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## Key findings for January to July 2023

### Building plans passed at current prices

**Table A – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building**

Type of building	Jan – Jul 2022 1/	Jan – Jul 2023 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Jul 2022 and Jan – Jul 2023	% change between Jan – Jul 2022 and Jan – Jul 2023
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>36 858 252</b>	<b>30 795 749</b>	<b>-6 062 503</b>	<b>-16,4</b>
-Dwelling-houses	23 760 847	20 428 734	-3 332 113	-14,0
-Flats and townhouses	12 601 577	9 927 299	-2 674 278	-21,2
-Other residential buildings	495 828	439 716	-56 112	-11,3
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>12 533 229</b>	<b>14 041 739</b>	<b>1 508 510</b>	<b>12,0</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	<b>18 167 721</b>	<b>17 137 953</b>	<b>-1 029 768</b>	<b>-5,7</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>67 559 202</b>	<b>61 975 441</b>	<b>-5 583 761</b>	<b>-8,3</b>

1/ 2022 and 2023 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

The value of building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 8,3% (-R5 583,8 million) during January to July 2023 compared with January to July 2022.

Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-16,4% or -R6 062,5 million) and additions and alterations (-5,7% or -R1 029,8 million). An increase was reported for non-residential buildings (12,0% or R1 508,5 million) – see Table A.

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

Province	Jan – Jul 2022 1/	Jan – Jul 2023 1/	Weight Jan – Jul 2022	% change between Jan – Jul 2022 and Jan – Jul 2023	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Jul 2022 and Jan – Jul 2023	Difference in value between Jan – Jul 2022 and Jan – Jul 2023
	R'000	R'000	%		2/	R'000
Western Cape	21 114 787	20 343 004	31,3	-3,7	-1,1	-771 783
Eastern Cape	4 143 159	3 949 642	6,1	-4,7	-0,3	-193 517
Northern Cape	923 857	536 897	1,4	-41,9	-0,6	-386 960
Free State	1 440 562	1 508 464	2,1	4,7	0,1	67 902
KwaZulu-Natal	11 626 251	7 317 101	17,2	-37,1	-6,4	-4 309 150
North West	2 279 885	1 714 226	3,4	-24,8	-0,8	-565 659
Gauteng	21 110 941	21 690 979	31,2	2,7	0,9	580 038
Mpumalanga	3 131 141	3 554 128	4,6	13,5	0,6	422 987
Limpopo	1 788 619	1 361 000	2,6	-23,9	-0,6	-427 619
<b>Total</b>	<b>67 559 202</b>	<b>61 975 441</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>-8,3</b>	<b>-8,3</b>	<b>-5 583 761</b>

1/ 2022 and 2023 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 by its weight, divided by 100, where the weight is the percentage contribution of each province to the cumulative total building plans passed during the previous year.

The largest contributions to the total decrease of 8,3% (-R5 583,8 million) were made by KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -6,4 percentage points or -R4 309,2 million) and Western Cape (contributing -1,1 percentage points or -R771,8 million) – see Table B.

## Building plans passed at constant 2019 prices

**Table C – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building**

Type of building	Jan – Jul 2022 1/	Jan – Jul 2023 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Jul 2022 and Jan – Jul 2023	% change between Jan – Jul 2022 and Jan – Jul 2023
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	29 663 485	23 636 091	-6 027 394	-20,3
Non-residential buildings	10 125 194	10 764 531	639 337	6,3
Additions and alterations	14 592 295	13 155 413	-1 436 882	-9,8
<b>Total</b>	<b>54 380 974</b>	<b>47 556 035</b>	<b>-6 824 939</b>	<b>-12,6</b>

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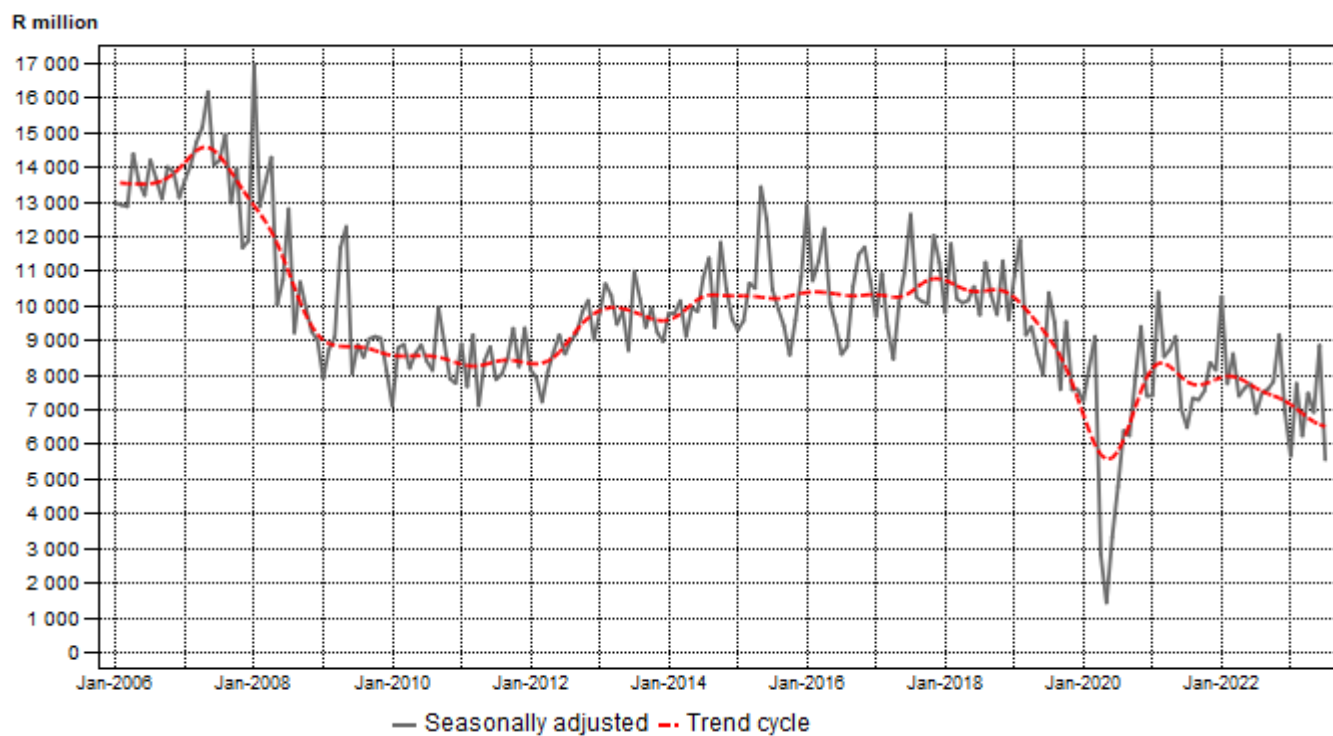
The real value of building plans passed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 12,6% (-R6 824,9 million) during January to July 2023 compared with January to July 2022. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-20,3% or -R6 027,4 million) and additions and alterations (-9,8% or -R1 436,9 million). Non-residential buildings rose by 6,3% (R639,3 million) – see Table C.

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

Type of building	Feb – Apr 2023	May – Jul 2023	% change between Feb – Apr 2023 and May – Jul 2023
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	11 467 159	9 565 557	-16,6
Non-residential buildings 1/	4 296 263	5 901 713	37,4
Additions and alterations	5 739 887	5 889 770	2,6
<b>Total</b>	<b>21 503 309</b>	<b>21 357 040</b>	<b>-0,7</b>

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of building plans passed decreased by 0,7% in the three months ended July 2023 compared with the previous three months. Residential buildings fell by 16,6%. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (37,4%) and additions and alterations (2,6%) – see Table D.

**Figure 1 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices**

## Buildings reported as completed at current prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Jul 2022 1/	Jan – Jul 2023 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Jul 2022 and Jan – Jul 2023	% change between Jan – Jul 2022 and Jan – Jul 2023
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>19 627 174</b>	<b>18 742 028</b>	<b>-885 146</b>	<b>-4,5</b>
-Dwelling-houses	12 818 297	12 521 679	-296 618	-2,3
-Flats and townhouses	6 438 958	6 121 236	-317 722	-4,9
-Other residential buildings	369 919	99 113	-270 806	-73,2
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>9 289 407</b>	<b>7 718 590</b>	<b>-1 570 817</b>	<b>-16,9</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	<b>10 859 339</b>	<b>5 073 757</b>	<b>-5 785 582</b>	<b>-53,3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>39 775 920</b>	<b>31 534 375</b>	<b>-8 241 545</b>	<b>-20,7</b>

1/ 2022 and 2023 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 20,7% (-R8 241,5 million) during January to July 2023 compared with January to July 2022.

Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-53,3% or -R5 785,6 million), non-residential buildings (-16,9% or -R1 570,8 million) and residential buildings (-4,5% or -R885,1 million) – see Table E.

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

Province	Jan – Jul 2022 1/	Jan – Jul 2023 1/	Weight Jan – Jul 2022	% change between Jan – Jul 2022 and Jan – Jul 2023	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Jul 2022 and Jan – Jul 2023	Difference in value between Jan – Jul 2022 and Jan – Jul 2023
	R'000	R'000	%		2/	R'000
Western Cape	17 808 940	9 203 855	44,8	-48,3	-21,6	-8 605 085
Eastern Cape	1 581 672	1 759 518	4,0	11,2	0,4	177 846
Northern Cape	512 470	259 858	1,3	-49,3	-0,6	-252 612
Free State	392 024	317 865	1,0	-18,9	-0,2	-74 159
KwaZulu-Natal	5 614 386	4 869 322	14,1	-13,3	-1,9	-745 064
North West	1 101 923	974 123	2,8	-11,6	-0,3	-127 800
Gauteng	11 422 337	12 416 724	28,7	8,7	2,5	994 387
Mpumalanga	749 798	847 375	1,9	13,0	0,2	97 577
Limpopo	592 370	885 735	1,5	49,5	0,7	293 365
<b>Total</b>	<b>39 775 920</b>	<b>31 534 375</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>-20,7</b>	<b>-20,7</b>	<b>-8 241 545</b>

1/ 2022 and 2023 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 by its weight, divided by 100, where the weight is the percentage contribution of each province to the cumulative total buildings reported as completed during the previous year.

Five provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed during January to July 2023, of which Western Cape (contributing -21,6 percentage points or -R8 605,1 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -1,9 percentage points or -R745,1 million) were the largest negative contributors. Gauteng (contributing 2,5 percentage points or R994,4 million) was the largest positive contributor – see Table F.

## Buildings reported as completed at constant 2019 prices

**Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building**

Type of building	Jan – Jul 2022 1/	Jan – Jul 2023 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Jul 2022 and Jan – Jul 2023	% change between Jan – Jul 2022 and Jan – Jul 2023
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	15 774 781	14 372 775	-1 402 006	-8,9
Non-residential buildings	7 474 334	5 934 227	-1 540 107	-20,6
Additions and alterations	8 733 309	3 895 096	-4 838 213	-55,4
<b>Total</b>	<b>31 982 424</b>	<b>24 202 098</b>	<b>-7 780 326</b>	<b>-24,3</b>

1/ 2022 and 2023 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 24,3% (-R7 780,3 million) during January to July 2023 compared with January to July 2022. Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-55,4% or -R4 838,2 million), non-residential buildings (-20,6% or -R1 540,1 million) and residential buildings (-8,9% or -R1 402,0 million) – see Table G.

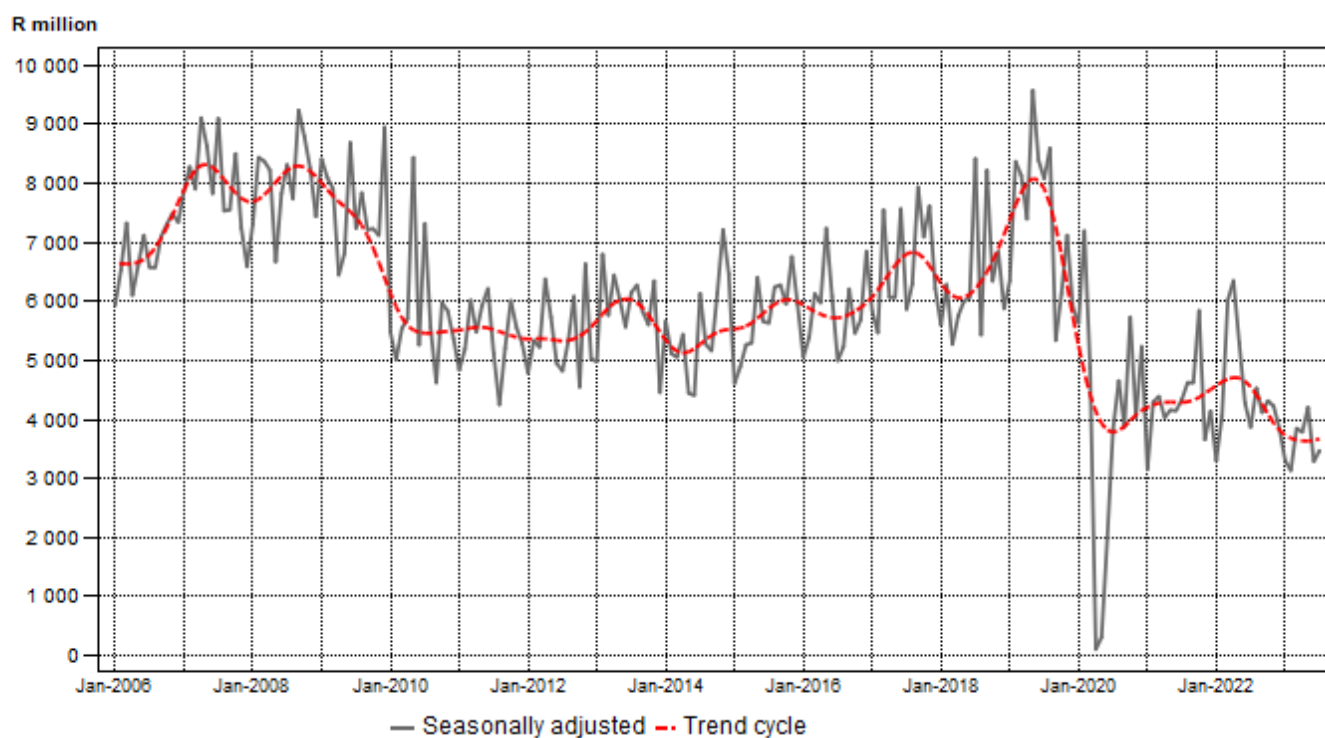
**Table H – Seasonally adjusted buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building**

Type of building	Feb – Apr 2023	May – Jul 2023	% change between Feb – Apr 2023 and May – Jul 2023
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 264 882	7 189 706	14,8
Non-residential buildings 1/	2 783 196	2 011 485	-27,7
Additions and alterations	1 713 062	1 756 959	2,6
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 761 140</b>	<b>10 958 150</b>	<b>1,8</b>

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 1,8% in the three months ended July 2023 compared with the previous three months. Increases were reported for residential buildings (14,8%) and additions and alterations (2,6%). Non-residential buildings fell by 27,7% – see Table H.



**Figure 2 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices**

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## Tables

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

Year and month 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/
2022	January	5 723 791	57,3	1 415 467	242,3	1 797 644	18,0	8 936 902	60,3
	February	4 568 639	-11,9	2 255 248	-31,8	2 444 275	-7,3	9 268 162	-16,7
	March	5 109 535	11,2	3 402 406	36,1	2 595 055	1,6	11 106 996	15,1
	April	4 849 203	-3,0	1 142 322	-48,9	2 478 941	16,1	8 470 466	-9,6
	May	4 986 476	-20,7	1 681 108	35,3	3 099 515	17,9	9 767 099	-3,9
	June	6 194 173	42,5	1 652 544	-14,6	2 717 245	13,2	10 563 962	21,7
	July	5 426 435	14,8	984 134	-8,0	3 035 046	21,8	9 445 615	14,0
	August	4 840 254	-14,0	1 823 251	97,1	3 626 575	41,3	10 290 080	12,8
	September	5 099 248	-2,5	1 883 600	51,9	3 143 796	16,1	10 126 644	10,3
	October	5 852 739	14,8	1 492 387	23,4	3 087 319	-3,7	10 432 445	9,7
	November	6 181 432	5,2	2 784 773	99,7	3 083 042	4,1	12 049 247	17,8
	December	3 404 524	-27,4	1 809 580	31,1	2 080 533	-0,6	7 294 637	-10,6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>62 236 449</b>	<b>3,2</b>	<b>22 326 820</b>	<b>18,5</b>	<b>33 188 986</b>	<b>11,0</b>	<b>117 752 255</b>	<b>8,0</b>
2023	January	2 761 377	-51,8	721 791	-49,0	1 882 313	4,7	5 365 481	-40,0
	February	5 305 695	16,1	1 856 777	-17,7	2 639 147	8,0	9 801 619	5,8
	March	4 655 553	-8,9	1 696 971	-50,1	2 152 231	-17,1	8 504 755	-23,4
	April	4 613 802	-4,9	2 035 643	78,2	2 270 843	-8,4	8 920 288	5,3
	May	4 438 281	-11,0	2 059 644	22,5	2 959 940	-4,5	9 457 865	-3,2
	June	4 721 148	-23,8	4 617 608	179,4	2 779 141	2,3	12 117 897	14,7
	July	4 299 893	-20,8	1 053 305	7,0	2 454 338	-19,1	7 807 536	-17,3

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
<b>2022</b>	January	8 521 836	42,5	1 415 467	2,5	2 553 844	2,0	12 491 147	26,7
	February	4 668 052	-45,2	2 255 248	59,3	2 495 808	-2,3	9 419 108	-24,6
	March	4 682 267	0,3	3 402 406	50,9	2 544 546	2,0	10 629 219	12,8
	April	5 238 394	11,9	1 142 322	-66,4	2 752 227	8,2	9 132 943	-14,1
	May	4 842 611	-7,6	1 681 108	47,2	3 106 544	12,9	9 630 263	5,4
	June	5 584 264	15,3	1 652 544	-1,7	2 594 351	-16,5	9 831 159	2,1
	July	5 046 997	-9,6	984 134	-40,4	2 792 145	7,6	8 823 276	-10,3
	August	4 324 866	-14,3	1 823 251	85,3	3 250 381	16,4	9 398 498	6,5
	September	4 835 298	11,8	1 883 600	3,3	2 795 976	-14,0	9 514 874	1,2
	October	5 523 365	14,2	1 492 387	-20,8	2 811 939	0,6	9 827 691	3,3
	November	6 045 366	9,5	2 784 773	86,6	2 790 808	-0,8	11 620 947	18,2
	December	4 487 277	-25,8	1 809 580	-35,0	2 542 377	-8,9	8 839 234	-23,9
<b>2023</b>	January	3 930 350	-12,4	721 791	-60,1	2 611 850	2,7	7 263 991	-17,8
	February	5 440 146	38,4	1 856 777	157,2	2 696 548	3,2	9 993 471	37,6
	March	4 369 662	-19,7	1 696 971	-8,6	2 104 510	-22,0	8 171 143	-18,2
	April	5 040 117	15,3	2 035 643	20,0	2 664 574	26,6	9 740 334	19,2
	May	4 195 317	-16,8	2 059 644	1,2	2 818 805	5,8	9 073 766	-6,8
	June	4 324 823	3,1	4 617 608	124,2	2 661 098	-5,6	11 603 529	27,9
	July	4 051 444	-6,3	1 053 305	-77,2	2 225 309	-16,4	7 330 058	-36,8
	<b>Feb – Apr 23</b>	<b>14 849 925</b>		<b>5 589 391</b>		<b>7 465 632</b>		<b>27 904 948</b>	
	<b>May – Jul 23 2/</b>	<b>12 571 584</b>	<b>-15,3</b>	<b>7 730 557</b>	<b>38,3</b>	<b>7 705 212</b>	<b>3,2</b>	<b>28 007 353</b>	<b>0,4</b>

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

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

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

**Table 3 – Value and percentage change of building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building**

Year and month 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/
2022	January	4 738 238	39,0	1 171 744	202,4	1 488 116	4,2	7 398 098	41,6
	February	3 754 017	-21,4	1 853 121	-39,2	2 008 443	-17,4	7 615 581	-25,7
	March	4 157 474	-0,6	2 768 434	21,6	2 111 517	-9,2	9 037 425	2,9
	April	3 907 496	-12,9	920 485	-54,1	1 997 535	4,3	6 825 516	-18,8
	May	3 957 521	-28,9	1 334 213	21,4	2 459 933	5,7	7 751 667	-13,8
	June	4 892 712	29,7	1 305 327	-22,3	2 146 323	3,0	8 344 362	10,7
	July	4 256 027	4,5	771 870	-16,3	2 380 428	10,8	7 408 325	3,7
	August	3 817 235	-21,0	1 437 895	81,0	2 860 075	29,8	8 115 205	3,7
	September	4 040 609	-9,1	1 492 552	41,7	2 491 122	8,2	8 024 283	2,9
	October	4 659 824	8,0	1 188 206	16,2	2 458 057	-9,3	8 306 087	3,2
	November	4 905 898	-0,4	2 210 137	88,9	2 446 859	-1,5	9 562 894	11,4
	December	2 697 721	-31,1	1 433 899	24,4	1 648 600	-5,7	5 780 220	-15,2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>49 784 772</b>	<b>-5,5</b>	<b>17 887 883</b>	<b>7,7</b>	<b>26 497 008</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>94 169 663</b>	<b>-1,3</b>
2023	January	2 167 486	-54,3	566 555	-51,6	1 477 483	-0,7	4 211 524	-43,1
	February	4 103 399	9,3	1 436 022	-22,5	2 041 104	1,6	7 580 525	-0,5
	March	3 567 474	-14,2	1 300 361	-53,0	1 649 219	-21,9	6 517 054	-27,9
	April	3 535 480	-9,5	1 559 880	69,5	1 740 110	-12,9	6 835 470	0,1
	May	3 385 416	-14,5	1 571 048	17,8	2 257 773	-8,2	7 214 237	-6,9
	June	3 609 440	-26,2	3 530 281	170,5	2 124 726	-1,0	9 264 447	11,0
	July	3 267 396	-23,2	800 384	3,7	1 864 998	-21,7	5 932 778	-19,9

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

**Table 4 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building**

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
<b>2022</b>	January	7 000 285	42,5	1 171 744	1,7	2 102 435	1,0	10 274 464	26,1
	February	3 857 016	-44,9	1 853 121	58,2	2 046 265	-2,7	7 756 402	-24,5
	March	3 788 002	-1,8	2 768 434	49,4	2 064 639	0,9	8 621 075	11,1
	April	4 247 158	12,1	920 485	-66,8	2 224 015	7,7	7 391 658	-14,3
	May	3 828 374	-9,9	1 334 213	44,9	2 469 237	11,0	7 631 824	3,2
	June	4 401 790	15,0	1 305 327	-2,2	2 049 727	-17,0	7 756 844	1,6
	July	3 928 380	-10,8	771 870	-40,9	2 196 580	7,2	6 896 830	-11,1
	August	3 479 424	-11,4	1 437 895	86,3	2 573 748	17,2	7 491 067	8,6
	September	3 875 091	11,4	1 492 552	3,8	2 219 024	-13,8	7 586 667	1,3
	October	4 389 063	13,3	1 188 206	-20,4	2 235 338	0,7	7 812 607	3,0
	November	4 750 253	8,2	2 210 137	86,0	2 209 128	-1,2	9 169 518	17,4
	December	3 488 922	-26,6	1 433 899	-35,1	2 005 149	-9,2	6 927 970	-24,4
<b>2023</b>	January	3 050 910	-12,6	566 555	-60,5	2 042 757	1,9	5 660 222	-18,3
	February	4 247 397	39,2	1 436 022	153,5	2 083 975	2,0	7 767 394	37,2
	March	3 333 126	-21,5	1 300 361	-9,4	1 613 426	-22,6	6 246 913	-19,6
	April	3 886 636	16,6	1 559 880	20,0	2 042 486	26,6	7 489 002	19,9
	May	3 195 909	-17,8	1 571 048	0,7	2 156 033	5,6	6 922 990	-7,6
	June	3 300 167	3,3	3 530 281	124,7	2 038 858	-5,4	8 869 306	28,1
	July	3 069 481	-7,0	800 384	-77,3	1 694 879	-16,9	5 564 744	-37,3
	<b>Feb – Apr 23</b>	<b>11 467 159</b>		<b>4 296 263</b>		<b>5 739 887</b>		<b>21 503 309</b>	
	<b>May – Jul 23 2/</b>	<b>9 565 557</b>	<b>-16,6</b>	<b>5 901 713</b>	<b>37,4</b>	<b>5 889 770</b>	<b>2,6</b>	<b>21 357 040</b>	<b>-0,7</b>

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

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

3/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 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/
2022	January	1 915 442	23,1	458 707	-22,6	764 676	37,2	3 138 825	16,0
	February	2 310 014	0,8	1 271 255	-0,6	1 147 349	32,2	4 728 618	6,5
	March	3 197 697	-1,4	2 627 335	441,9	1 891 604	53,9	7 716 636	55,7
	April	3 351 268	49,1	1 172 464	11,1	2 620 953	169,1	7 144 685	67,0
	May	3 078 346	19,4	1 137 002	-3,4	2 412 256	187,7	6 627 604	44,3
	June	2 981 227	9,3	1 455 223	39,9	1 014 533	-2,3	5 450 983	13,4
	July	2 793 180	11,6	1 167 421	-6,8	1 007 968	-25,6	4 968 569	-2,8
	August	3 221 336	28,5	1 248 420	5,1	1 340 292	-25,1	5 810 048	6,0
	September	3 404 025	12,5	1 100 905	-5,9	1 026 348	-33,7	5 531 278	-3,7
	October	3 563 665	-3,3	1 069 676	-47,9	963 822	-29,7	5 597 163	-21,3
	November	4 199 248	31,2	955 555	18,4	1 061 310	-7,3	6 216 113	20,7
	December	3 174 089	-3,7	1 087 669	23,4	627 720	-18,5	4 889 478	-1,1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>37 189 537</b>	<b>13,2</b>	<b>14 751 632</b>	<b>13,6</b>	<b>15 878 831</b>	<b>17,8</b>	<b>67 820 000</b>	<b>14,3</b>
2023	January	1 599 678	-16,5	1 451 781	216,5	535 533	-30,0	3 586 992	14,3
	February	2 412 794	4,4	569 750	-55,2	847 764	-26,1	3 830 308	-19,0
	March	2 742 408	-14,2	1 709 220	-34,9	669 807	-64,6	5 121 435	-33,6
	April	2 532 811	-24,4	1 347 813	15,0	692 596	-73,6	4 573 220	-36,0
	May	3 964 131	28,8	649 310	-42,9	843 975	-65,0	5 457 416	-17,7
	June	2 829 480	-5,1	754 080	-48,2	776 737	-23,4	4 360 297	-20,0
	July	2 660 726	-4,7	1 236 636	5,9	707 345	-29,8	4 604 707	-7,3

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 corresponding 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>2022</b>	January	2 570 614	-19,3	458 707	-48,0	980 129	9,1	4 009 450	-19,3
	February	2 568 719	-0,1	1 271 255	177,1	1 102 124	12,4	4 942 098	23,3
	March	3 168 964	23,4	2 627 335	106,7	1 617 763	46,8	7 414 062	50,0
	April	3 644 256	15,0	1 172 464	-55,4	3 024 244	86,9	7 840 964	5,8
	May	3 099 608	-14,9	1 137 002	-3,0	2 437 253	-19,4	6 673 863	-14,9
	June	2 947 442	-4,9	1 455 223	28,0	1 017 107	-58,3	5 419 772	-18,8
	July	2 761 979	-6,3	1 167 421	-19,8	988 204	-2,8	4 917 604	-9,3
	August	3 258 435	18,0	1 248 420	6,9	1 240 084	25,5	5 746 939	16,9
	September	3 141 651	-3,6	1 100 905	-11,8	940 051	-24,2	5 182 607	-9,8
	October	3 382 533	7,7	1 069 676	-2,8	965 077	2,7	5 417 286	4,5
	November	3 394 802	0,4	955 555	-10,7	970 358	0,5	5 320 715	-1,8
	December	3 028 887	-10,8	1 087 669	13,8	742 923	-23,4	4 859 479	-8,7
<b>2023</b>	January	2 139 084	-29,4	1 451 781	33,5	638 090	-14,1	4 228 955	-13,0
	February	2 670 898	24,9	569 750	-60,8	811 913	27,2	4 052 561	-4,2
	March	2 744 027	2,7	1 709 220	200,0	574 840	-29,2	5 028 087	24,1
	April	2 744 889	0,0	1 347 813	-21,1	837 291	45,7	4 929 993	-2,0
	May	3 998 108	45,7	649 310	-51,8	860 132	2,7	5 507 550	11,7
	June	2 805 200	-29,8	754 080	16,1	734 881	-14,6	4 294 161	-22,0
	July	2 611 989	-6,9	1 236 636	64,0	706 065	-3,9	4 554 690	6,1
	<b>Feb – Apr 23</b>	<b>8 159 814</b>		<b>3 626 783</b>		<b>2 224 044</b>		<b>14 010 641</b>	
	<b>May – Jul 23 2/</b>	<b>9 415 297</b>	<b>15,4</b>	<b>2 640 026</b>	<b>-27,2</b>	<b>2 301 078</b>	<b>3,5</b>	<b>14 356 401</b>	<b>2,5</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 previous month expressed as a percentage.

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

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

**Table 7 – Value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building**

Year and month 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/
2022	January	1 585 631	8,7	379 724	-31,6	633 010	21,2	2 598 365	2,4
	February	1 898 122	-10,1	1 044 581	-11,3	942 768	17,8	3 885 471	-5,0
	March	2 601 869	-11,9	2 137 783	384,1	1 539 141	37,5	6 278 793	39,1
	April	2 700 458	34,0	944 774	-0,2	2 111 969	141,8	5 757 201	50,1
	May	2 443 132	7,1	902 383	-13,4	1 914 489	158,0	5 260 004	29,4
	June	2 354 840	-0,6	1 149 465	27,3	801 369	-11,1	4 305 674	3,2
	July	2 190 729	1,5	915 624	-15,2	790 563	-32,3	3 896 916	-11,5
	August	2 540 486	18,1	984 558	-3,5	1 057 013	-31,2	4 582 057	-2,6
	September	2 697 326	4,9	872 349	-12,3	813 271	-38,1	4 382 946	-10,2
	October	2 837 313	-9,0	851 653	-51,0	767 374	-33,8	4 456 340	-25,9
	November	3 332 737	24,2	758 377	12,1	842 310	-12,3	4 933 424	14,2
	December	2 515 126	-8,5	861 861	17,1	497 401	-22,6	3 874 388	-6,2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>29 697 769</b>	<b>3,8</b>	<b>11 803 132</b>	<b>4,4</b>	<b>12 710 678</b>	<b>8,3</b>	<b>54 211 579</b>	<b>4,9</b>
2023	January	1 255 634	-20,8	1 139 546	200,1	420 356	-33,6	2 815 536	8,4
	February	1 866 043	-1,7	440 642	-57,8	655 657	-30,5	2 962 342	-23,8
	March	2 101 462	-19,2	1 309 747	-38,7	513 262	-66,7	3 924 471	-37,5
	April	1 940 851	-28,1	1 032 807	9,3	530 725	-74,9	3 504 383	-39,1
	May	3 023 746	23,8	495 278	-45,1	643 764	-66,4	4 162 788	-20,9
	June	2 163 211	-8,1	576 514	-49,8	593 836	-25,9	3 333 561	-22,6
	July	2 021 828	-7,7	939 693	2,6	537 496	-32,0	3 499 017	-10,2

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

2/ Preliminary figures.



**Table 8 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building**

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
<b>2022</b>	January	2 117 151	-20,1	379 724	-48,4	800 872	6,1	3 297 747	-20,4
	February	2 105 642	-0,5	1 044 581	175,1	904 531	12,9	4 054 754	23,0
	March	2 574 321	22,3	2 137 783	104,7	1 303 237	44,1	6 015 341	48,4
	April	2 935 908	14,0	944 774	-55,8	2 472 590	89,7	6 353 272	5,6
	May	2 462 379	-16,1	902 383	-4,5	1 931 810	-21,9	5 296 572	-16,6
	June	2 331 350	-5,3	1 149 465	27,4	800 240	-58,6	4 281 055	-19,2
	July	2 170 505	-6,9	915 624	-20,3	778 907	-2,7	3 865 036	-9,7
	August	2 569 154	18,4	984 558	7,5	979 503	25,8	4 533 215	17,3
	September	2 494 630	-2,9	872 349	-11,4	748 732	-23,6	4 115 711	-9,2
	October	2 693 268	8,0	851 653	-2,4	768 795	2,7	4 313 716	4,8
	November	2 701 607	0,3	758 377	-11,0	764 804	-0,5	4 224 788	-2,1
	December	2 392 569	-11,4	861 861	13,6	592 616	-22,5	3 847 046	-8,9
<b>2023</b>	January	1 671 618	-30,1	1 139 546	32,2	493 787	-16,7	3 304 951	-14,1
	February	2 061 930	23,3	440 642	-61,3	626 751	26,9	3 129 323	-5,3
	March	2 099 492	1,8	1 309 747	197,2	439 083	-29,9	3 848 322	23,0
	April	2 103 460	0,2	1 032 807	-21,1	647 228	47,4	3 783 495	-1,7
	May	3 054 095	45,2	495 278	-52,0	655 528	1,3	4 204 901	11,1
	June	2 145 542	-29,7	576 514	16,4	563 406	-14,1	3 285 462	-21,9
	July	1 990 069	-7,2	939 693	63,0	538 025	-4,5	3 467 787	5,5
	<b>Feb – Apr 23</b>	<b>6 264 882</b>		<b>2 783 196</b>		<b>1 713 062</b>		<b>10 761 140</b>	
	<b>May – Jul 23 2/</b>	<b>7 189 706</b>	<b>14,8</b>	<b>2 011 485</b>	<b>-27,7</b>	<b>1 756 959</b>	<b>2,6</b>	<b>10 958 150</b>	<b>1,8</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 previous month expressed as a percentage.

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

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

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

			Jul 2022	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Jan – Jul 2022	Jan – Jul 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	695	793	714	7 065	5 023	-28,9
		square metres	36 553	40 122	34 403	362 134	243 653	-32,7
		R'000	224 828	303 645	266 508	2 466 935	1 749 359	-29,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 634	1 213	1 105	9 580	7 377	-23,0
		square metres	448 952	380 647	327 211	2 682 857	2 240 263	-16,5
		R'000	3 717 174	3 185 926	2 687 590	21 293 912	18 679 375	-12,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 580	1 297	1 220	15 501	10 393	-33,0
		square metres	155 308	132 645	145 132	1 406 033	1 060 180	-24,6
		R'000	1 409 274	1 156 240	1 298 207	12 601 577	9 927 299	-21,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	10 695	9 950	4 836	65 109	51 628	-20,7
		R'000	75 159	75 337	47 588	495 828	439 716	-11,3
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>5 426 435</b>	<b>4 721 148</b>	<b>4 299 893</b>	<b>36 858 252</b>	<b>30 795 749</b>	<b>-16,4</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	4 314	69 448	22 079	90 732	200 228	120,7
		R'000	32 735	851 919	205 105	792 118	2 126 592	168,5
	Shopping space	square metres	23 165	186 140	18 115	305 446	339 234	11,1
		R'000	180 781	1 953 543	151 163	2 867 332	3 119 069	8,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	81 142	217 225	82 508	1 061 590	993 484	-6,4
		R'000	598 820	1 617 941	592 970	6 824 539	6 873 366	0,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	23 264	23 746	14 496	266 675	228 921	-14,2
		R'000	171 798	194 205	104 067	2 049 240	1 922 712	-6,2
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>984 134</b>	<b>4 617 608</b>	<b>1 053 305</b>	<b>12 533 229</b>	<b>14 041 739</b>	<b>12,0</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	275 519	250 736	227 546	1 728 331	1 528 844	-11,5
		R'000	2 304 991	2 124 213	1 864 171	13 851 877	12 860 462	-7,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	57 243	70 964	63 800	382 797	424 350	10,9
		R'000	730 055	654 928	590 167	4 315 844	4 277 491	-0,9
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 035 046</b>	<b>2 779 141</b>	<b>2 454 338</b>	<b>18 167 721</b>	<b>17 137 953</b>	<b>-5,7</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>9 445 615</b>	<b>12 117 897</b>	<b>7 807 536</b>	<b>67 559 202</b>	<b>61 975 441</b>	<b>-8,3</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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

			Jul 2022	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Jan – Jul 2022	Jan – Jul 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	177	294	135	3 006	1 693	-43,7
		square metres	8 234	14 431	6 179	135 965	76 877	-43,5
		R'000	52 188	92 020	42 866	851 284	507 797	-40,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	622	519	441	3 801	3 041	-20,0
		square metres	158 147	149 658	137 918	1 003 502	906 985	-9,6
		R'000	1 140 450	1 134 050	1 038 967	7 102 225	6 861 890	-3,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	833	466	449	5 244	3 304	-37,0
		square metres	67 227	67 998	71 980	491 872	412 367	-16,2
		R'000	539 015	586 852	600 698	3 962 251	3 464 327	-12,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	6 801	1 273	360	18 107	10 066	-44,4
		R'000	43 981	7 523	2 809	155 246	71 267	-54,1
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 775 634</b>	<b>1 820 445</b>	<b>1 685 340</b>	<b>12 071 006</b>	<b>10 905 281</b>	<b>-9,7</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 206	3 774	2 725	32 739	41 824	27,7
		R'000	9 292	28 783	23 818	247 282	359 701	45,5
	Shopping space	square metres	4 143	9 817	9 144	42 285	50 784	20,1
		R'000	35 741	61 121	87 194	312 075	417 743	33,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	42 127	56 406	30 334	191 841	268 945	40,2
		R'000	302 936	413 759	220 809	1 284 249	1 896 121	47,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	15 938	8 301	5 459	131 258	74 722	-43,1
		R'000	109 129	49 804	41 822	989 785	580 240	-41,4
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>457 098</b>	<b>553 467</b>	<b>373 643</b>	<b>2 833 391</b>	<b>3 253 805</b>	<b>14,8</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	96 978	97 771	95 414	629 288	591 343	-6,0
		R'000	686 698	747 672	723 946	4 388 105	4 506 141	2,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	23 054	27 908	24 858	143 774	156 842	9,1
		R'000	329 418	250 076	232 962	1 822 285	1 677 777	-7,9
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 016 116</b>	<b>997 748</b>	<b>956 908</b>	<b>6 210 390</b>	<b>6 183 918</b>	<b>-0,4</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 248 848</b>	<b>3 371 660</b>	<b>3 015 891</b>	<b>21 114 787</b>	<b>20 343 004</b>	<b>-3,7</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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

			Jul 2022	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Jan – Jul 2022	Jan – Jul 2023	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	71	162	23	531	453	-14,7	
		square metres	3 118	7 314	1 199	25 284	21 418	-15,3	
		R'000	15 395	59 381	9 590	153 305	150 796	-1,6	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	127	95	77	731	582	-20,4	
		square metres	36 102	34 674	23 690	174 876	156 944	-10,3	
		R'000	300 708	287 450	198 502	1 373 876	1 300 977	-5,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	17	4	32	433	102	-76,4	
		square metres	3 770	602	4 592	57 369	13 101	-77,2	
		R'000	31 091	4 965	39 061	443 425	107 159	-75,8	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	508	581	21 281	1 089	-94,9	
		R'000	0	4 189	4 792	158 362	8 981	-94,3	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	347 194	355 985	251 945	2 128 968	1 567 913	-26,4
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 434	0	531	4 357	720,5
R'000			0	11 432	0	3 941	35 538	801,8	
Shopping space		square metres	0	0	798	16 780	1 016	-93,9	
		R'000	0	0	6 581	121 775	8 379	-93,1	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	4 572	71 734	9 790	37 420	101 852	172,2	
		R'000	36 448	589 793	72 290	278 210	822 415	195,6	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	550	1 032	462	20 702	8 914	-56,9	
		R'000	4 535	8 511	3 810	152 798	69 905	-54,3	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	40 983	609 736	82 681	556 724	936 237	68,2	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	17 987	27 211	14 842	150 237	124 984	-16,8
	R'000		145 503	217 871	117 596	1 136 928	1 001 858	-11,9	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 479	10 337	8 202	40 177	53 521	33,2	
		R'000	23 987	87 067	66 803	320 539	443 634	38,4	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	169 490	304 938	184 399	1 457 467	1 445 492	-0,8
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	557 667	1 270 659	519 025	4 143 159	3 949 642	-4,7	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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

			Jul 2022	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Jan – Jul 2022	Jan – Jul 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	5	1	0	19	34	78,9
		square metres	314	25	0	1 178	1 760	49,4
		R'000	2 956	235	0	10 384	16 568	59,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	24	17	11	114	114	0,0
		square metres	4 935	2 925	2 261	24 487	22 614	-7,6
		R'000	44 108	25 324	19 051	200 228	197 584	-1,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	10	0	4	10	150,0
		square metres	0	982	0	2 642	982	-62,8
		R'000	0	9 244	0	22 295	9 244	-58,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	379	1 164	2 811	4 653	65,5
		R'000	0	3 567	10 957	24 636	43 799	77,8
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>47 064</b>	<b>38 370</b>	<b>30 008</b>	<b>257 543</b>	<b>267 195</b>	<b>3,7</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	305	0	704	3 977	1 551	-61,0
		R'000	2 871	0	6 627	34 560	14 600	-57,8
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 336	0	516	2 549	394,0
		R'000	0	12 576	0	4 523	23 994	430,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	26 262	649	-97,5
		R'000	0	0	0	220 542	6 109	-97,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	11 274	64	-99,4
		R'000	0	0	0	98 805	602	-99,4
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 871</b>	<b>12 576</b>	<b>6 627</b>	<b>358 430</b>	<b>45 305</b>	<b>-87,4</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 382	1 482	2 413	34 624	24 017	-30,6
		R'000	49 427	12 711	21 474	288 858	217 549	-24,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	22	0	1 294	276	-78,7
		R'000	716	527	350	19 026	6 848	-64,0
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>50 143</b>	<b>13 238</b>	<b>21 824</b>	<b>307 884</b>	<b>224 397</b>	<b>-27,1</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>100 078</b>	<b>64 184</b>	<b>58 459</b>	<b>923 857</b>	<b>536 897</b>	<b>-41,9</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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

			Jul 2022	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Jan – Jul 2022	Jan – Jul 2023	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	18	13	10	112	56	-50,0	
		square metres	1 073	847	629	6 285	3 344	-46,8	
		R'000	10 054	8 099	6 052	54 980	30 756	-44,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	146	28	31	373	245	-34,3	
		square metres	30 955	5 783	7 834	78 516	62 655	-20,2	
		R'000	254 922	43 133	62 579	611 253	511 549	-16,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	83	10	0	113	79	-30,1	
		square metres	13 713	893	0	16 597	10 314	-37,9	
		R'000	131 933	7 119	0	155 597	95 851	-38,4	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 544	6 201	0	3 641	6 854	88,2	
		R'000	10 162	49 434	0	24 229	54 820	126,3	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	407 071	107 785	68 631	846 059	692 976	-18,1
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 526	378	530	2 404	353,6
R'000			0	14 682	3 013	3 052	20 788	581,1	
Shopping space		square metres	3 408	0	0	6 332	29 499	365,9	
		R'000	21 869	0	0	43 362	182 795	321,6	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	137	3 871	324	18 841	11 349	-39,8	
		R'000	847	28 161	2 004	128 847	91 558	-28,9	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	996	0	609	996	1 786	79,3	
		R'000	9 583	0	4 855	9 583	13 370	39,5	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	32 299	42 843	9 872	184 844	308 511	66,9	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	19 460	6 909	6 350	46 351	50 833	9,7
	R'000		169 338	55 878	49 228	368 748	424 181	15,0	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 059	2 579	956	3 500	8 818	151,9	
		R'000	18 551	22 491	7 219	40 911	82 796	102,4	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	187 889	78 369	56 447	409 659	506 977	23,8
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	627 259	228 997	134 950	1 440 562	1 508 464	4,7	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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

			Jul 2022	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Jan – Jul 2022	Jan – Jul 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	16	13	8	303	66	-78,2
		square metres	935	630	406	18 793	3 439	-81,7
		R'000	8 038	5 002	3 734	179 829	27 888	-84,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	105	74	79	781	536	-31,4
		square metres	40 627	27 225	26 416	261 295	184 486	-29,4
		R'000	407 353	281 670	267 327	2 651 831	1 851 867	-30,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	223	102	21	3 512	563	-84,0
		square metres	29 605	10 300	5 860	361 087	74 379	-79,4
		R'000	296 642	101 428	50 441	3 728 949	745 847	-80,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	146	772	6 492	7 002	7,9
		R'000	0	1 174	7 367	48 705	73 185	50,3
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>712 033</b>	<b>389 274</b>	<b>328 869</b>	<b>6 609 314</b>	<b>2 698 787</b>	<b>-59,2</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 663	3 367	6 307	16 894	13 604	-19,5
		R'000	18 748	37 037	46 325	164 376	115 899	-29,5
	Shopping space	square metres	7 870	58 046	607	65 737	80 430	22,4
		R'000	71 624	634 193	3 035	634 474	810 629	27,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	10 631	11 099	24 151	197 366	190 024	-3,7
		R'000	64 386	64 663	168 736	1 196 576	1 213 785	1,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	318	0	200	17 185	7 226	-58,0
		R'000	2 239	0	1 804	138 666	58 945	-57,5
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>156 997</b>	<b>735 893</b>	<b>219 900</b>	<b>2 134 092</b>	<b>2 199 258</b>	<b>3,1</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	29 412	26 261	20 840	188 060	139 837	-25,6
		R'000	306 902	267 513	203 967	1 968 770	1 406 457	-28,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	12 573	9 885	12 087	75 135	83 516	11,2
		R'000	140 694	131 152	142 890	914 075	1 012 599	10,8
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>447 596</b>	<b>398 665</b>	<b>346 857</b>	<b>2 882 845</b>	<b>2 419 056</b>	<b>-16,1</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 316 626</b>	<b>1 523 832</b>	<b>895 626</b>	<b>11 626 251</b>	<b>7 317 101</b>	<b>-37,1</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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

			Jul 2022	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Jan – Jul 2022	Jan – Jul 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	9	1	11	243	53	-78,2
		square metres	384	62	633	10 231	2 807	-72,6
		R'000	2 608	446	4 498	48 641	19 359	-60,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	121	59	58	606	379	-37,5
		square metres	28 165	18 591	14 233	160 725	110 800	-31,1
		R'000	197 833	120 198	95 100	1 096 921	760 103	-30,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	29	31	14	126	154	22,2
		square metres	3 043	3 238	1 213	9 843	16 489	67,5
		R'000	18 404	20 539	8 496	58 131	97 189	67,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	2 879	3 213	11,6
		R'000	0	0	0	18 708	22 990	22,9
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>218 845</b>	<b>141 183</b>	<b>108 094</b>	<b>1 222 401</b>	<b>899 641</b>	<b>-26,4</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	686	0	1 757	16 286	826,9
		R'000	0	4 940	0	10 177	96 583	849,0
	Shopping space	square metres	1 412	72	7 427	12 817	24 244	89,2
		R'000	9 125	518	53 474	83 410	161 452	93,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	650	3 113	1 493	45 653	11 511	-74,8
		R'000	3 574	21 422	10 057	269 641	71 077	-73,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 638	3 482	1 447	10 366	6 726	-35,1
		R'000	10 131	25 070	10 994	65 588	47 209	-28,0
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>22 830</b>	<b>51 950</b>	<b>74 525</b>	<b>428 816</b>	<b>376 321</b>	<b>-12,2</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 981	8 749	9 805	65 134	49 751	-23,6
		R'000	65 428	58 345	65 760	421 044	329 302	-21,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 228	594	2 818	22 616	7 084	-68,7
		R'000	33 624	11 655	28 609	207 624	108 962	-47,5
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>99 052</b>	<b>70 000</b>	<b>94 369</b>	<b>628 668</b>	<b>438 264</b>	<b>-30,3</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>340 727</b>	<b>263 133</b>	<b>276 988</b>	<b>2 279 885</b>	<b>1 714 226</b>	<b>-24,8</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Gauteng**

			Jul 2022	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Jan – Jul 2022	Jan – Jul 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	351	299	494	2 587	2 497	-3,5
		square metres	19 507	16 169	23 209	148 208	123 539	-16,6
		R'000	112 053	133 925	182 817	1 054 662	916 870	-13,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	353	304	290	2 195	1 768	-19,5
		square metres	110 414	100 374	73 241	680 349	540 696	-20,5
		R'000	1 084 212	990 269	703 040	6 232 541	5 309 008	-14,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	334	646	684	4 261	5 877	37,9
		square metres	32 520	45 657	58 382	386 437	492 981	27,6
		R'000	352 687	405 646	578 609	3 716 030	5 136 202	38,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	1 959	42	3 932	9 261,9
		R'000	0	0	21 663	285	36 034	12 543,5
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 548 952</b>	<b>1 529 840</b>	<b>1 486 129</b>	<b>11 003 518</b>	<b>11 398 114</b>	<b>3,6</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	140	58 661	11 211	30 810	115 854	276,0
		R'000	1 824	755 045	119 548	306 255	1 454 988	375,1
	Shopping space	square metres	976	62 801	0	108 043	72 831	-32,6
		R'000	9 116	761 659	0	1 333 135	873 821	-34,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	10 809	50 706	14 281	453 322	328 354	-27,6
		R'000	94 533	373 242	102 323	2 827 864	2 221 082	-21,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 298	6 967	6 036	59 665	86 452	44,9
		R'000	25 412	77 952	38 993	502 579	816 237	62,4
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>130 885</b>	<b>1 967 898</b>	<b>260 864</b>	<b>4 969 833</b>	<b>5 366 128</b>	<b>8,0</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	70 211	66 075	57 594	472 015	428 820	-9,2
		R'000	704 119	653 819	538 369	4 359 885	4 147 491	-4,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	11 192	14 325	11 357	77 536	96 455	24,4
		R'000	131 541	109 068	83 830	777 705	779 246	0,2
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>835 660</b>	<b>762 887</b>	<b>622 199</b>	<b>5 137 590</b>	<b>4 926 737</b>	<b>-4,1</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 515 497</b>	<b>4 260 625</b>	<b>2 369 192</b>	<b>21 110 941</b>	<b>21 690 979</b>	<b>2,7</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Mpumalanga**

			Jul 2022	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Jan – Jul 2022	Jan – Jul 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	42	6	33	219	156	-28,8
		square metres	2 665	362	2 148	13 206	9 513	-28,0
		R'000	19 362	2 599	16 951	94 682	72 932	-23,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	93	87	77	677	493	-27,2
		square metres	24 861	31 234	26 683	197 330	177 281	-10,2
		R'000	188 355	233 659	199 534	1 353 257	1 339 410	-1,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	12	0	0	36	49	36,1
		square metres	1 073	0	0	3 783	2 921	-22,8
		R'000	9 596	0	0	25 203	18 327	-27,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 350	1 443	0	5 885	14 551	147,3
		R'000	21 016	9 450	0	41 379	126 674	206,1
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>238 329</b>	<b>245 708</b>	<b>216 485</b>	<b>1 514 521</b>	<b>1 557 343</b>	<b>2,8</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	284	1 722	3 878	125,2
		R'000	0	0	2 414	11 299	25 135	122,5
	Shopping space	square metres	0	54 068	139	35 320	64 547	82,7
		R'000	0	483 476	879	228 125	548 867	140,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	7 432	11 430	1 000	60 097	62 149	3,4
		R'000	66 465	72 189	8 950	422 874	434 132	2,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	3 964	283	12 089	24 503	102,7
		R'000	0	32 868	1 789	69 926	206 159	194,8
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>66 465</b>	<b>588 533</b>	<b>14 032</b>	<b>732 224</b>	<b>1 214 293</b>	<b>65,8</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	22 698	11 609	16 526	115 001	94 759	-17,6
		R'000	154 495	78 311	118 594	743 712	661 324	-11,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	835	5 212	1 884	12 970	14 784	14,0
		R'000	26 758	39 191	13 925	140 684	121 168	-13,9
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>181 253</b>	<b>117 502</b>	<b>132 519</b>	<b>884 396</b>	<b>782 492</b>	<b>-11,5</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>486 047</b>	<b>951 743</b>	<b>363 036</b>	<b>3 131 141</b>	<b>3 554 128</b>	<b>13,5</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Limpopo**

			Jul 2022	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Jan – Jul 2022	Jan – Jul 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	4	0	45	15	-66,7
		square metres	323	282	0	2 984	956	-68,0
		R'000	2 174	1 938	0	19 168	6 393	-66,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	43	30	41	302	219	-27,5
		square metres	14 746	10 183	14 935	101 777	77 802	-23,6
		R'000	99 233	70 173	103 490	671 780	546 987	-18,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	49	28	20	1 772	255	-85,6
		square metres	4 357	2 975	3 105	76 403	36 646	-52,0
		R'000	29 906	20 447	20 902	489 696	253 153	-48,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	3 971	268	-93,3
		R'000	0	0	0	24 278	1 966	-91,9
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>131 313</b>	<b>92 558</b>	<b>124 392</b>	<b>1 204 922</b>	<b>808 499</b>	<b>-32,9</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	470	1 772	470	-73,5
		R'000	0	0	3 360	11 176	3 360	-69,9
	Shopping space	square metres	5 356	0	0	17 616	13 334	-24,3
		R'000	33 306	0	0	106 453	91 389	-14,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 784	8 866	1 135	30 788	18 651	-39,4
		R'000	29 631	54 712	7 801	195 736	117 087	-40,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 526	0	0	3 140	18 528	490,1
		R'000	10 769	0	0	21 510	130 045	504,6
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>73 706</b>	<b>54 712</b>	<b>11 161</b>	<b>334 875</b>	<b>341 881</b>	<b>2,1</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 410	4 669	3 762	27 621	24 500	-11,3
		R'000	23 081	32 093	25 237	175 827	166 159	-5,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 823	102	1 638	5 795	3 054	-47,3
		R'000	24 766	3 701	13 579	72 995	44 461	-39,1
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>47 847</b>	<b>35 794</b>	<b>38 816</b>	<b>248 822</b>	<b>210 620</b>	<b>-15,4</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>252 866</b>	<b>183 064</b>	<b>174 369</b>	<b>1 788 619</b>	<b>1 361 000</b>	<b>-23,9</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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 2022	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Jan – Jul 2022	Jan – Jul 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	545	619	1 264	5 315	4 796	-9,8
		square metres	30 587	31 610	56 704	270 027	239 374	-11,4
		R'000	227 779	235 002	426 970	1 820 182	1 736 908	-4,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	755	773	758	5 486	4 851	-11,6
		square metres	203 253	207 904	189 532	1 387 084	1 246 208	-10,2
		R'000	1 736 102	1 802 799	1 568 874	10 998 115	10 784 771	-1,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 016	626	710	7 858	6 214	-20,9
		square metres	87 198	91 159	74 634	726 810	692 507	-4,7
		R'000	815 850	788 554	652 369	6 438 958	6 121 236	-4,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 069	414	1 920	41 620	13 024	-68,7
		R'000	13 449	3 125	12 513	369 919	99 113	-73,2
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 793 180</b>	<b>2 829 480</b>	<b>2 660 726</b>	<b>19 627 174</b>	<b>18 742 028</b>	<b>-4,5</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	491	2 643	24 048	97 419	131 725	35,2
		R'000	4 296	30 512	236 167	863 622	1 553 496	79,9
	Shopping space	square metres	53 315	8 458	2 679	215 330	216 841	0,7
		R'000	663 343	73 623	25 526	2 127 428	2 309 072	8,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	63 799	90 213	149 422	736 633	499 294	-32,2
		R'000	439 707	627 481	948 699	4 660 285	3 337 503	-28,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	7 148	2 929	3 068	212 098	59 484	-72,0
		R'000	60 075	22 464	26 244	1 638 072	518 519	-68,3
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 167 421</b>	<b>754 080</b>	<b>1 236 636</b>	<b>9 289 407</b>	<b>7 718 590</b>	<b>-16,9</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	83 422	67 988	65 202	985 881	356 329	-63,9
		R'000	658 802	571 994	535 521	7 121 661	3 022 153	-57,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	34 452	19 673	18 354	362 120	206 254	-43,0
		R'000	349 166	204 743	171 824	3 737 678	2 051 604	-45,1
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 007 968</b>	<b>776 737</b>	<b>707 345</b>	<b>10 859 339</b>	<b>5 073 757</b>	<b>-53,3</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>4 968 569</b>	<b>4 360 297</b>	<b>4 604 707</b>	<b>39 775 920</b>	<b>31 534 375</b>	<b>-20,7</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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 2022	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Jan – Jul 2022	Jan – Jul 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	67	245	605	2 157	1 635	-24,2
		square metres	3 209	11 246	25 100	92 213	73 028	-20,8
		R'000	20 387	78 775	180 644	521 814	491 689	-5,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	289	272	237	2 229	1 538	-31,0
		square metres	71 957	70 760	63 144	567 587	393 629	-30,6
		R'000	503 005	501 846	461 060	3 898 703	2 787 228	-28,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	592	322	154	4 336	2 818	-35,0
		square metres	50 161	48 693	21 552	372 807	346 423	-7,1
		R'000	389 582	394 361	176 825	2 929 951	2 749 456	-6,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 069	414	1 442	10 673	6 616	-38,0
		R'000	13 449	3 125	8 858	69 178	42 007	-39,3
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>926 423</b>	<b>978 107</b>	<b>827 387</b>	<b>7 419 646</b>	<b>6 070 380</b>	<b>-18,2</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	491	0	0	45 972	7 246	-84,2
		R'000	4 296	0	0	356 492	44 960	-87,4
	Shopping space	square metres	1 918	6 608	0	71 102	27 688	-61,1
		R'000	16 783	57 937	0	571 961	213 021	-62,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	30 718	51 050	23 820	160 226	105 631	-34,1
		R'000	194 649	349 502	166 773	1 073 772	752 750	-29,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 897	2 114	1 415	99 923	34 182	-65,8
		R'000	23 164	15 101	11 129	722 312	241 207	-66,6
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>238 892</b>	<b>422 540</b>	<b>177 902</b>	<b>2 724 537</b>	<b>1 251 938</b>	<b>-54,0</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	45 693	22 677	24 244	725 528	126 726	-82,5
		R'000	306 946	156 628	169 607	4 847 927	899 540	-81,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	17 691	8 461	9 048	263 544	106 313	-59,7
		R'000	198 091	100 690	78 407	2 816 830	981 997	-65,1
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>505 037</b>	<b>257 318</b>	<b>248 014</b>	<b>7 664 757</b>	<b>1 881 537</b>	<b>-75,5</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 670 352</b>	<b>1 657 965</b>	<b>1 253 303</b>	<b>17 808 940</b>	<b>9 203 855</b>	<b>-48,3</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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 2022	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Jan – Jul 2022	Jan – Jul 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	42	86	57	197	337	71,1
		square metres	2 267	3 753	2 795	11 600	16 208	39,7
		R'000	17 117	30 440	22 655	83 658	113 810	36,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	46	67	30	332	375	13,0
		square metres	9 810	16 661	5 500	71 239	94 164	32,2
		R'000	82 500	138 776	44 897	553 105	784 903	41,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	7	5	7	176	227	29,0
		square metres	1 356	854	1 825	13 564	18 450	36,0
		R'000	11 183	7 043	15 051	103 593	152 157	46,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	5 297	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	40 676	0	-100,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>110 800</b>	<b>176 259</b>	<b>82 603</b>	<b>781 032</b>	<b>1 050 870</b>	<b>34,5</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	1 558	3 921	1 558	-60,3
		R'000	0	0	12 140	30 109	12 140	-59,7
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	168	3 727	2 118,5
		R'000	0	0	0	1 290	30 422	2 258,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	2 276	7 262	9 479	23 411	147,0
		R'000	0	18 770	59 123	72 790	185 545	154,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 171	173	0	30 913	331	-98,9
		R'000	9 522	1 427	0	230 805	2 687	-98,8
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>9 522</b>	<b>20 197</b>	<b>71 263</b>	<b>334 994</b>	<b>230 794</b>	<b>-31,1</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 852	6 470	5 275	48 810	34 868	-28,6
		R'000	23 645	52 802	43 125	375 974	287 011	-23,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 203	948	3 879	11 016	22 852	107,4
		R'000	10 258	8 411	31 391	89 672	190 843	112,8
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>33 903</b>	<b>61 213</b>	<b>74 516</b>	<b>465 646</b>	<b>477 854</b>	<b>2,6</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>154 225</b>	<b>257 669</b>	<b>228 382</b>	<b>1 581 672</b>	<b>1 759 518</b>	<b>11,2</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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 2022	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Jan – Jul 2022	Jan – Jul 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	0	0	9	2	-77,8
		square metres	66	0	0	568	153	-73,1
		R'000	621	0	0	4 688	1 140	-75,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	9	3	10	53	35	-34,0
		square metres	2 268	684	1 927	12 512	8 471	-32,3
		R'000	21 349	6 438	18 145	104 356	79 742	-23,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	1	20	1	-95,0
		square metres	0	0	66	1 571	66	-95,8
		R'000	0	0	621	12 730	621	-95,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>21 970</b>	<b>6 438</b>	<b>18 766</b>	<b>121 774</b>	<b>81 503</b>	<b>-33,1</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	461	1 387	200,9
		R'000	0	0	0	3 735	13 056	249,6
	Shopping space	square metres	249	0	0	249	0	-100,0
		R'000	2 344	0	0	2 344	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	20 169	473	-97,7
		R'000	0	0	0	163 430	4 452	-97,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	202	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	1 637	0	-100,0
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 344</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>171 146</b>	<b>17 508</b>	<b>-89,8</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 583	787	2 129	24 017	12 969	-46,0
		R'000	33 727	7 408	20 040	199 304	122 078	-38,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	2 784	344	2 151	3 733	73,5
		R'000	521	26 596	3 518	20 246	38 769	91,5
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>34 248</b>	<b>34 004</b>	<b>23 558</b>	<b>219 550</b>	<b>160 847</b>	<b>-26,7</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>58 562</b>	<b>40 442</b>	<b>42 324</b>	<b>512 470</b>	<b>259 858</b>	<b>-49,3</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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 2022	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Jan – Jul 2022	Jan – Jul 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	54	22	0	98	58	-40,8
		square metres	3 006	1 323	0	5 237	3 328	-36,5
		R'000	28 921	12 729	0	46 710	32 019	-31,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	36	9	11	117	76	-35,0
		square metres	9 709	1 643	3 599	23 317	16 558	-29,0
		R'000	90 447	12 785	28 441	186 885	131 031	-29,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	14	2	25	1 150,0
		square metres	0	0	2 246	355	3 813	974,1
		R'000	0	0	18 523	2 044	31 446	1 438,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	204	1 487	204	-86,3
		R'000	0	0	1 682	8 563	1 682	-80,4
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>119 368</b>	<b>25 514</b>	<b>48 646</b>	<b>244 202</b>	<b>196 178</b>	<b>-19,7</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	421	0	696	..
		R'000	0	0	3 373	0	5 074	..
	Shopping space	square metres	207	304	0	207	304	46,9
		R'000	1 992	2 423	0	1 992	2 423	21,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	846	3 031	2 786	3 939	41,4
		R'000	0	6 977	24 997	21 319	32 485	52,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	353	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	2 129	0	-100,0
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 992</b>	<b>9 400</b>	<b>28 370</b>	<b>25 440</b>	<b>39 982</b>	<b>57,2</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 132	2 053	812	13 877	8 103	-41,6
		R'000	19 530	16 592	6 365	90 029	66 146	-26,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	614	3 794	1 706	-55,0
		R'000	3 132	0	5 064	32 353	15 559	-51,9
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>22 662</b>	<b>16 592</b>	<b>11 429</b>	<b>122 382</b>	<b>81 705</b>	<b>-33,2</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>144 022</b>	<b>51 506</b>	<b>88 445</b>	<b>392 024</b>	<b>317 865</b>	<b>-18,9</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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 2022	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Jan – Jul 2022	Jan – Jul 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	7	9	60	51	-15,0
		square metres	559	442	542	3 435	3 096	-9,9
		R'000	5 973	4 349	5 229	33 750	27 911	-17,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	36	54	59	367	407	10,9
		square metres	13 139	22 254	19 020	135 725	141 932	4,6
		R'000	155 978	253 091	185 510	1 420 294	1 545 018	8,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	170	104	39	1 402	647	-53,9
		square metres	11 539	13 424	5 783	118 742	84 891	-28,5
		R'000	154 803	136 845	55 812	1 324 863	882 927	-33,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	20 423	1 151	-94,4
		R'000	0	0	0	224 653	13 697	-93,9
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>316 754</b>	<b>394 285</b>	<b>246 551</b>	<b>3 003 560</b>	<b>2 469 553</b>	<b>-17,8</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	7 484	9 956	33,0
		R'000	0	0	0	82 324	108 428	31,7
	Shopping space	square metres	273	612	387	43 604	47 886	9,8
		R'000	3 003	6 108	4 257	473 651	514 665	8,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 820	1 149	111 800	160 418	133 409	-16,8
		R'000	23 320	7 487	671 174	984 733	801 068	-18,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	630	323	174	14 097	6 823	-51,6
		R'000	6 930	3 553	1 952	141 986	78 875	-44,4
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>33 253</b>	<b>17 148</b>	<b>677 383</b>	<b>1 682 694</b>	<b>1 503 036</b>	<b>-10,7</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 937	9 278	7 955	50 254	48 078	-4,3
		R'000	67 887	98 516	91 172	569 488	541 343	-4,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 540	2 131	1 272	26 697	30 930	15,9
		R'000	31 172	22 618	24 760	358 644	355 390	-0,9
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>99 059</b>	<b>121 134</b>	<b>115 932</b>	<b>928 132</b>	<b>896 733</b>	<b>-3,4</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>449 066</b>	<b>532 567</b>	<b>1 039 866</b>	<b>5 614 386</b>	<b>4 869 322</b>	<b>-13,3</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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 2022	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Jan – Jul 2022	Jan – Jul 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	52	36	34	186	174	-6,5
		square metres	2 759	2 388	2 049	10 656	10 593	-0,6
		R'000	12 226	14 024	14 404	58 461	63 096	7,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	59	32	67	461	389	-15,6
		square metres	15 392	6 174	16 094	95 523	82 306	-13,8
		R'000	108 223	39 113	106 567	642 966	573 231	-10,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	9	28	48	60	141	135,0
		square metres	1 515	3 904	5 750	7 547	15 833	109,8
		R'000	8 329	25 918	35 764	46 180	98 817	114,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	274	1 051	2 706	157,5
		R'000	0	0	1 973	7 077	17 248	143,7
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>128 778</b>	<b>79 055</b>	<b>158 708</b>	<b>754 684</b>	<b>752 392</b>	<b>-0,3</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 055	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	6 118	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	171	0	866	11 184	3 225	-71,2
		R'000	1 058	0	6 760	78 219	22 173	-71,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 454	0	0	11 973	5 215	-56,4
		R'000	7 994	0	0	82 645	42 140	-49,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	138	0	0	13 512	0	-100,0
		R'000	1 062	0	0	80 972	0	-100,0
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>10 114</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6 760</b>	<b>247 954</b>	<b>64 313</b>	<b>-74,1</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	562	1 323	5 174	9 676	12 983	34,2
		R'000	3 630	8 392	32 392	58 759	81 542	38,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 056	0	1 484	4 004	3 994	-0,2
		R'000	9 474	5 760	12 995	40 526	75 876	87,2
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>13 104</b>	<b>14 152</b>	<b>45 387</b>	<b>99 285</b>	<b>157 418</b>	<b>58,6</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>151 996</b>	<b>93 207</b>	<b>210 855</b>	<b>1 101 923</b>	<b>974 123</b>	<b>-11,6</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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 2022	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Jan – Jul 2022	Jan – Jul 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	296	195	544	2 443	2 412	-1,3
		square metres	17 437	10 652	25 329	136 655	125 120	-8,4
		R'000	133 981	82 199	198 164	1 005 584	952 987	-5,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	229	268	233	1 423	1 610	13,1
		square metres	66 221	71 166	58 112	367 334	411 370	12,0
		R'000	666 312	714 133	561 763	3 411 706	4 157 610	21,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	229	161	395	1 788	2 015	12,7
		square metres	21 682	23 673	33 020	204 481	196 788	-3,8
		R'000	245 458	220 188	310 505	1 969 533	2 015 829	2,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	2 474	1 817	-26,6
		R'000	0	0	0	18 303	20 590	12,5
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 045 751</b>	<b>1 016 520</b>	<b>1 070 432</b>	<b>6 405 126</b>	<b>7 147 016</b>	<b>11,6</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	2 061	21 591	37 071	109 822	196,2
		R'000	0	26 554	217 369	376 274	1 362 595	262,1
	Shopping space	square metres	50 137	0	911	85 283	120 363	41,1
		R'000	635 590	0	10 969	976 838	1 431 829	46,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	26 602	22 186	1 267	344 406	163 732	-52,5
		R'000	205 462	158 887	11 223	2 064 932	1 086 215	-47,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	547	319	1 479	40 748	18 148	-55,5
		R'000	6 789	2 383	13 163	361 311	195 750	-45,8
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>847 841</b>	<b>187 824</b>	<b>252 724</b>	<b>3 779 355</b>	<b>4 076 389</b>	<b>7,9</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	21 866	23 351	16 749	103 743	95 863	-7,6
		R'000	197 041	217 500	151 234	913 284	908 095	-0,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	11 341	5 110	1 713	45 501	29 401	-35,4
		R'000	88 147	37 525	12 106	324 572	285 224	-12,1
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>285 188</b>	<b>255 025</b>	<b>163 340</b>	<b>1 237 856</b>	<b>1 193 319</b>	<b>-3,6</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 178 780</b>	<b>1 459 369</b>	<b>1 486 496</b>	<b>11 422 337</b>	<b>12 416 724</b>	<b>8,7</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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 2022	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Jan – Jul 2022	Jan – Jul 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	24	13	109	105	-3,7
		square metres	779	1 536	764	6 061	6 388	5,4
		R'000	5 082	10 630	5 015	42 229	44 290	4,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	36	41	72	343	262	-23,6
		square metres	10 080	9 923	13 332	63 228	53 932	-14,7
		R'000	76 030	76 835	101 504	453 165	423 989	-6,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	52	4	52	1 200,0
		square metres	0	0	4 392	509	4 392	762,9
		R'000	0	0	39 268	2 966	39 268	1 223,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>81 112</b>	<b>87 465</b>	<b>145 787</b>	<b>498 360</b>	<b>507 547</b>	<b>1,8</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	73	0	1 455	73	-95,0
		R'000	0	460	0	8 570	460	-94,6
	Shopping space	square metres	0	660	0	0	660	..
		R'000	0	5 460	0	0	5 460	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	2 672	0	12 419	22 168	78,5
		R'000	0	16 894	0	101 652	143 039	40,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	8 599	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	71 604	0	-100,0
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22 814</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>181 826</b>	<b>148 959</b>	<b>-18,1</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	488	1 968	1 537	6 347	13 627	114,7
		R'000	4 272	13 599	12 424	44 034	95 253	116,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	0	1 806	7 086	292,4
		R'000	2 603	0	1 583	25 578	95 616	273,8
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>6 875</b>	<b>13 599</b>	<b>14 007</b>	<b>69 612</b>	<b>190 869</b>	<b>174,2</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>87 987</b>	<b>123 878</b>	<b>159 794</b>	<b>749 798</b>	<b>847 375</b>	<b>13,0</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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 2022	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Jan – Jul 2022	Jan – Jul 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	8	4	2	56	22	-60,7
		square metres	505	270	125	3 602	1 460	-59,5
		R'000	3 471	1 856	859	23 288	9 966	-57,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	15	27	39	161	159	-1,2
		square metres	4 677	8 639	8 804	50 619	43 846	-13,4
		R'000	32 258	59 782	60 987	326 935	302 019	-7,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	9	6	0	70	288	311,4
		square metres	945	611	0	7 234	21 851	202,1
		R'000	6 495	4 199	0	47 098	150 715	220,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	215	530	146,5
		R'000	0	0	0	1 469	3 889	164,7
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>42 224</b>	<b>65 837</b>	<b>61 846</b>	<b>398 790</b>	<b>466 589</b>	<b>17,0</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	509	478	0	987	..
		R'000	0	3 498	3 285	0	6 783	..
	Shopping space	square metres	360	274	515	3 533	12 988	267,6
		R'000	2 573	1 695	3 540	21 133	89 079	321,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 205	10 034	2 242	14 757	41 316	180,0
		R'000	8 282	68 964	15 409	95 012	289 809	205,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 765	0	0	3 751	0	-100,0
		R'000	12 608	0	0	25 316	0	-100,0
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>23 463</b>	<b>74 157</b>	<b>22 234</b>	<b>141 461</b>	<b>385 671</b>	<b>172,6</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	309	81	1 327	3 629	3 112	-14,2
		R'000	2 124	557	9 162	22 862	21 145	-7,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	621	239	0	3 607	239	-93,4
		R'000	5 768	3 143	2 000	29 257	12 330	-57,9
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>7 892</b>	<b>3 700</b>	<b>11 162</b>	<b>52 119</b>	<b>33 475</b>	<b>-35,8</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>73 579</b>	<b>143 694</b>	<b>95 242</b>	<b>592 370</b>	<b>885 735</b>	<b>49,5</b>

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

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## Explanatory notes

<b>Introduction</b>	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.
<b>Purpose of the survey</b>	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.
<b>Scope of the survey</b>	4	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>	5	Building activities are classified in division five according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
<b>Collection rate</b>	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for July 2023 was 93,7%. The improved collection rate for June 2023 was 92,8%.
<b>Statistical unit</b>	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.
<b>Survey methodology and design</b>	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 email, fax and telephone.
<b>Constant prices</b>	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 2019. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151.1: <i>Construction Materials Price Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2021=100) are converted to the base year 2019=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 the United States Census Bureau.
	<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 February 2022</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>	.. Changes from a zero in the preceding period cannot be calculated as a percentage
	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 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 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 previous month expressed as a percentage.</p>



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