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Results for January to July 2019

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

Estimates at current prices	January to July 2018	January to July 2019	Difference in value between January to July 2018 and January to July 2019	% change between January to July 2018 and January to July 2019
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	34 532 632	33 149 229	-1 383 403	-4,0
-Dwelling-houses	19 359 283	17 683 764	-1 675 519	-8,7
-Flats and townhouses	13 740 204	15 013 813	1 273 609	9,3
-Other residential buildings	1 433 145	451 652	-981 493	-68,5
Non-residential buildings	15 011 666	13 104 447	-1 907 219	-12,7
Additions and alterations	17 031 888	17 478 022	446 134	2,6
Total	66 576 186	63 731 698	-2 844 488	-4,3

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 4,3% (-R2 844,5 million) during January to July 2019 compared with January to July 2018.

Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-12,7% or -R1 907,2 million) and residential buildings (-4,0% or -R1 383,4 million). An increase was recorded for additions and alterations (2,6% or R446,1 million) – see Table A.

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

Estimates at current prices	January to July 2018	January to July 2019	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to July 2018	% change between January to July 2018 and January to July 2019	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January to July 2018 and January to July 2019	Difference in value between January to July 2018 and January to July 2019
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000			2/ R'000	R'000
Western Cape	20 181 094	17 143 428	30,3	-15,1	-4,6	-3 037 666
Eastern Cape	4 084 381	3 655 087	6,1	-10,5	-0,6	-429 294
Northern Cape	582 589	937 373	0,9	60,9	0,5	354 784
Free State	2 417 614	1 983 625	3,6	-18,0	-0,7	-433 989
KwaZulu-Natal	11 110 692	11 068 794	16,7	-0,4	-0,1	-41 898
North West	1 785 657	1 433 292	2,7	-19,7	-0,5	-352 365
Gauteng	23 195 857	23 920 923	34,8	3,1	1,1	725 066
Mpumalanga	2 184 995	2 143 924	3,3	-1,9	-0,1	-41 071
Limpopo	1 033 307	1 445 252	1,6	39,9	0,6	411 945
Total	66 576 186	63 731 698	100,0	-4,3	-4,3	-2 844 488

1/ 2018 and 2019 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 to July 2018 and January to July 2019 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during January to July 2018, divided by 100.

The largest negative contribution to the total decrease of 4,3% (-R2 844,5 million) was made by Western Cape (contributing -4,6 percentage points or -R3 037,7 million) – see Table B.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to July 2018	January to July 2019	Difference in value between January to July 2018 and January to July 2019	% change between January to July 2018 and January to July 2019
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	29 825 666	27 401 933	-2 423 733	-8,1
Non-residential buildings	12 978 799	10 824 504	-2 154 295	-16,6
Additions and alterations	14 710 451	14 417 013	-293 438	-2,0
Total	57 514 916	52 643 450	-4 871 466	-8,5

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 8,5% (-R4 871,5 million) during January to July 2019 compared with January to July 2018. Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-16,6% or -R2 154,3 million), residential buildings (-8,1% or -R2 423,7 million) and additions and alterations (-2,0% or -R293,4 million) – see Table C.

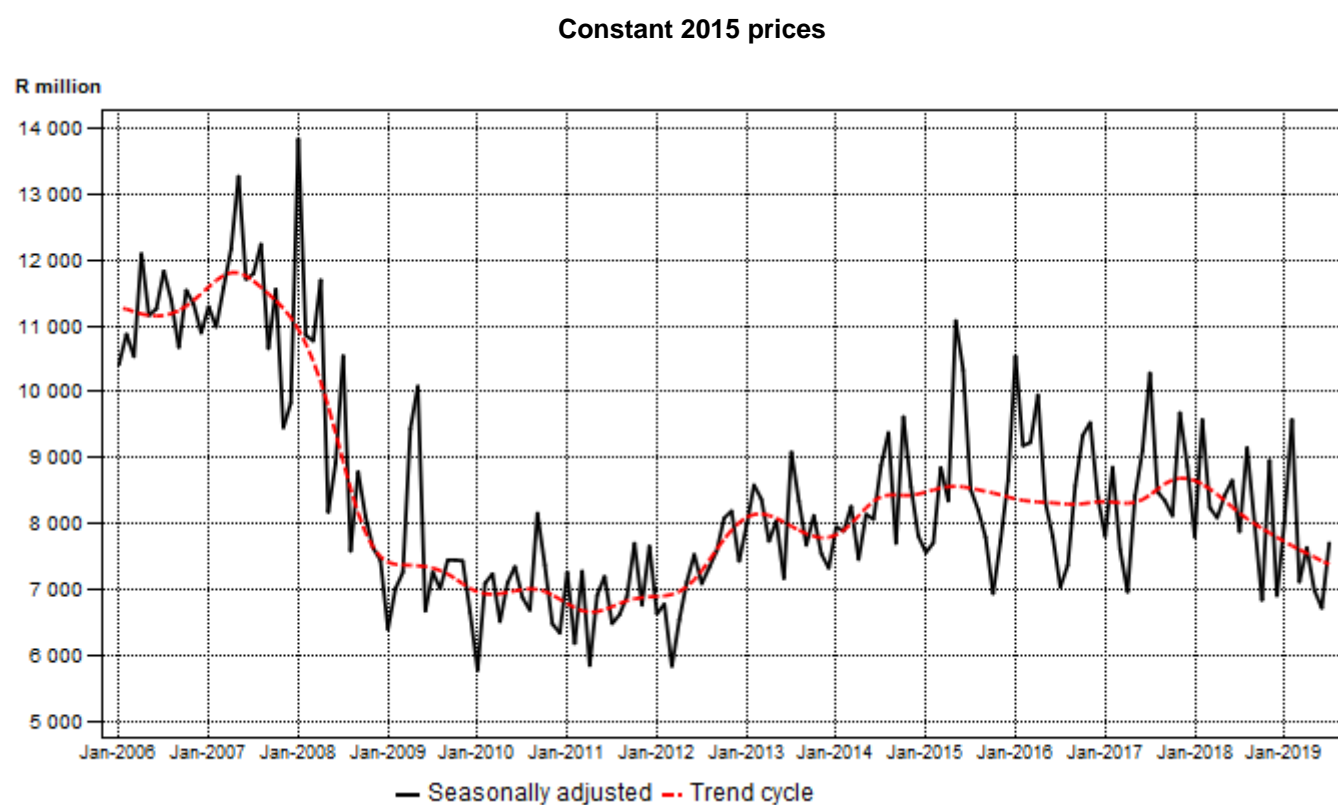
Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	February to April 2019	May to July 2019	% change between February to April 2019 and May to July 2019
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	12 696 290	10 776 352	-15,1
Non-residential buildings 1/	5 317 624	4 148 281	-22,0
Additions and alterations	6 316 854	6 494 057	2,8
Total	24 330 768	21 418 690	-12,0

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 12,0% in the three months ended July 2019 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-22,0%) and residential buildings (-15,1%). Additions and alterations increased by 2,8% – 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 to July 2018 versus January to July 2019**

Estimates at current prices	January to July 2018	January to July 2019	Difference in value between January to July 2018 and January to July 2019	% change between January to July 2018 and January to July 2019
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	23 371 681	33 036 926	9 665 245	41,4
-Dwelling-houses	12 697 001	13 198 353	501 352	3,9
-Flats and townhouses	10 292 615	19 468 319	9 175 704	89,1
-Other residential buildings	382 065	370 254	-11 811	-3,1
Non-residential buildings	9 015 206	13 617 963	4 602 757	51,1
Additions and alterations	7 090 932	7 316 935	226 003	3,2
Total	39 477 819	53 971 824	14 494 005	36,7

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 36,7% (R14 494,0 million) during January to July 2019 compared with January to July 2018.

Increases were recorded for non-residential buildings (51,1% or R4 602,8 million), residential buildings (41,4% or R9 665,2 million) and additions and alterations (3,2% or R226,0 million) – see Table E.

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

Estimates at current prices	January to July 2018	January to July 2019	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to July 2018	% change between January to July 2018 and January to July 2019	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January to July 2018 and January to July 2019	Difference in value between January to July 2018 and January to July 2019
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000			2/ %	R'000
Western Cape	11 433 670	12 138 242	29,0	6,2	1,8	704 572
Eastern Cape	1 364 747	1 832 844	3,5	34,3	1,2	468 097
Northern Cape	237 438	374 510	0,6	57,7	0,3	137 072
Free State	596 083	377 210	1,5	-36,7	-0,6	-218 873
KwaZulu-Natal	5 043 485	7 599 587	12,8	50,7	6,5	2 556 102
North West	1 287 096	1 185 497	3,3	-7,9	-0,3	-101 599
Gauteng	17 979 109	28 492 287	45,5	58,5	26,6	10 513 178
Mpumalanga	1 008 671	1 492 318	2,6	47,9	1,2	483 647
Limpopo	527 520	479 329	1,3	-9,1	-0,1	-48 191
Total	39 477 819	53 971 824	100,0	36,7	36,7	14 494 005

1/ 2018 and 2019 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 to July 2018 and January to July 2019 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January to July 2018, divided by 100.

Six provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to July 2019, of which Gauteng (contributing 26,6 percentage points or R10 513,2 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 6,5 percentage points or R2 556,1 million) and Western Cape (contributing 1,8 percentage points or R704,6 million) were the largest positive contributors – see Table F.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to July 2018	January to July 2019	Difference in value between January to July 2018 and January to July 2019	% change between January to July 2018 and January to July 2019
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	20 166 645	27 242 536	7 075 891	35,1
Non-residential buildings	7 784 418	11 246 056	3 461 638	44,5
Additions and alterations	6 121 767	6 037 387	-84 380	-1,4
Total	34 072 830	44 525 979	10 453 149	30,7

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 30,7% (R10 453,1 million) during January to July 2019 compared with January to July 2018. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (44,5% or R3 461,6 million) and residential buildings (35,1% or R7 075,9 million). A decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-1,4% or -R84,4 million) – see Table G.

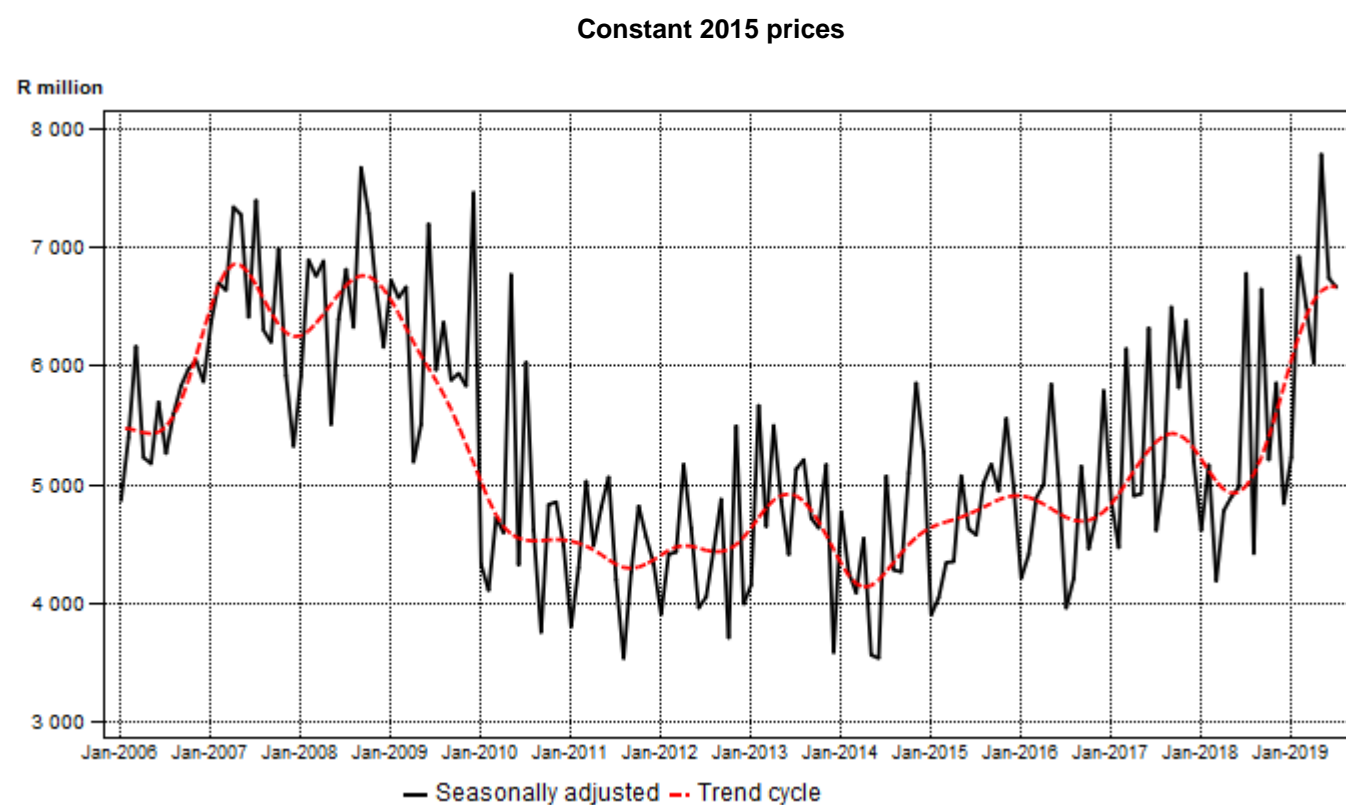
Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	February to April 2019	May to July 2019	% change between February to April 2019 and May to July 2019
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	11 478 164	13 513 078	17,7
Non-residential buildings 1/	5 145 877	5 147 628	0,0
Additions and alterations	2 824 966	2 529 841	-10,4
Total	19 449 007	21 190 547	9,0

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 buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 9,0% in the three months ended July 2019 compared with the previous three months. An increase was recorded for residential buildings (17,7%). Additions and alterations decreased by 10,4% – 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	1 695 961	-11,5	2 048 834	20,3	7 168 618	5,7
	February	4 728 955	3,7	3 819 701	29,2	2 360 140	9,2	10 908 796	12,7
	March	4 473 589	-5,3	1 689 517	-5,9	2 549 303	11,9	8 712 409	-1,0
	April	5 632 240	38,8	1 769 055	70,1	2 162 953	9,0	9 564 248	35,1
	May	5 663 085	21,8	1 906 493	-21,2	2 476 180	1,4	10 045 758	5,6
	June	5 433 066	-9,4	2 201 982	-4,6	2 702 425	2,3	10 337 473	-5,6
	July	5 177 874	-16,7	1 928 957	-31,2	2 732 053	4,0	9 838 884	-15,5
	August	6 483 327	41,4	2 682 408	-6,7	2 464 165	-16,7	11 629 900	11,6
	September	4 829 388	-13,0	2 396 777	44,1	2 474 656	-8,5	9 700 821	-2,2
	October	4 179 241	-21,4	1 886 023	-2,3	3 170 956	5,9	9 236 220	-9,8
	November	5 434 664	16,1	3 089 401	-24,6	2 596 278	-6,8	11 120 343	-3,8
	December	4 169 412	-5,9	969 634	-61,8	1 866 810	-5,8	7 005 856	-21,7
	Total	59 628 664	2,9	26 035 909	-8,1	29 604 753	1,2	115 269 326	-0,2
2019	January	4 350 672	27,1	1 611 299	-5,0	1 836 501	-10,4	7 798 472	8,8
	February	6 990 891	47,8	2 014 721	-47,3	2 399 945	1,7	11 405 557	4,6
	March	3 721 595	-16,8	2 320 258	37,3	2 309 342	-9,4	8 351 195	-4,1
	April	4 276 398	-24,1	2 091 416	18,2	2 473 785	14,4	8 841 599	-7,6
	May	4 422 359	-21,9	1 653 807	-13,3	2 646 651	6,9	8 722 817	-13,2
	June	4 029 716	-25,8	1 648 322	-25,1	2 534 350	-6,2	8 212 388	-20,6
	July	5 357 598	3,5	1 764 624	-8,5	3 277 448	20,0	10 399 670	5,7

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	4 636 185	-10,2	1 695 961	-33,1	2 673 738	5,0	9 005 884	-12,1
	February	4 721 804	1,8	3 819 701	125,2	2 474 675	-7,4	11 016 180	22,3
	March	4 950 117	4,8	1 689 517	-55,8	2 921 963	18,1	9 561 597	-13,2
	April	5 308 602	7,2	1 769 055	4,7	2 217 731	-24,1	9 295 388	-2,8
	May	5 425 641	2,2	1 906 493	7,8	2 412 185	8,8	9 744 319	4,8
	June	5 209 809	-4,0	2 201 982	15,5	2 632 316	9,1	10 044 107	3,1
	July	4 930 161	-5,4	1 928 957	-12,4	2 378 801	-9,6	9 237 919	-8,0
	August	5 813 610	17,9	2 682 408	39,1	2 214 037	-6,9	10 710 055	15,9
	September	4 706 937	-19,0	2 396 777	-10,6	2 369 071	7,0	9 472 785	-11,6
	October	3 738 863	-20,6	1 886 023	-21,3	2 538 138	7,1	8 163 024	-13,8
	November	5 194 817	38,9	3 089 401	63,8	2 424 877	-4,5	10 709 095	31,2
	December	4 912 169	-5,4	969 634	-68,6	2 392 290	-1,3	8 274 093	-22,7
2019	January	5 535 296	12,7	1 611 299	66,2	2 410 294	0,8	9 556 889	15,5
	February	6 925 047	25,1	2 014 721	25,0	2 523 470	4,7	11 463 238	19,9
	March	3 779 643	-45,4	2 320 258	15,2	2 529 463	0,2	8 629 364	-24,7
	April	4 601 457	21,7	2 091 416	-9,9	2 613 034	3,3	9 305 907	7,8
	May	4 243 760	-7,8	1 653 807	-20,9	2 627 150	0,5	8 524 717	-8,4
	June	3 948 739	-7,0	1 648 322	-0,3	2 568 889	-2,2	8 165 950	-4,2
	July	4 941 921	25,2	1 764 624	7,1	2 721 794	6,0	9 428 339	15,5
	Feb. – Apr. 19	15 306 147		6 426 395		7 665 967		29 398 509	
	May – Jul. 19 2/	13 134 420	-14,2	5 066 753	-21,2	7 917 833	3,3	26 119 006	-11,2

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	1 474 749	-15,3	1 781 595	15,1	6 233 581	1,1
	February	4 112 135	-0,1	3 321 479	24,4	2 052 296	5,2	9 485 910	8,6
	March	3 886 698	-8,6	1 467 869	-9,2	2 214 859	8,0	7 569 426	-4,4
	April	4 876 398	33,8	1 531 649	63,9	1 872 687	5,1	8 280 734	30,2
	May	4 894 628	18,3	1 647 790	-23,6	2 140 173	-1,6	8 682 591	2,5
	June	4 675 616	-12,8	1 894 993	-8,2	2 325 667	-1,5	8 896 276	-9,1
	July	4 402 954	-20,7	1 640 270	-34,5	2 323 174	-0,9	8 366 398	-19,5
	August	5 531 849	35,8	2 288 744	-10,3	2 102 530	-20,0	9 923 123	7,2
	September	4 082 323	-16,6	2 026 016	38,1	2 091 848	-12,3	8 200 187	-6,2
	October	3 503 136	-24,8	1 580 908	-6,5	2 657 968	1,4	7 742 012	-13,7
	November	4 544 033	11,6	2 583 111	-27,6	2 170 801	-10,5	9 297 945	-7,6
	December	3 497 829	-9,2	813 451	-63,1	1 566 116	-9,1	5 877 396	-24,5
	Total	50 984 836	-1,0	22 271 029	-11,5	25 299 714	-2,7	98 555 579	-4,0
2019	January	3 668 358	23,2	1 358 599	-7,9	1 548 483	-13,1	6 575 440	5,5
	February	5 845 227	42,1	1 684 549	-49,3	2 006 643	-2,2	9 536 419	0,5
	March	3 073 159	-20,9	1 915 985	30,5	1 906 971	-13,9	6 896 115	-8,9
	April	3 511 000	-28,0	1 717 090	12,1	2 031 022	8,5	7 259 112	-12,3
	May	3 624 884	-25,9	1 355 580	-17,7	2 169 386	1,4	7 149 850	-17,7
	June	3 305 756	-29,3	1 352 192	-28,6	2 079 040	-10,6	6 736 988	-24,3
	July	4 373 549	-0,7	1 440 509	-12,2	2 675 468	15,2	8 489 526	1,5

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	4 017 176	-9,7	1 474 749	-33,1	2 305 370	3,9	7 797 295	-12,1
	February	4 108 558	2,3	3 321 479	125,2	2 147 347	-6,9	9 577 384	22,8
	March	4 293 201	4,5	1 467 869	-55,8	2 482 893	15,6	8 243 963	-13,9
	April	4 611 159	7,4	1 531 649	4,3	1 946 970	-21,6	8 089 778	-1,9
	May	4 692 731	1,8	1 647 790	7,6	2 087 761	7,2	8 428 282	4,2
	June	4 485 115	-4,4	1 894 993	15,0	2 277 403	9,1	8 657 511	2,7
	July	4 216 381	-6,0	1 640 270	-13,4	2 021 240	-11,2	7 877 891	-9,0
	August	4 963 804	17,7	2 288 744	39,5	1 899 613	-6,0	9 152 161	16,2
	September	3 974 344	-19,9	2 026 016	-11,5	2 009 969	5,8	8 010 329	-12,5
	October	3 135 776	-21,1	1 580 908	-22,0	2 123 626	5,7	6 840 310	-14,6
	November	4 350 191	38,7	2 583 111	63,4	2 026 963	-4,6	8 960 265	31,0
	December	4 086 900	-6,1	813 451	-68,5	2 007 579	-1,0	6 907 930	-22,9
2019	January	4 648 169	13,7	1 358 599	67,0	2 029 124	1,1	8 035 892	16,3
	February	5 789 214	24,5	1 684 549	24,0	2 103 937	3,7	9 577 700	19,2
	March	3 125 246	-46,0	1 915 985	13,7	2 075 030	-1,4	7 116 261	-25,7
	April	3 781 830	21,0	1 717 090	-10,4	2 137 887	3,0	7 636 807	7,3
	May	3 481 760	-7,9	1 355 580	-21,1	2 156 036	0,8	6 993 376	-8,4
	June	3 237 138	-7,0	1 352 192	-0,2	2 132 074	-1,1	6 721 404	-3,9
	July	4 057 454	25,3	1 440 509	6,5	2 205 947	3,5	7 703 910	14,6
	Feb. – Apr. 19	12 696 290		5 317 624		6 316 854		24 330 768	
	May – Jul. 19 2/	10 776 352	-15,1	4 148 281	-22,0	6 494 057	2,8	21 418 690	-12,0

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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/
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	1 484 338	4,6	1 362 088	55,0	7 765 200	52,6
	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	16 634 074	-27,5	12 317 159	6,1	73 416 302	0,1
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	4 796 492	-2,5	1 904 394	28,3	1 199 937	-11,9	7 900 823	1,7

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	3 472 193	-14,4	807 034	-6,5	1 043 366	-5,7	5 322 593	-11,6
	February	3 361 612	-3,2	1 521 419	88,5	1 053 889	1,0	5 936 920	11,5
	March	2 762 803	-17,8	1 044 722	-31,3	1 008 065	-4,3	4 815 590	-18,9
	April	3 422 549	23,9	1 205 988	15,4	879 268	-12,8	5 507 805	14,4
	May	3 255 041	-4,9	1 473 491	22,2	927 343	5,5	5 655 875	2,7
	June	3 309 256	1,7	1 478 214	0,3	975 703	5,2	5 763 173	1,9
	July	5 117 342	54,6	1 484 338	0,4	1 358 995	39,3	7 960 675	38,1
	August	3 005 544	-41,3	1 060 192	-28,6	1 103 305	-18,8	5 169 041	-35,1
	September	4 245 756	41,3	2 712 580	155,9	908 087	-17,7	7 866 423	52,2
	October	3 561 424	-16,1	1 566 033	-42,3	1 079 136	18,8	6 206 593	-21,1
	November	4 915 698	38,0	1 078 925	-31,1	1 032 090	-4,4	7 026 713	13,2
	December	3 669 559	-25,4	1 201 138	11,3	941 468	-8,8	5 812 165	-17,3
2019	January	4 163 900	13,5	1 129 725	-5,9	930 409	-1,2	6 224 034	7,1
	February	4 114 202	-1,2	3 157 234	179,5	1 003 881	7,9	8 275 317	33,0
	March	5 317 217	29,2	1 420 463	-55,0	1 125 189	12,1	7 862 869	-5,0
	April	4 417 969	-16,9	1 623 694	14,3	1 285 086	14,2	7 326 749	-6,8
	May	5 297 529	19,9	3 123 392	92,4	1 064 093	-17,2	9 485 014	29,5
	June	6 094 831	15,1	1 259 061	-59,7	824 288	-22,5	8 178 180	-13,8
	July	5 050 532	-17,1	1 904 394	51,3	1 198 632	45,4	8 153 558	-0,3
	Feb. – Apr. 19	13 849 388		6 201 391		3 414 156		23 464 935	
	May – Jul. 19 2/	16 442 892	18,7	6 286 847	1,4	3 087 013	-9,6	25 816 752	10,0

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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	4 182 631	67,8	1 262 192	-0,4	1 158 238	47,7	6 603 061	45,3
	August	2 442 012	-9,0	904 601	-33,8	1 008 396	1,3	4 355 009	-13,7
	September	4 049 757	52,2	2 292 967	-25,7	807 887	-25,8	7 150 611	4,6
	October	3 098 777	6,2	1 312 685	-43,8	957 664	31,5	5 369 126	-10,3
	November	4 986 713	56,4	902 111	-68,2	937 374	-5,7	6 826 198	-2,7
	December	3 170 753	-12,3	1 007 666	34,2	692 169	-16,9	4 870 588	-6,4
	Total	37 914 657	9,9	14 204 448	-30,2	10 525 257	2,1	62 644 362	-3,8
2019	January	2 711 377	16,1	952 551	35,7	594 422	-13,8	4 258 350	14,3
	February	3 062 037	17,5	2 639 828	99,5	828 819	-9,5	6 530 684	34,8
	March	4 508 069	83,8	1 172 967	29,2	1 230 550	32,6	6 911 586	61,1
	April	3 553 414	21,6	1 333 082	27,7	843 028	9,3	5 729 524	21,0
	May	4 303 000	56,0	2 560 157	101,0	848 616	8,7	7 711 773	60,2
	June	5 189 135	78,3	1 032 864	-18,8	712 412	-18,9	6 934 411	37,0
	July	3 915 504	-6,4	1 554 607	23,2	979 540	-15,4	6 449 651	-2,3

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	3 007 679	-13,7	701 769	-6,5	903 715	-5,7	4 613 163	-11,2
	February	2 925 453	-2,7	1 322 973	88,5	917 111	1,5	5 165 537	12,0
	March	2 405 435	-17,8	907 665	-31,4	874 386	-4,7	4 187 486	-18,9
	April	2 971 436	23,5	1 044 145	15,0	763 324	-12,7	4 778 905	14,1
	May	2 819 203	-5,1	1 273 545	22,0	802 496	5,1	4 895 244	2,4
	June	2 862 737	1,5	1 272 129	-0,1	842 074	4,9	4 976 940	1,7
	July	4 362 381	52,4	1 262 192	-0,8	1 156 287	37,3	6 780 860	36,2
	August	2 572 731	-41,0	904 601	-28,3	941 380	-18,6	4 418 712	-34,8
	September	3 586 478	39,4	2 292 967	153,5	767 655	-18,5	6 647 100	50,4
	October	2 993 696	-16,5	1 312 685	-42,8	903 380	17,7	5 209 761	-21,6
	November	4 091 746	36,7	902 111	-31,3	863 419	-4,4	5 857 276	12,4
	December	3 042 937	-25,6	1 007 666	11,7	787 677	-8,8	4 838 280	-17,4
2019	January	3 496 283	14,9	952 551	-5,5	781 423	-0,8	5 230 257	8,1
	February	3 443 232	-1,5	2 639 828	177,1	839 726	7,5	6 922 786	32,4
	March	4 398 456	27,7	1 172 967	-55,6	931 029	10,9	6 502 452	-6,1
	April	3 636 476	-17,3	1 333 082	13,7	1 054 211	13,2	6 023 769	-7,4
	May	4 352 214	19,7	2 560 157	92,0	873 434	-17,1	7 785 805	29,3
	June	5 028 893	15,5	1 032 864	-59,7	677 914	-22,4	6 739 671	-13,4
	July	4 131 971	-17,8	1 554 607	50,5	978 493	44,3	6 665 071	-1,1
	Feb. – Apr. 19	11 478 164		5 145 877		2 824 966		19 449 007	
	May – Jul. 19 2/	13 513 078	17,7	5 147 628	0,0	2 529 841	-10,4	21 190 547	9,0

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

			Jul. 2018	Jun. 2019	Jul. 2019	Jan. - Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 699	914	3 348	11 539	8 469	-26,6
		square metres	83 540	44 949	196 118	543 833	452 206	-16,8
		R'000	452 751	265 762	803 850	2 918 809	2 269 933	-22,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 380	1 126	1 297	8 635	7 635	-11,6
		square metres	401 438	308 931	355 726	2 295 435	2 091 942	-8,9
		R'000	2 887 154	2 290 075	2 688 144	16 440 474	15 413 831	-6,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2 853	1 461	1 588	16 964	15 323	-9,7
		square metres	226 736	173 729	208 386	1 770 281	1 776 410	0,3
		R'000	1 765 618	1 468 558	1 845 870	13 740 204	15 013 813	9,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	6 661	943	2 244	140 138	61 088	-56,4
		R'000	72 351	5 321	19 734	1 433 145	451 652	-68,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	5 177 874	4 029 716	5 357 598	34 532 632	33 149 229	-4,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	35 544	19 403	53 338	392 570	279 852	-28,7
		R'000	266 228	137 685	552 747	3 611 057	2 541 357	-29,6
	Shopping space	square metres	64 732	37 990	19 932	408 601	285 561	-30,1
		R'000	517 433	324 661	155 658	3 269 487	2 143 713	-34,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	127 165	148 130	124 460	1 018 823	933 592	-8,4
		R'000	751 508	969 416	758 248	6 089 762	5 855 861	-3,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	58 740	32 398	44 646	284 373	359 687	26,5
		R'000	393 788	216 560	297 971	2 041 360	2 563 516	25,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 928 957	1 648 322	1 764 624	15 011 666	13 104 447	-12,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	258 464	241 502	288 178	1 660 880	1 642 946	-1,1
		R'000	1 898 566	1 776 602	2 209 296	11 997 731	12 349 759	2,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	81 460	73 094	86 112	551 464	445 266	-19,3
		R'000	833 487	757 748	1 068 152	5 034 157	5 128 263	1,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 732 053	2 534 350	3 277 448	17 031 888	17 478 022	2,6
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	9 838 884	8 212 388	10 399 670	66 576 186	63 731 698	-4,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 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

			Jul. 2018	Jun. 2019	Jul. 2019	Jan. - Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	320	305	84	4 087	2 021	-50,6
		square metres	15 793	13 173	4 060	181 239	88 267	-51,3
		R'000	88 232	78 782	30 007	1 059 062	507 423	-52,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	495	312	385	3 050	2 475	-18,9
		square metres	124 540	84 936	90 486	743 752	614 145	-17,4
		R'000	822 166	557 286	605 570	5 014 691	4 046 324	-19,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 103	486	404	7 537	4 058	-46,2
		square metres	94 202	50 824	47 956	722 946	443 441	-38,7
		R'000	758 831	400 019	375 504	5 452 420	3 475 004	-36,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	318	442	23 470	27 856	18,7
		R'000	0	2 172	3 211	181 605	197 646	8,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 669 229	1 038 259	1 014 292	11 707 778	8 226 397	-29,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	20 640	621	8 263	70 060	44 329	-36,7
		R'000	177 810	4 968	64 569	556 527	338 368	-39,2
	Shopping space	square metres	17 549	420	605	99 686	77 232	-22,5
		R'000	144 602	3 680	4 394	803 871	621 465	-22,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	15 489	30 397	23 684	218 423	206 337	-5,5
		R'000	95 591	211 340	163 148	1 469 229	1 429 142	-2,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	18 052	17 055	9 649	105 595	189 693	79,6
		R'000	117 564	111 880	60 196	745 041	1 349 786	81,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	535 567	331 868	292 307	3 574 668	3 738 761	4,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	69 887	72 653	83 008	481 545	471 514	-2,1
		R'000	454 324	468 349	549 913	3 239 926	3 100 710	-4,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	33 549	28 811	33 019	165 175	183 997	11,4
		R'000	311 280	268 809	447 127	1 658 722	2 077 560	25,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	765 604	737 158	997 040	4 898 648	5 178 270	5,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 970 400	2 107 285	2 303 639	20 181 094	17 143 428	-15,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 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

			Jul. 2018	Jun. 2019	Jul. 2019	Jan. - Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	21	52	980	183	-81,3
		square metres	627	1 281	3 448	45 100	11 361	-74,8
		R'000	4 079	8 736	23 075	280 863	71 065	-74,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	129	103	104	798	587	-26,4
		square metres	26 023	26 155	22 456	166 787	139 743	-16,2
		R'000	171 672	168 317	156 006	1 065 498	926 195	-13,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	5	70	86	1 068	310	-71,0
		square metres	611	13 598	8 049	67 256	40 037	-40,5
		R'000	4 045	89 719	55 454	418 748	263 144	-37,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	1 574	273	-82,7
		R'000	0	0	0	8 413	1 958	-76,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	179 796	266 772	234 535	1 773 522	1 262 362	-28,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 228	75	0	25 886	7 838	-69,7
		R'000	8 131	331	0	162 289	50 910	-68,6
	Shopping space	square metres	2 224	1 972	3 850	6 650	24 277	265,1
		R'000	14 585	13 482	26 723	40 461	141 213	249,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 446	10 583	22 742	81 079	139 502	72,1
		R'000	40 547	69 679	156 213	453 729	910 038	100,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 330	121	378	17 093	5 548	-67,5
		R'000	15 427	674	2 615	94 080	33 212	-64,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	78 690	84 166	185 551	750 559	1 135 373	51,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	24 950	22 391	21 546	176 041	140 086	-20,4
		R'000	159 271	139 192	145 923	1 084 700	905 277	-16,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	11 942	10 570	4 595	81 367	50 510	-37,9
		R'000	83 036	72 942	42 026	475 600	352 075	-26,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	242 307	212 134	187 949	1 560 300	1 257 352	-19,4
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	500 793	563 072	608 035	4 084 381	3 655 087	-10,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 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

			Jul. 2018	Jun. 2019	Jul. 2019	Jan. - Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	7	101	11	111	909,1
		square metres	187	414	4 252	610	4 828	691,5
		R'000	1 520	3 277	10 086	4 921	14 583	196,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	15	16	20	97	106	9,3
		square metres	3 652	3 339	5 712	18 588	25 569	37,6
		R'000	26 113	23 566	45 638	126 212	184 727	46,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2	0	7	30	7	-76,7
		square metres	303	0	548	2 620	548	-79,1
		R'000	2 541	0	4 803	18 929	4 803	-74,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	1 705	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	11 935	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	30 174	26 843	60 527	161 997	204 113	26,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	3 705	8 087	4 633	-42,7
		R'000	0	0	30 381	65 028	37 342	-42,6
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	1 196	3 656	1 576	-56,9
		R'000	0	0	6 206	29 398	9 261	-68,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 771	1 722	1 341	9 167	6 968	-24,0
		R'000	13 283	11 371	10 996	61 671	46 786	-24,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	691	2 199	51 061	2 222,0
		R'000	0	0	4 090	17 682	408 306	2 209,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	13 283	11 371	51 673	173 779	501 695	188,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 636	3 385	3 256	24 031	22 431	-6,7
		R'000	26 511	24 920	26 863	173 826	167 961	-3,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	99	547	8 876	7 762	-12,6
		R'000	1 235	1 263	5 085	72 987	63 604	-12,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	27 746	26 183	31 948	246 813	231 565	-6,2
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	71 203	64 397	144 148	582 589	937 373	60,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 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

			Jul. 2018	Jun. 2019	Jul. 2019	Jan. - Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	23	16	27	126	152	20,6
		square metres	1 351	886	1 568	7 066	9 002	27,4
		R'000	8 907	6 491	12 228	44 405	66 784	50,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	76	62	68	414	423	2,2
		square metres	13 985	15 287	15 465	88 028	90 652	3,0
		R'000	87 079	106 722	111 813	548 594	608 505	10,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	12	0	62	299	255	-14,7
		square metres	538	0	9 174	22 075	28 189	27,7
		R'000	3 984	0	72 841	156 586	214 666	37,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	260	220	148	11 310	7 024	-37,9
		R'000	1 238	1 093	868	74 891	36 180	-51,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	101 208	114 306	197 750	824 476	926 135	12,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 935	3 551	4 135	4 789	8 125	69,7
		R'000	18 009	22 173	33 378	31 506	57 731	83,2
	Shopping space	square metres	12 418	238	0	30 441	14 413	-52,7
		R'000	76 278	1 182	0	199 908	82 914	-58,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 109	2 515	1 697	53 555	7 702	-85,6
		R'000	37 837	16 096	10 045	359 061	49 470	-86,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	385	0	1 240	6 630	25 333	282,1
		R'000	1 833	0	10 009	40 768	187 728	360,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	133 957	39 451	53 432	631 243	377 843	-40,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 206	9 304	15 696	78 253	65 785	-15,9
		R'000	76 755	62 756	114 605	503 207	438 781	-12,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	7 136	2 961	2 316	54 209	15 173	-72,0
		R'000	69 496	40 232	42 402	458 688	240 866	-47,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	146 251	102 988	157 007	961 895	679 647	-29,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	381 416	256 745	408 189	2 417 614	1 983 625	-18,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 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

			Jul. 2018	Jun. 2019	Jul. 2019	Jan. - Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	11	21	115	120	4,3
		square metres	855	644	1 181	6 995	6 589	-5,8
		R'000	5 324	5 363	10 739	53 071	53 940	1,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	108	95	108	633	712	12,5
		square metres	34 118	29 554	35 720	196 949	222 362	12,9
		R'000	339 742	292 216	323 748	1 924 570	2 126 053	10,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	203	382	218	1 269	2 201	73,4
		square metres	28 073	39 753	41 194	150 116	261 369	74,1
		R'000	251 786	401 915	445 524	1 418 914	2 615 984	84,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	5 772	0	1 054	81 050	10 233	-87,4
		R'000	67 586	0	12 542	1 030 835	117 273	-88,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	664 438	699 494	792 553	4 427 390	4 913 250	11,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 777	0	192	104 205	36 960	-64,5
		R'000	11 087	0	2 112	1 083 815	368 774	-66,0
	Shopping space	square metres	5 445	1 390	1 010	49 824	26 224	-47,4
		R'000	47 638	12 590	11 110	514 144	239 783	-53,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	32 404	78 288	31 200	229 544	322 890	40,7
		R'000	194 424	508 526	166 107	1 398 909	1 965 025	40,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	21 690	2 649	525	48 158	14 374	-70,2
		R'000	157 589	18 508	4 385	375 654	119 567	-68,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	410 738	539 624	183 714	3 372 522	2 693 149	-20,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	39 890	27 973	32 299	205 410	226 053	10,0
		R'000	392 223	280 594	322 576	2 020 304	2 262 983	12,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	12 258	8 966	21 844	109 537	87 127	-20,5
		R'000	183 607	112 554	295 813	1 290 476	1 199 412	-7,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	575 830	393 148	618 389	3 310 780	3 462 395	4,6
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 651 006	1 632 266	1 594 656	11 110 692	11 068 794	-0,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 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

			Jul. 2018	Jun. 2019	Jul. 2019	Jan. - Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	8	0	4	725	45	-93,8
		square metres	485	0	258	30 523	2 427	-92,0
		R'000	2 656	0	1 339	97 956	12 671	-87,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	58	39	62	420	352	-16,2
		square metres	13 450	9 086	17 387	105 747	91 480	-13,5
		R'000	74 231	52 466	107 147	581 556	538 595	-7,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	118	99	8	836	398	-52,4
		square metres	13 144	6 031	906	75 878	27 974	-63,1
		R'000	71 565	35 831	4 701	397 876	168 970	-57,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	6 777	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	36 643	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	148 452	88 297	113 187	1 114 031	720 236	-35,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	416	0	1 189	3 412	3 699	8,4
		R'000	1 870	0	8 227	17 142	21 246	23,9
	Shopping space	square metres	7 584	5 212	1 252	21 483	16 466	-23,4
		R'000	37 920	31 546	6 667	115 508	103 513	-10,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 346	0	0	16 643	388	-97,7
		R'000	7 179	0	0	88 732	1 927	-97,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	518	7 662	9 945	3 295	19 980	506,4
		R'000	3 288	47 329	60 695	16 627	120 209	623,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	50 257	78 875	75 589	238 009	246 895	3,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 524	10 485	12 359	72 133	62 349	-13,6
		R'000	55 373	60 535	74 144	382 100	355 005	-7,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 287	1 844	2 093	7 717	10 877	40,9
		R'000	14 176	12 569	13 268	51 517	111 156	115,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	69 549	73 104	87 412	433 617	466 161	7,5
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	268 258	240 276	276 188	1 785 657	1 433 292	-19,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 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

			Jul. 2018	Jun. 2019	Jul. 2019	Jan. - Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2019	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 290	527	3 027	5 202	5 601	7,7	
		square metres	62 490	27 108	179 629	255 771	316 093	23,6	
		R'000	332 465	155 722	706 767	1 292 462	1 471 815	13,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	402	397	399	2 397	2 221	-7,3	
		square metres	159 224	112 667	124 995	742 726	689 908	-7,1	
		R'000	1 229 983	932 997	1 067 532	5 866 227	5 685 907	-3,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 364	404	772	5 697	7 357	29,1	
		square metres	84 090	62 506	98 768	706 917	934 486	32,2	
		R'000	645 371	535 912	877 640	5 759 739	8 052 435	39,8	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	629	0	0	6 451	4 717	-26,9	
		R'000	3 527	0	0	45 921	26 239	-42,9	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	2 211 346	1 624 631	2 651 939	12 964 349	15 236 396	17,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	3 147	0	34 461	161 125	134 236	-16,7	
		R'000	23 607	0	406 692	1 610 582	1 418 954	-11,9	
	Shopping space	square metres	18 714	26 718	9 845	159 183	75 796	-52,4	
		R'000	192 611	251 307	85 298	1 371 643	653 144	-52,4	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	48 657	18 759	37 905	343 849	215 302	-37,4	
		R'000	253 363	117 807	220 682	1 869 374	1 264 245	-32,4	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	7 728	2 646	17 168	84 805	32 156	-62,1	
		R'000	47 175	26 728	123 250	657 877	228 117	-65,3	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	516 756	395 842	835 922	5 509 476	3 564 460	-35,3
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	80 779	82 218	101 207	509 918	540 397	6,0
R'000			648 480	665 818	863 662	3 980 245	4 471 038	12,3	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	9 660	15 925	16 899	99 594	74 674	-25,0	
		R'000	87 941	123 672	169 275	741 787	649 029	-12,5	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	736 421	789 490	1 032 937	4 722 032	5 120 067	8,4	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 464 523	2 809 963	4 520 798	23 195 857	23 920 923	3,1	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 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

			Jul. 2018	Jun. 2019	Jul. 2019	Jan. - Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	22	23	32	144	187	29,9
		square metres	1 314	1 200	1 722	8 069	10 551	30,8
		R'000	7 251	6 050	9 609	43 108	54 694	26,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	56	55	97	523	468	-10,5
		square metres	12 736	13 271	24 989	138 043	117 901	-14,6
		R'000	65 641	77 585	165 934	818 192	750 412	-8,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	46	20	0	124	77	-37,9
		square metres	5 775	1 017	0	11 551	3 813	-67,0
		R'000	27 495	5 162	0	58 783	19 271	-67,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	405	600	7 492	3 712	-50,5
		R'000	0	2 056	3 113	41 588	18 910	-54,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	100 387	90 853	178 656	961 671	843 287	-12,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	5 401	15 156	1 393	12 876	31 086	141,4
		R'000	25 714	110 213	7 388	73 378	198 548	170,6
	Shopping space	square metres	798	2 040	1 513	18 364	13 247	-27,9
		R'000	3 799	10 874	11 449	89 490	73 876	-17,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	14 451	1 616	5 091	47 091	19 892	-57,8
		R'000	101 392	11 116	26 444	289 759	108 835	-62,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	6 470	1 912	1 584	12 467	15 969	28,1
		R'000	43 914	9 493	12 420	74 769	84 662	13,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	174 819	141 696	57 701	527 396	465 921	-11,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 120	8 572	12 298	86 241	75 885	-12,0
		R'000	62 119	48 788	73 937	471 882	433 583	-8,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 379	3 063	4 181	17 134	11 441	-33,2
		R'000	75 898	118 719	46 461	224 046	401 133	79,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	138 017	167 507	120 398	695 928	834 716	19,9
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	413 223	400 056	356 755	2 184 995	2 143 924	-1,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 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

			Jul. 2018	Jun. 2019	Jul. 2019	Jan. - Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2019	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	8	4	0	149	49	-67,1	
		square metres	438	243	0	8 460	3 088	-63,5	
		R'000	2 317	1 341	0	42 961	16 958	-60,5	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	41	47	54	303	291	-4,0	
		square metres	13 710	14 636	18 516	94 815	100 182	5,7	
		R'000	70 527	78 920	104 756	494 934	547 113	10,5	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	31	104	660	534,6	
		square metres	0	0	1 791	10 922	36 553	234,7	
		R'000	0	0	9 403	58 209	199 536	242,8	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	309	7 273	2 253,7	
		R'000	0	0	0	1 314	53 446	3 967,4	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	72 844	80 261	114 159	597 418	817 053	36,8
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	2 130	8 946	320,0
R'000			0	0	0	10 790	49 484	358,6	
Shopping space		square metres	0	0	661	19 314	36 330	88,1	
		R'000	0	0	3 811	105 064	218 544	108,0	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	1 492	4 250	800	19 472	14 611	-25,0	
		R'000	7 892	23 481	4 613	99 298	80 393	-19,0	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	1 567	353	3 466	4 131	5 573	34,9	
		R'000	6 998	1 948	20 311	18 862	31 929	69,3	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	14 890	25 429	28 735	234 014	380 350	62,5	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 472	4 521	6 509	27 308	38 446	40,8
	R'000		23 510	25 650	37 673	141 541	214 421	51,5	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	249	855	618	7 855	3 705	-52,8	
		R'000	6 818	6 988	6 695	60 334	33 428	-44,6	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	30 328	32 638	44 368	201 875	247 849	22,8
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	118 062	138 328	187 262	1 033 307	1 445 252	39,9	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 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

			Jul. 2018	Jun. 2019	Jul. 2019	Jan. - Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 507	859	1 047	6 259	5 737	-8,3
		square metres	78 449	45 925	54 422	317 545	293 301	-7,6
		R'000	502 580	268 338	325 568	1 861 014	1 681 712	-9,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 074	721	906	5 784	5 897	2,0
		square metres	256 215	191 729	229 886	1 478 391	1 525 746	3,2
		R'000	1 946 367	1 436 466	1 782 739	10 835 987	11 516 641	6,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 810	3 129	2 080	8 944	17 000	90,1
		square metres	273 202	581 589	319 969	1 290 096	2 363 327	83,2
		R'000	2 349 724	4 598 227	2 685 905	10 292 615	19 468 319	89,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	10 457	3 687	353	47 374	45 938	-3,0
		R'000	120 103	22 524	2 280	382 065	370 254	-3,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	4 918 774	6 325 555	4 796 492	23 371 681	33 036 926	41,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	94 581	24 743	85 604	397 516	372 378	-6,3
		R'000	871 230	261 002	919 779	3 679 533	3 787 772	2,9
	Shopping space	square metres	22 044	26 839	13 755	177 085	367 865	107,7
		R'000	197 498	210 013	133 334	1 500 325	3 440 331	129,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	55 338	113 899	124 987	541 369	712 332	31,6
		R'000	349 352	646 230	750 591	3 176 506	4 381 313	37,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	9 647	18 201	15 344	90 950	281 848	209,9
		R'000	66 258	141 816	100 690	658 842	2 008 547	204,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 484 338	1 259 061	1 904 394	9 015 206	13 617 963	51,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	131 465	69 793	112 413	671 583	592 661	-11,8
		R'000	930 103	515 276	799 204	4 800 790	4 375 330	-8,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	41 795	31 112	44 565	244 491	286 478	17,2
		R'000	431 985	353 154	400 733	2 290 142	2 941 605	28,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 362 088	868 430	1 199 937	7 090 932	7 316 935	3,2
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	7 765 200	8 453 046	7 900 823	39 477 819	53 971 824	36,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 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

			Jul. 2018	Jun. 2019	Jul. 2019	Jan. - Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	611	282	393	2 397	1 548	-35,4
		square metres	27 044	12 560	18 528	109 737	71 705	-34,7
		R'000	159 549	76 845	110 338	637 313	429 619	-32,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	354	242	311	1 928	1 760	-8,7
		square metres	83 704	57 635	75 373	454 579	422 487	-7,1
		R'000	575 495	399 727	512 541	3 065 691	2 905 456	-5,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	416	220	591	3 166	3 479	9,9
		square metres	55 077	32 512	61 874	351 053	412 840	17,6
		R'000	424 665	236 653	482 380	2 694 032	3 273 126	21,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	510	0	226	23 121	15 638	-32,4
		R'000	3 560	0	1 621	176 230	124 248	-29,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 163 269	713 225	1 106 880	6 573 266	6 732 449	2,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	41 669	0	0	76 128	22 490	-70,5
		R'000	356 690	0	0	610 102	166 254	-72,7
	Shopping space	square metres	4 234	3 919	2 510	48 227	27 979	-42,0
		R'000	23 286	34 291	17 328	367 797	229 977	-37,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	14 671	32 477	19 006	136 167	232 675	70,9
		R'000	98 577	225 390	121 422	899 500	1 595 980	77,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	6 381	13 359	1 132	48 462	111 918	130,9
		R'000	45 620	110 102	6 642	338 322	852 380	151,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	524 173	369 783	145 392	2 215 721	2 844 591	28,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	56 859	23 085	51 596	254 097	210 259	-17,3
		R'000	325 654	155 706	314 795	1 553 138	1 365 531	-12,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	24 590	13 843	24 907	112 863	118 682	5,2
		R'000	244 049	145 719	236 151	1 091 545	1 195 671	9,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	569 703	301 425	550 946	2 644 683	2 561 202	-3,2
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 257 145	1 384 433	1 803 218	11 433 670	12 138 242	6,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 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

			Jul. 2018	Jun. 2019	Jul. 2019	Jan. - Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	23	9	28	156	186	19,2
		square metres	1 367	377	1 333	8 715	8 978	3,0
		R'000	8 542	2 281	9 223	48 434	47 582	-1,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	100	47	71	347	391	12,7
		square metres	18 108	7 524	12 266	70 678	75 634	7,0
		R'000	117 576	47 566	87 908	465 668	494 203	6,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	56	55	44	110	171	55,5
		square metres	4 215	4 279	3 310	11 751	17 278	47,0
		R'000	27 908	26 235	22 695	75 685	111 708	47,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	237	0	0	729	..
		R'000	0	1 700	0	0	5 013	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	154 026	77 782	119 826	589 787	658 506	11,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	732	930	1 056	8 694	723,3
		R'000	0	4 847	6 435	6 804	57 226	741,1
	Shopping space	square metres	1 474	0	247	1 887	6 862	263,6
		R'000	9 100	0	1 709	10 846	45 014	315,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 904	295	8 539	41 784	38 263	-8,4
		R'000	30 653	1 956	59 081	254 593	247 968	-2,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 189	357	0	1 462	25 901	1 671,6
		R'000	7 670	2 364	0	9 118	166 368	1 724,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	47 423	9 167	67 225	281 361	516 576	83,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	21 785	12 409	12 749	61 150	73 700	20,5
		R'000	142 583	74 378	87 937	386 926	464 334	20,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 005	2 453	2 992	14 129	27 677	95,9
		R'000	13 452	16 985	22 451	106 673	193 428	81,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	156 035	91 363	110 388	493 599	657 762	33,3
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	357 484	178 312	297 439	1 364 747	1 832 844	34,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 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

			Jul. 2018	Jun. 2019	Jul. 2019	Jan. - Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	0	9	39	333,3
		square metres	0	0	0	605	2 398	296,4
		R'000	0	0	0	4 720	19 237	307,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	2	9	4	24	61	154,2
		square metres	739	2 895	1 128	4 961	16 908	240,8
		R'000	6 198	21 713	9 250	36 911	129 029	249,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	2	6	1	19	1 800,0
		square metres	0	179	653	146	1 912	1 209,6
		R'000	0	1 343	5 355	1 174	15 127	1 188,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	475	0	0	475	..
		R'000	0	3 563	0	0	3 563	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	6 198	26 619	14 605	42 805	166 956	290,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	299	372	24,4
		R'000	0	0	0	2 093	2 790	33,3
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	363	3 054	521	3 417	555,9
		R'000	0	1 628	25 043	3 647	26 671	631,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	760	0	973	..
		R'000	0	0	6 232	0	7 830	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	1 628	31 275	5 740	37 291	549,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 572	1 556	2 066	17 169	15 222	-11,3
		R'000	12 749	11 670	16 941	128 058	117 310	-8,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	540	774	0	6 951	5 985	-13,9
		R'000	4 050	6 035	210	60 835	52 953	-13,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	16 799	17 705	17 151	188 893	170 263	-9,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	22 997	45 952	63 031	237 438	374 510	57,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 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

			Jul. 2018	Jun. 2019	Jul. 2019	Jan. - Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	0	3	125	11	-91,2
		square metres	624	0	173	7 272	654	-91,0
		R'000	4 366	0	1 157	41 508	4 379	-89,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	7	5	11	94	110	17,0
		square metres	1 451	1 417	2 205	19 530	24 000	22,9
		R'000	8 499	7 264	12 609	120 908	142 913	18,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	32	0	24	272	26	-90,4
		square metres	4 131	0	970	32 243	1 479	-95,4
		R'000	30 594	0	5 033	238 451	8 403	-96,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	127	402	728	81,1
		R'000	0	0	659	2 144	4 306	100,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	43 459	7 264	19 458	403 011	160 001	-60,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	5 768	1 390	-75,9
		R'000	0	0	0	42 185	6 903	-83,6
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	234	2 145	234	-89,1
		R'000	0	0	1 565	12 664	1 565	-87,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	5 000	535	10 943	1 945,4
		R'000	0	0	40 360	3 396	69 873	1 957,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	326	478	46,6
		R'000	0	0	0	2 000	3 692	84,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	41 925	60 245	82 033	36,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	683	2 280	2 720	12 127	20 171	66,3
		R'000	4 005	11 323	14 949	66 958	113 766	69,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	0	7 208	2 554	-64,6
		R'000	5 609	1 536	594	65 869	21 410	-67,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	9 614	12 859	15 543	132 827	135 176	1,8
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	53 073	20 123	76 926	596 083	377 210	-36,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 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

			Jul. 2018	Jun. 2019	Jul. 2019	Jan. - Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	16	8	14	140	88	-37,1
		square metres	905	456	858	8 304	5 211	-37,2
		R'000	9 258	3 306	6 885	89 046	44 553	-50,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	71	45	61	508	424	-16,5
		square metres	21 438	16 334	17 629	137 423	136 890	-0,4
		R'000	233 911	177 989	185 288	1 382 693	1 479 416	7,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	64	346	269	324	1 386	327,8
		square metres	10 077	40 587	41 914	56 685	198 926	250,9
		R'000	116 886	456 866	442 929	552 345	2 195 606	297,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	9 705	0	0	10 986	0	..
		R'000	115 454	0	0	128 626	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	475 509	638 161	635 102	2 152 710	3 719 575	72,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	955	23 517	0	41 285	83 189	101,5
		R'000	10 505	251 942	0	448 156	905 078	102,0
	Shopping space	square metres	10 547	2 030	0	44 162	44 017	-0,3
		R'000	119 803	18 567	0	456 198	483 131	5,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 721	8 061	15 789	83 338	118 222	41,9
		R'000	42 651	48 666	96 181	498 771	715 597	43,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	612	139	254	8 844	24 664	178,9
		R'000	5 202	1 362	1 778	79 336	158 325	99,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	178 161	320 537	97 959	1 482 461	2 262 131	52,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	18 616	8 157	12 230	108 532	74 320	-31,5
		R'000	213 065	96 843	130 716	1 124 931	848 145	-24,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	5 220	6 013	5 090	29 285	64 902	121,6
		R'000	51 927	74 015	59 790	283 383	769 736	171,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	264 992	170 858	190 506	1 408 314	1 617 881	14,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	918 662	1 129 556	923 567	5 043 485	7 599 587	50,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 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

			Jul. 2018	Jun. 2019	Jul. 2019	Jan. - Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2019	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	26	5	4	243	32	-86,8	
		square metres	1 407	307	237	14 362	2 036	-85,8	
		R'000	5 964	1 524	1 230	72 060	11 653	-83,8	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	39	50	68	450	577	28,2	
		square metres	8 517	15 203	16 245	91 060	99 560	9,3	
		R'000	47 463	88 871	96 884	511 205	558 746	9,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	12	22	21	463	357	-22,9	
		square metres	1 297	2 701	1 828	51 880	28 445	-45,2	
		R'000	6 416	14 250	12 263	287 633	165 607	-42,4	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	242	163	0	242	2 709	1 019,4	
		R'000	1 089	809	0	1 089	16 467	1 412,1	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	60 932	105 454	110 377	871 987	752 473	-13,7
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 429	4 900	242,9
R'000			0	0	0	8 421	24 401	189,8	
Shopping space		square metres	2 438	10 134	0	3 775	12 465	230,2	
		R'000	14 020	62 471	0	21 277	75 660	255,6	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	1 080	2 344	0	7 492	12 952	72,9	
		R'000	5 400	11 720	0	35 732	64 561	80,7	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	142	0	5 459	10 049	84,1	
		R'000	0	705	0	30 629	54 149	76,8	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	19 420	74 896	0	96 059	218 771	127,7	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 945	1 906	2 812	45 524	26 905	-40,9
	R'000		10 549	10 685	16 261	274 043	162 143	-40,8	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	305	975	1 557	7 280	8 629	18,5	
		R'000	1 931	7 216	10 518	45 007	52 110	15,8	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	12 480	17 901	26 779	319 050	214 253	-32,8
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	92 832	198 251	137 156	1 287 096	1 185 497	-7,9	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 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

			Jul. 2018	Jun. 2019	Jul. 2019	Jan. - Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	780	494	555	2 904	3 501	20,6
		square metres	44 847	28 517	30 561	152 122	182 545	20,0
		R'000	303 055	166 608	182 986	883 401	1 023 091	15,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	405	268	325	1 849	2 005	8,4
		square metres	104 975	76 505	90 724	557 989	590 981	5,9
		R'000	857 839	605 583	782 868	4 464 940	4 874 148	9,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 217	2 353	1 110	4 507	11 308	150,9
		square metres	197 370	481 955	208 406	777 294	1 670 661	114,9
		R'000	1 737 780	3 765 091	1 709 357	6 393 047	13 529 001	111,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	2 632	0	1 260	25 141	1 895,3
		R'000	0	15 392	0	8 807	213 606	2 325,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 898 674	4 552 674	2 675 211	11 750 195	19 639 846	67,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	51 957	494	84 189	264 559	247 727	-6,4
		R'000	504 035	4 213	909 541	2 524 920	2 603 601	3,1
	Shopping space	square metres	3 351	7 619	10 764	57 298	247 612	332,1
		R'000	31 289	77 295	112 732	532 583	2 417 736	354,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	23 107	70 359	71 862	248 136	284 743	14,8
		R'000	144 147	356 870	398 488	1 354 244	1 602 545	18,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	820	4 204	12 875	24 949	102 479	310,8
		R'000	4 354	27 283	84 362	192 498	739 118	284,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	683 825	465 661	1 505 123	4 604 245	7 363 000	59,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	22 841	17 195	21 162	144 225	137 745	-4,5
		R'000	173 808	138 166	175 756	1 098 246	1 100 790	0,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	8 997	6 551	9 585	62 258	51 594	-17,1
		R'000	98 540	44 380	64 756	526 423	388 651	-26,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	272 348	182 546	240 512	1 624 669	1 489 441	-8,3
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 854 847	5 200 881	4 420 846	17 979 109	28 492 287	58,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 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

			Jul. 2018	Jun. 2019	Jul. 2019	Jan. - Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	30	61	48	205	281	37,1
		square metres	1 705	3 708	2 640	11 568	16 677	44,2
		R'000	8 936	17 774	13 219	58 823	84 589	43,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	71	23	32	411	359	-12,7
		square metres	11 263	5 765	7 944	96 004	106 103	10,5
		R'000	68 305	41 679	59 039	551 462	641 003	16,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	106	0	49	151	208,2
		square metres	0	15 509	0	2 769	21 569	678,9
		R'000	0	76 987	0	17 100	113 556	564,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	2 307	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	15 648	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	77 241	136 440	72 258	643 033	839 148	30,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	485	256	1 684	557,8
		R'000	0	0	3 803	1 219	10 860	790,9
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 337	0	8 414	23 391	178,0
		R'000	0	6 787	0	40 059	157 309	292,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 779	0	0	12 454	5 925	-52,4
		R'000	23 345	0	0	69 637	31 221	-55,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	323	214	3 536	1 552,3
		R'000	0	0	1 676	1 020	17 632	1 628,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	23 345	6 787	5 479	111 935	217 022	93,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 058	2 543	6 445	25 977	31 181	20,0
		R'000	47 165	13 267	38 352	154 191	186 249	20,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	138	503	252	3 552	4 929	38,8
		R'000	11 927	54 768	5 172	99 512	249 899	151,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	59 092	68 035	43 524	253 703	436 148	71,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	159 678	211 262	121 261	1 008 671	1 492 318	47,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 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

			Jul. 2018	Jun. 2019	Jul. 2019	Jan. - Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	0	2	80	51	-36,3
		square metres	550	0	92	4 860	3 097	-36,3
		R'000	2 910	0	530	25 709	17 009	-33,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	25	32	23	173	210	21,4
		square metres	6 020	8 451	6 372	46 167	53 183	15,2
		R'000	31 081	46 074	36 352	236 509	291 727	23,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	13	25	15	52	103	98,1
		square metres	1 035	3 867	1 014	6 275	10 217	62,8
		R'000	5 475	20 802	5 893	33 148	56 185	69,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	180	0	9 056	518	-94,3
		R'000	0	1 060	0	49 521	3 051	-93,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	39 466	67 936	42 775	344 887	367 972	6,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	6 736	1 932	-71,3
		R'000	0	0	0	35 633	10 659	-70,1
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 800	0	11 177	5 305	-52,5
		R'000	0	10 602	0	58 901	29 939	-49,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 076	0	1 737	10 942	5 192	-52,5
		R'000	4 579	0	10 016	56 986	26 897	-52,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	645	0	0	1 234	1 850	49,9
		R'000	3 412	0	0	5 919	9 053	52,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	7 991	10 602	10 016	157 439	76 548	-51,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	106	662	633	2 782	3 158	13,5
		R'000	525	3 238	3 497	14 299	17 062	19,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	182	965	1 526	58,1
		R'000	500	2 500	1 091	10 895	17 747	62,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 025	5 738	4 588	25 194	34 809	38,2
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	48 482	84 276	57 379	527 520	479 329	-9,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 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 July 2019 was 93,6%. The improved collection rate for June 2019 was 96,4%.
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: <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.
Related publications	15	Users may also wish to refer to the following publications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P5041.3: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> issued annually; • P9101.2: <i>Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region</i> issued annually; and • <i>Building Statistics</i> (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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