	16	-40,7
		square metres	6 271	1 469	3 455	-44,9
		R'000	33 756	7 669	24 885	-26,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	135	0	..
		R'000	0	701	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>34 239</b>	<b>9 081</b>	<b>27 049</b>	<b>-21,0</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	631	0	0	..
		R'000	3 134	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	943	0	5 854	520,8
		R'000	4 683	0	45 993	882,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>7 817</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45 993</b>	<b>488,4</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 942	2 295	1 570	-60,2
		R'000	21 024	11 925	9 561	-54,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	2 905	..
		R'000	131	150	26 119	19 838,2
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>21 155</b>	<b>12 075</b>	<b>35 680</b>	<b>68,7</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>63 211</b>	<b>21 156</b>	<b>108 722</b>	<b>72,0</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2019 and January 2020.

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 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	6	11	10,0
		square metres	568	308	731	28,7
		R'000	4 696	2 931	6 827	45,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	69	45	70	1,4
		square metres	28 441	14 252	18 592	-34,6
		R'000	320 589	152 537	187 180	-41,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	67	50	132	97,0
		square metres	9 900	7 224	17 056	72,3
		R'000	110 744	80 502	150 049	35,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	704	0	..
		R'000	0	4 928	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>436 029</b>	<b>240 898</b>	<b>344 056</b>	<b>-21,1</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	4 905	..
		R'000	0	0	34 815	..
	Shopping space	square metres	1 907	2 875	245	-87,2
		R'000	20 977	30 313	1 728	-91,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 557	20 781	14 451	306,3
		R'000	21 966	121 880	86 706	294,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	16 657	4 295	0	..
		R'000	86 453	41 804	0	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>129 396</b>	<b>193 997</b>	<b>123 249</b>	<b>-4,8</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 216	6 044	13 269	18,3
		R'000	131 305	68 361	121 221	-7,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	896	3 440	2 950	229,2
		R'000	23 425	34 747	29 929	27,8
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>154 730</b>	<b>103 108</b>	<b>151 150</b>	<b>-2,3</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>720 155</b>	<b>538 003</b>	<b>618 455</b>	<b>-14,1</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2019 and January 2020.

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 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	0	8	33,3
		square metres	396	0	515	30,1
		R'000	3 456	0	2 950	-14,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	129	14	50	-61,2
		square metres	18 805	2 946	7 293	-61,2
		R'000	101 989	16 876	46 147	-54,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	152	30	74	-51,3
		square metres	10 584	3 122	8 381	-20,8
		R'000	65 464	19 657	52 437	-19,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>170 909</b>	<b>36 533</b>	<b>101 534</b>	<b>-40,6</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	416	0	642	54,3
		R'000	2 066	0	3 968	92,1
	Shopping space	square metres	491	0	0	..
		R'000	2 438	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 253	1 586	0	..
		R'000	18 923	8 725	0	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>23 427</b>	<b>8 725</b>	<b>3 968</b>	<b>-83,1</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 317	639	634	-90,0
		R'000	39 196	3 595	3 414	-91,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 822	0	51	-97,2
		R'000	12 314	200	12 113	-1,6
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>51 510</b>	<b>3 795</b>	<b>15 527</b>	<b>-69,9</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>245 846</b>	<b>49 053</b>	<b>121 029</b>	<b>-50,8</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2019 and January 2020.

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 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	289	523	559	93,4
		square metres	16 127	28 560	26 713	65,6
		R'000	90 046	164 296	139 276	54,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	232	237	141	-39,2
		square metres	79 968	83 112	45 294	-43,4
		R'000	690 370	736 730	393 413	-43,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	953	536	395	-58,6
		square metres	141 933	59 984	47 286	-66,7
		R'000	1 206 186	538 975	429 039	-64,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	3 562	3 254	..
		R'000	0	20 538	31 694	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 986 602</b>	<b>1 460 539</b>	<b>993 422</b>	<b>-50,0</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	9 505	28 570	20 220	112,7
		R'000	92 136	353 859	207 478	125,2
	Shopping space	square metres	16 946	31 301	15 073	-11,1
		R'000	145 416	294 320	160 575	10,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	25 558	83 644	2 899	-88,7
		R'000	157 445	449 245	22 757	-85,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	18 551	6 691	13 323	-28,2
		R'000	134 711	57 479	112 402	-16,6
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>529 708</b>	<b>1 154 903</b>	<b>503 212</b>	<b>-5,0</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	19 538	18 226	12 745	-34,8
		R'000	158 399	155 220	106 173	-33,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 837	6 102	6 301	30,3
		R'000	43 111	43 843	74 173	72,1
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>201 510</b>	<b>199 063</b>	<b>180 346</b>	<b>-10,5</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 717 820</b>	<b>2 814 505</b>	<b>1 676 980</b>	<b>-38,3</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2019 and January 2020.

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 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	41	16	6,7
		square metres	948	1 873	930	-1,9
		R'000	6 711	9 832	4 838	-27,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	74	57	40	-45,9
		square metres	10 849	10 017	7 001	-35,5
		R'000	63 632	65 069	42 966	-32,5
	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	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>70 343</b>	<b>74 901</b>	<b>47 804</b>	<b>-32,0</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	15 235	0	..
		R'000	0	115 633	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	245	0	..
		R'000	0	1 271	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 149	0	0	..
		R'000	5 706	0	0	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>5 706</b>	<b>116 904</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>..</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 830	1 403	3 184	12,5
		R'000	15 216	7 692	17 804	17,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	720	0	147	-79,6
		R'000	18 837	2 846	5 674	-69,9
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>34 053</b>	<b>10 538</b>	<b>23 478</b>	<b>-31,1</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>110 102</b>	<b>202 343</b>	<b>71 282</b>	<b>-35,3</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2019 and January 2020.

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 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	12	6	6	-50,0
		square metres	817	382	359	-56,1
		R'000	4 507	2 203	2 070	-54,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	29	18	17	-41,4
		square metres	6 185	6 767	2 955	-52,2
		R'000	33 864	39 520	17 726	-47,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2	4	0	..
		square metres	382	458	0	..
		R'000	2 107	2 641	0	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	338	0	0	..
		R'000	1 991	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>42 469</b>	<b>44 364</b>	<b>19 796</b>	<b>-53,4</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 113	653	..
		R'000	0	6 418	3 765	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 368	0	0	..
		R'000	6 076	0	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	202	0	2 976	1 373,3
		R'000	1 114	0	17 160	1 440,4
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>7 190</b>	<b>6 418</b>	<b>20 925</b>	<b>191,0</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	226	1 108	1 736	668,1
		R'000	1 205	6 748	10 623	781,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	435	0	0	..
		R'000	5 599	0	0	..
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>6 804</b>	<b>6 748</b>	<b>10 623</b>	<b>56,1</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>56 463</b>	<b>57 530</b>	<b>51 344</b>	<b>-9,1</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2019 and January 2020.

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>	<b>1</b>	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
	<b>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.
<b>Purpose of the survey</b>	<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.
<b>Scope of the survey</b>	<b>4</b>	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• passing of building plans; and</li> <li>• final inspection of completed buildings.</li> </ul>
<b>Classification</b>	<b>5</b>	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.
<b>Collection rate</b>	<b>6</b>	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for January 2020 was 92,7%. The improved collection rate for December 2019 was 93,6%.
<b>Statistical unit</b>	<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.
<b>Survey methodology and design</b>	<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 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.
<b>Constant prices</b>	<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 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.

<b>Seasonal adjustment</b>	<b>10</b>	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.
	<b>11</b>	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 <a href="#">Click to download building statistics seasonal adjustment May 2017</a>
<b>Trend cycle</b>	<b>12</b>	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.
<b>Revised figures</b>	<b>13</b>	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.
	<b>14</b>	Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> is published with the revised and updated information at provincial and municipal level for the previous calendar year. Due to this comprehensive revision, the monthly statistical release P5041.1 reflects provincial revision where applicable.
<b>Related publications</b>	<b>15</b>	Users may also wish to refer to the following publications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P5041.3: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> issued annually;</li> <li>• P9101.2: <i>Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region</i> issued annually; and</li> <li>• <i>Building Statistics</i> (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.</li> </ul>
<b>Rounding-off of figures</b>	<b>16</b>	Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.
<b>Symbols and abbreviations</b>	<b>17</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.

## Glossary

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