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## Key findings for January to July 2025

### 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 2024	Jan – Jul 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Jul 2024 and Jan – Jul 2025	% change between Jan – Jul 2024 and Jan – Jul 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>27 300 570</b>	<b>25 898 362</b>	<b>-1 402 208</b>	<b>-5,1</b>
-Dwelling-houses	16 963 019	17 552 290	589 271	3,5
-Flats and townhouses	9 497 829	7 530 649	-1 967 180	-20,7
-Other residential buildings	839 722	815 423	-24 299	-2,9
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>14 097 215</b>	<b>11 779 087</b>	<b>-2 318 128</b>	<b>-16,4</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	<b>15 757 029</b>	<b>17 440 303</b>	<b>1 683 274</b>	<b>10,7</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>57 154 814</b>	<b>55 117 752</b>	<b>-2 037 062</b>	<b>-3,6</b>

The value of building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 3,6% (-R2 037,1 million) during January to July 2025 compared with January to July 2024. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-R2 318,1 million) and residential buildings (-R1 402,2 million). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (R1 683,3 million) – see Table A.

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

Province	Jan – Jul 2024	Jan – Jul 2025	Weight Jan – Jul 2024	% change between Jan – Jul 2024 and Jan – Jul 2025	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Jul 2024 and Jan – Jul 2025 <sup>1</sup>	Difference in value between Jan – Jul 2024 and Jan – Jul 2025
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	16 859 516	19 784 632	29,5	17,3	5,1	2 925 116
Eastern Cape	3 128 092	3 668 267	5,5	17,3	0,9	540 175
Northern Cape	657 341	477 888	1,2	-27,3	-0,3	-179 453
Free State	1 408 724	1 505 453	2,5	6,9	0,2	96 729
KwaZulu-Natal	9 013 348	8 130 092	15,8	-9,8	-1,5	-883 256
North West	2 462 158	1 889 175	4,3	-23,3	-1,0	-572 983
Gauteng	19 150 012	14 990 384	33,5	-21,7	-7,3	-4 159 628
Mpumalanga	3 128 427	3 413 440	5,5	9,1	0,5	285 013
Limpopo	1 347 196	1 258 421	2,4	-6,6	-0,2	-88 775
<b>Total</b>	<b>57 154 814</b>	<b>55 117 752</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>-3,6</b>	<b>-3,6</b>	<b>-2 037 062</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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 negative contributors to the total decrease of 3,6% (-R2 037,1 million) were Gauteng (contributing -7,3 percentage points or -R4 159,6 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -1,5 percentage points or -R883,3 million) and North West (contributing -1,0 percentage point or -R573,0 million).

The largest positive contributors were Western Cape (contributing 5,1 percentage points or R2 925,1 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing 0,9 of a percentage point or R540,2 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 2024	Jan – Jul 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Jul 2024 and Jan – Jul 2025	% change between Jan – Jul 2024 and Jan – Jul 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	19 982 132	18 589 127	-1 393 005	-7,0
Non-residential buildings	10 298 778	8 452 867	-1 845 911	-17,9
Additions and alterations	11 527 961	12 514 544	986 583	8,6
<b>Total</b>	<b>41 808 871</b>	<b>39 556 538</b>	<b>-2 252 333</b>	<b>-5,4</b>

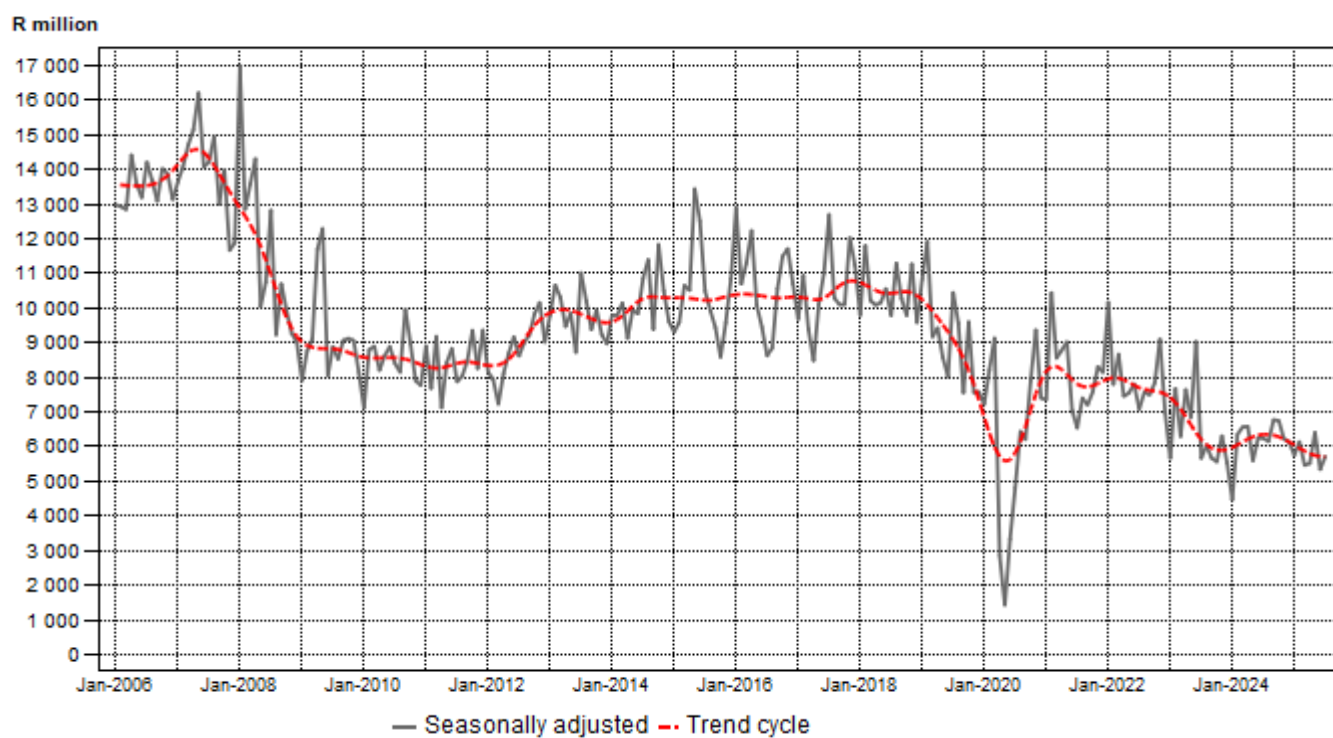
The real value of building plans passed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 5,4% (-R2 252,3 million) during January to July 2025 compared with January to July 2024. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-R1 845,9 million) and residential buildings (-R1 393,0 million). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (R986,6 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 2025	May – Jul 2025	% change between Feb – Apr 2025 and May – Jul 2025
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	7 839 547	8 116 455	3,5
Non-residential buildings <sup>1</sup>	3 807 091	3 769 203	-1,0
Additions and alterations	5 460 331	5 572 971	2,1
<b>Total</b>	<b>17 106 969</b>	<b>17 458 629</b>	<b>2,1</b>

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 on page 38.

The seasonally adjusted real value of building plans passed increased by 2,1% in the three months ended July 2025 compared with the previous three months. Increases were reported for residential buildings (3,5%) and additions and alterations (2,1%). A decrease was reported for non-residential buildings (-1,0%) – 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 2024	Jan – Jul 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Jul 2024 and Jan – Jul 2025	% change between Jan – Jul 2024 and Jan – Jul 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>16 010 103</b>	<b>16 698 259</b>	<b>688 156</b>	<b>4,3</b>
-Dwelling-houses	10 574 614	9 507 318	-1 067 296	-10,1
-Flats and townhouses	5 243 468	6 591 631	1 348 163	25,7
-Other residential buildings	192 021	599 310	407 289	212,1
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>5 861 467</b>	<b>6 626 737</b>	<b>765 270</b>	<b>13,1</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	<b>5 932 130</b>	<b>5 468 850</b>	<b>-463 280</b>	<b>-7,8</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>27 803 700</b>	<b>28 793 846</b>	<b>990 146</b>	<b>3,6</b>

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 3,6% (R990,1 million) during January to July 2025 compared with January to July 2024. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (R765,3 million) and residential buildings (R688,2 million). A decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-R463,3 million) – see Table E.

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

Province	Jan – Jul 2024	Jan – Jul 2025	Weight Jan – Jul 2024	% change between Jan – Jul 2024 and Jan – Jul 2025	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Jul 2024 and Jan – Jul 2025 <sup>1</sup>	Difference in value between Jan – Jul 2024 and Jan – Jul 2025
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	7 807 491	9 440 329	28,1	20,9	5,9	1 632 838
Eastern Cape	1 928 014	1 846 204	6,9	-4,2	-0,3	-81 810
Northern Cape	220 280	117 831	0,8	-46,5	-0,4	-102 449
Free State	273 537	169 545	1,0	-38,0	-0,4	-103 992
KwaZulu-Natal	4 268 087	4 612 708	15,4	8,1	1,2	344 621
North West	1 073 802	1 532 980	3,9	42,8	1,7	459 178
Gauteng	10 956 096	9 923 874	39,4	-9,4	-3,7	-1 032 222
Mpumalanga	796 677	470 947	2,9	-40,9	-1,2	-325 730
Limpopo	479 716	679 428	1,7	41,6	0,7	199 712
<b>Total</b>	<b>27 803 700</b>	<b>28 793 846</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>3,6</b>	<b>3,6</b>	<b>990 146</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

Four out of the nine provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to July 2025, of which Western Cape (contributing 5,9 percentage points or R1 632,8 million) and North West (contributing 1,7 percentage points or R459,2 million) were the largest positive contributors.

The largest negative contributors were Gauteng (contributing -3,7 percentage points or -R1 032,2 million) and Mpumalanga (contributing -1,2 percentage points or -R325,7 million) – 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 2024	Jan – Jul 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Jul 2024 and Jan – Jul 2025	% change between Jan – Jul 2024 and Jan – Jul 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	11 710 858	11 971 867	261 009	2,2
Non-residential buildings	4 284 274	4 762 593	478 319	11,2
Additions and alterations	4 340 704	3 919 930	-420 774	-9,7
<b>Total</b>	<b>20 335 836</b>	<b>20 654 390</b>	<b>318 554</b>	<b>1,6</b>

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2019 prices) increased by 1,6% (R318,6 million) during January to July 2025 compared with January to July 2024. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (R478,3 million) and residential buildings (R261,0 million). A decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-R420,8 million) – see Table G.

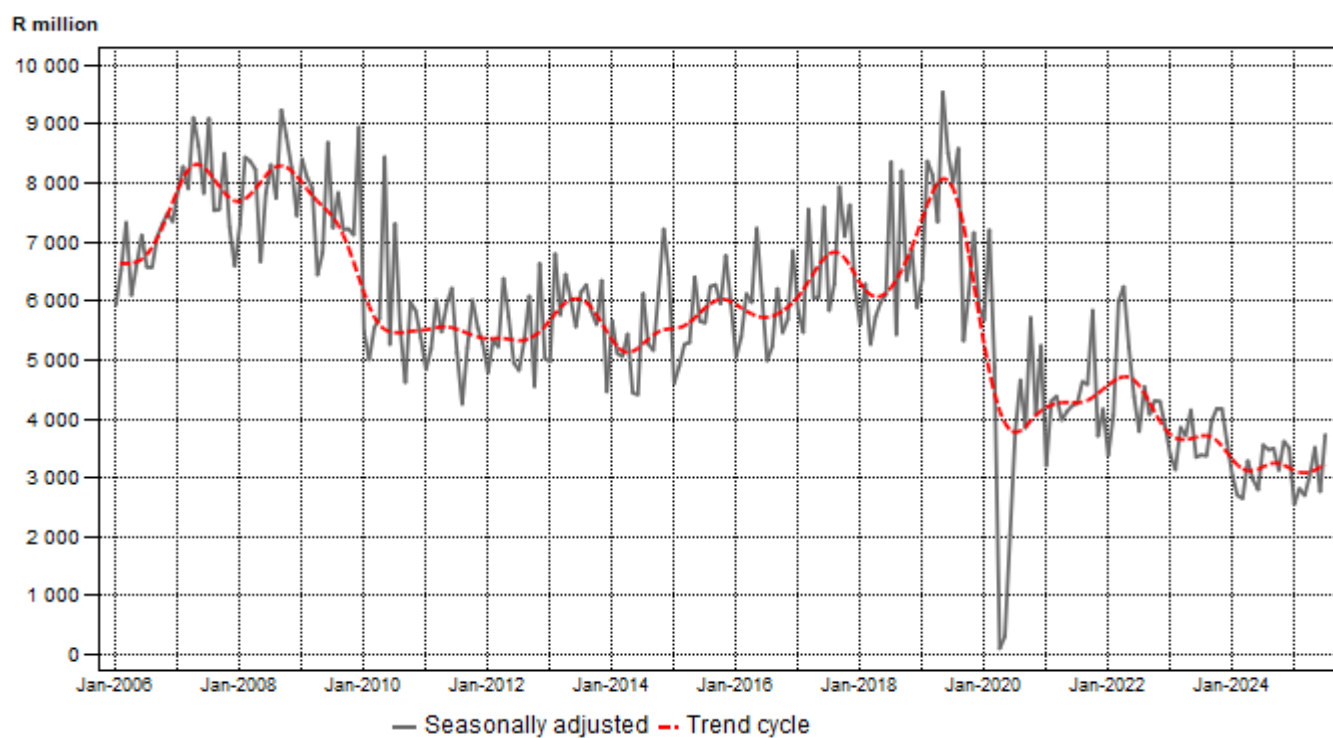
**Table H – Seasonally adjusted buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building**

Type of building	Feb – Apr 2025	May – Jul 2025	% change between Feb – Apr 2025 and May – Jul 2025
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 696 876	5 494 453	-3,6
Non-residential buildings <sup>1</sup>	1 386 263	2 471 547	78,3
Additions and alterations	1 467 469	2 041 583	39,1
<b>Total</b>	<b>8 550 608</b>	<b>10 007 583</b>	<b>17,0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 on page 38.

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 17,0% in the three months ended July 2025 compared with the previous three months. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (78,3%) and additions and alterations (39,1%). A decrease was reported for residential buildings (-3,6%) – 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		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
2024	January	2 641 211	-4,4	646 429	-10,4	1 392 946	-27,7	4 680 586	-13,5
	February	4 987 654	-6,0	1 655 142	-0,6	2 359 384	-10,5	9 002 180	-6,3
	March	3 543 222	-23,9	1 905 469	12,3	2 596 885	20,7	8 045 576	-5,4
	April	4 241 995	-8,1	2 658 595	24,4	2 282 122	0,5	9 182 712	1,8
	May	4 138 159	-6,8	2 040 668	-0,9	1 955 538	-33,9	8 134 365	-14,0
	June	3 769 542	-20,2	2 538 847	-47,3	2 334 452	-15,7	8 642 841	-29,8
	July	3 978 787	-7,4	2 652 065	138,7	2 835 702	15,6	9 466 554	20,4
	August	4 294 462	9,3	2 005 025	-6,1	2 578 344	1,1	8 877 831	3,1
	September	4 892 901	9,2	2 070 383	102,1	2 661 175	11,6	9 624 459	22,0
	October	4 650 594	15,7	2 891 035	162,5	2 743 048	-8,3	10 284 677	26,8
	November	4 243 490	-5,0	1 910 056	14,8	2 557 544	-8,0	8 711 090	-2,3
	December	2 945 291	10,3	1 798 704	15,0	2 256 261	24,3	7 000 256	15,7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>48 327 308</b>	<b>-4,0</b>	<b>24 772 418</b>	<b>14,2</b>	<b>28 553 401</b>	<b>-3,8</b>	<b>101 653 127</b>	<b>-0,1</b>
2025	January	3 186 144	20,6	1 206 164	86,6	1 871 867	34,4	6 264 175	33,8
	February	3 404 090	-31,7	2 395 437	44,7	2 505 413	6,2	8 304 940	-7,7
	March	3 635 173	2,6	1 385 314	-27,3	2 431 589	-6,4	7 452 076	-7,4
	April	3 412 504	-19,6	1 531 377	-42,4	2 341 150	2,6	7 285 031	-20,7
	May	4 284 380	3,5	1 964 424	-3,7	2 979 174	52,3	9 227 978	13,4
	June	3 864 945	2,5	1 313 123	-48,3	2 383 783	2,1	7 561 851	-12,5
	July	4 111 126	3,3	1 983 248	-25,2	2 927 327	3,2	9 021 701	-4,7

<sup>1</sup> 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.

**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 <sup>3</sup>		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
2024	January	3 594 716	-1,2	646 429	-58,7	1 840 170	-19,6	6 081 315	-18,8
	February	4 523 963	25,9	1 655 142	156,0	2 378 788	29,3	8 557 893	40,7
	March	4 046 473	-10,6	1 905 469	15,1	2 978 513	25,2	8 930 455	4,4
	April	4 059 236	0,3	2 658 595	39,5	2 245 508	-24,6	8 963 339	0,4
	May	3 804 364	-6,3	2 040 668	-23,2	1 846 122	-17,8	7 691 154	-14,2
	June	3 620 573	-4,8	2 538 847	24,4	2 433 155	31,8	8 592 575	11,7
	July	3 549 578	-2,0	2 652 065	4,5	2 393 484	-1,6	8 595 127	0,0
	August	3 993 394	12,5	2 005 025	-24,4	2 424 661	1,3	8 423 080	-2,0
	September	4 763 646	19,3	2 070 383	3,3	2 457 385	1,3	9 291 414	10,3
	October	3 933 435	-17,4	2 891 035	39,6	2 366 165	-3,7	9 190 635	-1,1
	November	4 249 514	8,0	1 910 056	-33,9	2 393 310	1,1	8 552 880	-6,9
	December	3 913 335	-7,9	1 798 704	-5,8	2 734 853	14,3	8 446 892	-1,2
2025	January	4 246 761	8,5	1 206 164	-32,9	2 508 778	-8,3	7 961 703	-5,7
	February	3 584 804	-15,6	2 395 437	98,6	2 548 660	1,6	8 528 901	7,1
	March	3 715 602	3,6	1 385 314	-42,2	2 525 603	-0,9	7 626 519	-10,6
	April	3 613 163	-2,8	1 531 377	10,5	2 548 447	0,9	7 692 987	0,9
	May	4 053 794	12,2	1 964 424	28,3	2 878 583	13,0	8 896 801	15,6
	June	3 712 985	-8,4	1 313 123	-33,2	2 390 315	-17,0	7 416 423	-16,6
	July	3 522 142	-5,1	1 983 248	51,0	2 505 356	4,8	8 010 746	8,0
	<b>Feb – Apr 25</b>	<b>10 913 569</b>		<b>5 312 128</b>		<b>7 622 710</b>		<b>23 848 407</b>	
	<b>May – Jul 25 <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>11 288 921</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>5 260 795</b>	<b>-1,0</b>	<b>7 774 254</b>	<b>2,0</b>	<b>24 323 970</b>	<b>2,0</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 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		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
2024	January	1 957 903	-9,7	479 191	-15,4	1 032 577	-31,7	3 469 671	-18,3
	February	3 686 367	-10,2	1 223 313	-5,0	1 743 817	-14,5	6 653 497	-10,5
	March	2 603 396	-27,1	1 400 051	7,7	1 908 071	15,7	5 911 518	-9,3
	April	3 098 608	-12,4	1 941 998	18,6	1 666 999	-4,2	6 707 605	-3,0
	May	3 005 199	-11,2	1 481 967	-5,7	1 420 144	-37,1	5 907 310	-18,1
	June	2 747 480	-23,9	1 850 472	-49,7	1 701 496	-19,6	6 299 448	-33,1
	July	2 883 179	-11,7	1 921 786	127,6	2 054 857	10,2	6 859 822	14,8
	August	3 118 709	4,9	1 456 082	-9,9	1 872 436	-3,0	6 447 227	-1,1
	September	3 555 887	5,5	1 504 639	95,2	1 933 993	7,8	6 994 519	17,9
	October	3 414 533	13,2	2 122 640	156,7	2 013 985	-10,3	7 551 158	24,0
	November	3 099 701	-7,2	1 395 220	12,1	1 868 184	-10,2	6 363 105	-4,5
	December	2 151 418	8,2	1 313 882	12,9	1 648 109	22,1	5 113 409	13,6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>35 322 380</b>	<b>-7,8</b>	<b>18 091 241</b>	<b>9,6</b>	<b>20 864 668</b>	<b>-7,6</b>	<b>74 278 289</b>	<b>-4,1</b>
2025	January	2 315 512	18,3	876 573	82,9	1 360 368	31,7	4 552 453	31,2
	February	2 447 225	-33,6	1 722 097	40,8	1 801 160	3,3	5 970 482	-10,3
	March	2 594 699	-0,3	988 804	-29,4	1 735 610	-9,0	5 319 113	-10,0
	April	2 442 737	-21,2	1 096 190	-43,6	1 675 841	0,5	5 214 768	-22,3
	May	3 084 507	2,6	1 414 272	-4,6	2 144 834	51,0	6 643 613	12,5
	June	2 782 538	1,3	945 373	-48,9	1 716 186	0,9	5 444 097	-13,6
	July	2 921 909	1,3	1 409 558	-26,7	2 080 545	1,3	6 412 012	-6,5

<sup>1</sup> 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.

**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 <sup>3</sup>		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
<b>2024</b>	January	2 628 376	-1,4	479 191	-58,8	1 358 446	-19,9	4 466 013	-19,2
	February	3 365 790	28,1	1 223 313	155,3	1 758 970	29,5	6 348 073	42,1
	March	2 974 506	-11,6	1 400 051	14,4	2 187 397	24,4	6 561 954	3,4
	April	2 988 464	0,5	1 941 998	38,7	1 645 157	-24,8	6 575 619	0,2
	May	2 764 614	-7,5	1 481 967	-23,7	1 342 492	-18,4	5 589 073	-15,0
	June	2 628 688	-4,9	1 850 472	24,9	1 767 979	31,7	6 247 139	11,8
	July	2 584 074	-1,7	1 921 786	3,9	1 737 257	-1,7	6 243 117	-0,1
	August	2 923 984	13,2	1 456 082	-24,2	1 764 329	1,6	6 144 395	-1,6
	September	3 469 244	18,6	1 504 639	3,3	1 794 640	1,7	6 768 523	10,2
	October	2 889 126	-16,7	2 122 640	41,1	1 735 071	-3,3	6 746 837	-0,3
	November	3 076 524	6,5	1 395 220	-34,3	1 745 462	0,6	6 217 206	-7,9
	December	2 824 443	-8,2	1 313 882	-5,8	1 990 425	14,0	6 128 750	-1,4
<b>2025</b>	January	3 056 725	8,2	876 573	-33,3	1 817 055	-8,7	5 750 353	-6,2
	February	2 580 971	-15,6	1 722 097	96,5	1 832 388	0,8	6 135 456	6,7
	March	2 664 669	3,2	988 804	-42,6	1 804 299	-1,5	5 457 772	-11,0
	April	2 593 907	-2,7	1 096 190	10,9	1 823 644	1,1	5 513 741	1,0
	May	2 923 663	12,7	1 414 272	29,0	2 072 143	13,6	6 410 078	16,3
	June	2 675 141	-8,5	945 373	-33,2	1 718 090	-17,1	5 338 604	-16,7
	July	2 517 651	-5,9	1 409 558	49,1	1 782 738	3,8	5 709 947	7,0
	<b>Feb – Apr 25</b>	<b>7 839 547</b>		<b>3 807 091</b>		<b>5 460 331</b>		<b>17 106 969</b>	
	<b>May – Jul 25 <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>8 116 455</b>	<b>3,5</b>	<b>3 769 203</b>	<b>-1,0</b>	<b>5 572 971</b>	<b>2,1</b>	<b>17 458 629</b>	<b>2,1</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 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		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
2024	January	1 834 865	14,6	738 235	-49,1	662 252	23,5	3 235 352	-9,9
	February	2 097 005	-13,1	464 909	-18,4	932 878	9,6	3 494 792	-8,9
	March	2 149 921	-21,9	392 388	-77,0	911 912	35,3	3 454 221	-32,7
	April	2 362 554	-6,7	1 461 297	8,4	730 773	5,4	4 554 624	-0,4
	May	2 403 328	-39,4	1 152 721	77,5	577 566	-32,4	4 133 615	-24,4
	June	2 166 878	-23,5	833 237	10,5	744 988	-4,4	3 745 103	-14,2
	July	2 995 552	12,7	818 680	-33,8	1 371 761	93,2	5 185 993	12,6
	August	2 500 529	-18,2	1 344 921	101,1	968 386	28,4	4 813 836	7,4
	September	3 089 032	-13,7	977 587	-21,4	1 044 219	34,3	5 110 838	-8,7
	October	2 825 730	-10,3	746 281	-51,5	895 522	-18,3	4 467 533	-22,8
	November	2 605 899	-26,5	2 003 154	19,3	812 265	-19,9	5 421 318	-13,1
	December	2 331 225	-29,0	1 569 481	162,8	816 420	-3,5	4 717 126	-0,2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>29 362 518</b>	<b>-17,0</b>	<b>12 502 891</b>	<b>-7,0</b>	<b>10 468 942</b>	<b>9,2</b>	<b>52 334 351</b>	<b>-10,4</b>
2025	January	1 276 232	-30,4	1 244 982	68,6	401 356	-39,4	2 922 570	-9,7
	February	2 263 890	8,0	884 148	90,2	550 009	-41,0	3 698 047	5,8
	March	2 505 920	16,6	569 063	45,0	772 015	-15,3	3 846 998	11,4
	April	2 799 975	18,5	481 210	-67,1	726 757	-0,5	4 007 942	-12,0
	May	2 598 855	8,1	1 228 414	6,6	1 127 334	95,2	4 954 603	19,9
	June	2 076 793	-4,2	1 096 793	31,6	617 782	-17,1	3 791 368	1,2
	July	3 176 594	6,0	1 122 127	37,1	1 273 597	-7,2	5 572 318	7,4

<sup>1</sup> 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.

**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 <sup>3</sup>		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
<b>2024</b>	January	2 582 141	-19,2	738 235	23,6	807 981	-22,5	4 128 357	-14,6
	February	2 318 573	-10,2	464 909	-37,0	878 644	8,7	3 662 126	-11,3
	March	2 297 222	-0,9	392 388	-15,6	921 955	4,9	3 611 565	-1,4
	April	2 322 868	1,1	1 461 297	272,4	695 255	-24,6	4 479 420	24,0
	May	2 384 953	2,7	1 152 721	-21,1	550 525	-20,8	4 088 199	-8,7
	June	2 195 277	-8,0	833 237	-27,7	825 301	49,9	3 853 815	-5,7
	July	2 831 388	29,0	818 680	-1,7	1 242 384	50,5	4 892 452	27,0
	August	2 525 607	-10,8	1 344 921	64,3	896 321	-27,9	4 766 849	-2,6
	September	2 795 781	10,7	977 587	-27,3	1 018 021	13,6	4 791 389	0,5
	October	2 662 352	-4,8	746 281	-23,7	851 356	-16,4	4 259 989	-11,1
	November	2 174 074	-18,3	2 003 154	168,4	780 770	-8,3	4 957 998	16,4
	December	2 273 958	4,6	1 569 481	-21,6	954 425	22,2	4 797 864	-3,2
<b>2025</b>	January	1 801 494	-20,8	1 244 982	-20,7	479 706	-49,7	3 526 182	-26,5
	February	2 502 965	38,9	884 148	-29,0	536 904	11,9	3 924 017	11,3
	March	2 503 037	0,0	569 063	-35,6	706 901	31,7	3 779 001	-3,7
	April	2 942 257	17,5	481 210	-15,4	806 303	14,1	4 229 770	11,9
	May	2 575 201	-12,5	1 228 414	155,3	1 076 169	33,5	4 879 784	15,4
	June	2 103 975	-18,3	1 096 793	-10,7	654 137	-39,2	3 854 905	-21,0
	July	2 994 664	42,3	1 122 127	2,3	1 116 601	70,7	5 233 392	35,8
	<b>Feb – Apr 25</b>	<b>7 948 259</b>		<b>1 934 421</b>		<b>2 050 108</b>		<b>11 932 788</b>	
	<b>May – Jul 25 <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>7 673 840</b>	<b>-3,5</b>	<b>3 447 334</b>	<b>78,2</b>	<b>2 846 907</b>	<b>38,9</b>	<b>13 968 081</b>	<b>17,1</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 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		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
2024	January	1 360 167	8,2	547 246	-52,0	490 921	16,7	2 398 334	-14,9
	February	1 549 893	-17,0	343 613	-22,0	689 489	4,7	2 582 995	-12,9
	March	1 579 663	-25,1	288 309	-78,0	670 031	29,7	2 538 003	-35,5
	April	1 725 752	-11,1	1 067 419	3,4	533 801	0,5	3 326 972	-5,1
	May	1 745 336	-42,3	837 125	69,0	419 438	-35,6	3 001 899	-28,0
	June	1 579 357	-27,1	607 316	5,3	542 994	-8,9	2 729 667	-18,2
	July	2 170 690	7,5	593 246	-36,9	994 030	84,2	3 757 966	7,4
	August	1 815 925	-21,6	976 704	92,9	703 258	23,2	3 495 887	3,1
	September	2 244 936	-16,6	710 456	-24,1	758 880	29,7	3 714 272	-11,8
	October	2 074 692	-12,3	547 930	-52,5	657 505	-20,1	3 280 127	-24,5
	November	1 903 505	-28,2	1 463 224	16,5	593 327	-21,8	3 960 056	-15,1
	December	1 702 867	-30,3	1 146 443	158,0	596 362	-5,3	3 445 672	-2,0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>21 452 783</b>	<b>-20,1</b>	<b>9 129 031</b>	<b>-10,8</b>	<b>7 650 036</b>	<b>5,1</b>	<b>38 231 850</b>	<b>-13,8</b>
2025	January	927 494	-31,8	904 783	65,3	291 683	-40,6	2 123 960	-11,4
	February	1 627 527	5,0	635 620	85,0	395 405	-42,7	2 658 552	2,9
	March	1 788 665	13,2	406 183	40,9	551 046	-17,8	2 745 894	8,2
	April	2 004 277	16,1	344 460	-67,7	520 227	-2,5	2 868 964	-13,8
	May	1 871 026	7,2	884 387	5,6	811 616	93,5	3 567 029	18,8
	June	1 495 171	-5,3	789 628	30,0	444 767	-18,1	2 729 566	0,0
	July	2 257 707	4,0	797 532	34,4	905 186	-8,9	3 960 425	5,4

<sup>1</sup> 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.



**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 <sup>3</sup>		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
<b>2024</b>	January	1 901 099	-19,8	547 246	23,1	590 550	-24,3	3 038 895	-15,5
	February	1 712 734	-9,9	343 613	-37,2	644 765	9,2	2 701 112	-11,1
	March	1 685 474	-1,6	288 309	-16,1	672 591	4,3	2 646 374	-2,0
	April	1 703 416	1,1	1 067 419	270,2	516 273	-23,2	3 287 108	24,2
	May	1 729 528	1,5	837 125	-21,6	402 594	-22,0	2 969 247	-9,7
	June	1 595 434	-7,8	607 316	-27,5	592 301	47,1	2 795 051	-5,9
	July	2 056 680	28,9	593 246	-2,3	906 751	53,1	3 556 677	27,2
	August	1 840 444	-10,5	976 704	64,6	656 892	-27,6	3 474 040	-2,3
	September	2 039 649	10,8	710 456	-27,3	745 861	13,5	3 495 966	0,6
	October	1 954 185	-4,2	547 930	-22,9	621 812	-16,6	3 123 927	-10,6
	November	1 587 671	-18,8	1 463 224	167,0	567 530	-8,7	3 618 425	15,8
	December	1 657 265	4,4	1 146 443	-21,6	699 010	23,2	3 502 718	-3,2
<b>2025</b>	January	1 300 024	-21,6	904 783	-21,1	344 881	-50,7	2 549 688	-27,2
	February	1 798 583	38,3	635 620	-29,7	383 598	11,2	2 817 801	10,5
	March	1 788 423	-0,6	406 183	-36,1	503 378	31,2	2 697 984	-4,3
	April	2 109 870	18,0	344 460	-15,2	580 493	15,3	3 034 823	12,5
	May	1 850 818	-12,3	884 387	156,7	780 080	34,4	3 515 285	15,8
	June	1 510 137	-18,4	789 628	-10,7	465 286	-40,4	2 765 051	-21,3
	July	2 133 498	41,3	797 532	1,0	796 217	71,1	3 727 247	34,8
	<b>Feb – Apr 25</b>	<b>5 696 876</b>		<b>1 386 263</b>		<b>1 467 469</b>		<b>8 550 608</b>	
	<b>May – Jul 25 <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>5 494 453</b>	<b>-3,6</b>	<b>2 471 547</b>	<b>78,3</b>	<b>2 041 583</b>	<b>39,1</b>	<b>10 007 583</b>	<b>17,0</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 on page 38.

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

			Jul 2024	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2024	Jan – Jul 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	539	610	637	3 284	3 761	14,5
		square metres	25 384	30 481	31 730	163 342	185 167	13,4
		R'000	209 382	231 315	251 961	1 263 829	1 389 662	10,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 064	1 040	1 020	6 512	6 549	0,6
		square metres	292 367	288 848	301 233	1 857 551	1 895 135	2,0
		R'000	2 452 944	2 463 673	2 579 885	15 699 190	16 162 628	3,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 523	920	1 144	9 669	7 618	-21,2
		square metres	130 759	114 500	115 567	949 636	766 502	-19,3
		R'000	1 256 001	1 102 035	1 061 450	9 497 829	7 530 649	-20,7
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	8 112	7 720	26 286	91 219	87 639	-3,9
		R'000	60 460	67 922	217 830	839 722	815 423	-2,9
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 978 787</b>	<b>3 864 945</b>	<b>4 111 126</b>	<b>27 300 570</b>	<b>25 898 362</b>	<b>-5,1</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	81 860	5 423	50 892	141 926	131 740	-7,2
		R'000	866 634	64 383	562 454	1 420 058	1 423 495	0,2
	Shopping space	square metres	50 942	30 458	30 522	492 003	248 262	-49,5
		R'000	526 977	250 634	243 677	4 900 292	2 036 817	-58,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	150 886	100 749	122 078	802 376	877 080	9,3
		R'000	1 117 414	783 809	824 044	6 004 246	6 524 332	8,7
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	16 566	27 730	38 298	212 117	209 749	-1,1
		R'000	141 040	214 297	353 073	1 772 619	1 794 443	1,2
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 652 065</b>	<b>1 313 123</b>	<b>1 983 248</b>	<b>14 097 215</b>	<b>11 779 087</b>	<b>-16,4</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	212 822	186 846	195 549	1 281 324	1 302 341	1,6
		R'000	1 799 381	1 634 624	1 710 670	10 918 539	11 421 691	4,6
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	90 706	67 583	108 029	448 649	528 115	17,7
		R'000	1 036 321	749 159	1 216 657	4 838 490	6 018 612	24,4
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 835 702</b>	<b>2 383 783</b>	<b>2 927 327</b>	<b>15 757 029</b>	<b>17 440 303</b>	<b>10,7</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>9 466 554</b>	<b>7 561 851</b>	<b>9 021 701</b>	<b>57 154 814</b>	<b>55 117 752</b>	<b>-3,6</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2024	Jan – Jul 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	220	295	297	924	1 304	41,1
		square metres	10 245	14 472	13 161	43 217	59 804	38,4
		R'000	86 912	112 045	94 515	301 722	433 138	43,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	391	526	401	2 446	3 018	23,4
		square metres	102 170	118 567	106 797	642 411	781 513	21,7
		R'000	770 885	893 143	829 723	4 960 726	5 945 931	19,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	683	508	667	3 741	3 812	1,9
		square metres	44 097	52 071	55 004	368 012	343 912	-6,5
		R'000	396 112	476 837	500 299	3 556 647	3 144 067	-11,6
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	3 269	254	20 020	18 153	40 207	121,5
		R'000	24 514	2 500	160 010	150 000	355 572	137,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 278 423</b>	<b>1 484 525</b>	<b>1 584 547</b>	<b>8 969 095</b>	<b>9 878 708</b>	<b>10,1</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	28 414	0	24 732	35 838	56 438	57,5
		R'000	237 896	0	211 044	302 853	515 035	70,1
	Shopping space	square metres	3 775	12 049	9 310	93 227	86 764	-6,9
		R'000	36 526	105 232	87 445	998 723	734 952	-26,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	38 266	24 535	4 467	162 215	186 069	14,7
		R'000	290 586	180 746	33 152	1 203 157	1 392 667	15,8
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	3 540	11 231	10 199	60 801	108 316	78,1
		R'000	30 083	75 494	79 279	463 999	877 574	89,1
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>595 091</b>	<b>361 472</b>	<b>410 920</b>	<b>2 968 732</b>	<b>3 520 228</b>	<b>18,6</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	87 568	69 171	78 699	435 915	528 935	21,3
		R'000	636 314	533 091	606 183	3 195 845	4 109 066	28,6
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	23 759	25 628	22 262	136 060	161 181	18,5
		R'000	349 972	332 521	306 021	1 725 844	2 276 630	31,9
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>986 286</b>	<b>865 612</b>	<b>912 204</b>	<b>4 921 689</b>	<b>6 385 696</b>	<b>29,7</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 859 800</b>	<b>2 711 609</b>	<b>2 907 671</b>	<b>16 859 516</b>	<b>19 784 632</b>	<b>17,3</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2024	Jan – Jul 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	32	74	47	190	382	101,1
		square metres	1 478	3 154	2 463	8 148	16 830	106,6
		R'000	12 514	27 030	20 206	60 485	143 057	136,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	48	27	87	382	362	-5,2
		square metres	11 412	8 785	24 807	100 463	100 996	0,5
		R'000	95 910	78 932	214 112	837 604	881 165	5,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	27	11	45	175	188	7,4
		square metres	2 037	1 526	4 980	22 292	31 718	42,3
		R'000	16 711	12 908	41 097	180 231	256 152	42,1
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	1 660	0	0	1 660	0	-100,0
		R'000	15 256	0	0	15 256	0	-100,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>140 391</b>	<b>118 870</b>	<b>275 415</b>	<b>1 093 576</b>	<b>1 280 374</b>	<b>17,1</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	8 252	4 386	-46,8
		R'000	0	0	0	52 079	37 522	-28,0
	Shopping space	square metres	220	0	3 177	4 594	6 870	49,5
		R'000	1 843	0	27 193	36 122	59 200	63,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	7 384	1 341	2 608	58 170	106 572	83,2
		R'000	63 775	11 622	21 951	478 115	923 389	93,1
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	1 419	3 207	2 494	10 083	12 077	19,8
		R'000	13 323	26 950	23 345	77 851	105 834	35,9
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>78 941</b>	<b>38 572</b>	<b>72 489</b>	<b>644 167</b>	<b>1 125 945</b>	<b>74,8</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 851	20 043	7 378	107 882	96 025	-11,0
		R'000	125 163	171 024	61 267	877 268	817 970	-6,8
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	8 795	7 277	7 895	58 974	48 736	-17,4
		R'000	79 569	65 528	69 532	513 081	443 978	-13,5
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>204 732</b>	<b>236 552</b>	<b>130 799</b>	<b>1 390 349</b>	<b>1 261 948</b>	<b>-9,2</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>424 064</b>	<b>393 994</b>	<b>478 703</b>	<b>3 128 092</b>	<b>3 668 267</b>	<b>17,3</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2024	Jan – Jul 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	3	4	204	68	-66,7
		square metres	188	166	182	8 373	2 838	-66,1
		R'000	1 860	1 642	1 530	78 901	27 805	-64,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	15	9	12	96	97	1,0
		square metres	3 315	2 967	2 017	19 154	19 700	2,9
		R'000	27 828	24 518	18 634	163 883	172 142	5,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2	0	0	6	0	-100,0
		square metres	924	0	0	1 148	0	-100,0
		R'000	8 042	0	0	10 151	0	-100,0
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	409	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	3 850	0	-100,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>37 730</b>	<b>26 160</b>	<b>20 164</b>	<b>256 785</b>	<b>199 947</b>	<b>-22,1</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 030	0	0	1 977	83	-95,8
		R'000	10 190	0	0	16 104	821	-94,9
	Shopping space	square metres	0	5 976	0	3 338	5 976	79,0
		R'000	0	49 565	0	31 411	49 565	57,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	20 339	1 272	-93,7
		R'000	0	0	0	191 451	12 584	-93,4
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	476	0	1 391	476	2 234	369,3
		R'000	4 709	0	9 042	4 709	17 382	269,1
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>14 899</b>	<b>49 565</b>	<b>9 042</b>	<b>243 675</b>	<b>80 352</b>	<b>-67,0</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 004	1 634	2 348	14 430	12 420	-13,9
		R'000	9 668	13 910	22 968	128 558	116 202	-9,6
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	268	486	991	2 886	7 266	151,8
		R'000	2 651	5 308	8 254	28 323	81 387	187,4
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>12 319</b>	<b>19 218</b>	<b>31 222</b>	<b>156 881</b>	<b>197 589</b>	<b>25,9</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>64 948</b>	<b>94 943</b>	<b>60 428</b>	<b>657 341</b>	<b>477 888</b>	<b>-27,3</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2024	Jan – Jul 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	23	88	48	183	311	69,9
		square metres	998	3 801	2 088	8 008	13 466	68,2
		R'000	4 118	21 151	12 135	46 170	87 431	89,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	38	51	33	241	261	8,3
		square metres	9 164	9 666	7 504	61 209	61 226	0,0
		R'000	79 673	86 117	64 669	529 171	523 129	-1,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	31	4	88	107	21,6
		square metres	0	3 058	225	10 230	11 745	14,8
		R'000	0	24 594	2 275	98 423	112 437	14,2
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	768	3 969	1 092	7 586	594,7
		R'000	0	7 766	37 491	9 781	70 414	619,9
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>83 791</b>	<b>139 628</b>	<b>116 570</b>	<b>683 545</b>	<b>793 411</b>	<b>16,1</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	490	56	0	2 024	749	-63,0
		R'000	4 956	566	0	16 767	5 888	-64,9
	Shopping space	square metres	950	0	0	16 684	8 804	-47,2
		R'000	6 632	0	0	106 447	73 575	-30,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 066	282	3 118	10 886	16 246	49,2
		R'000	7 442	1 833	21 694	83 584	115 072	37,7
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	1 289	613	300	12 367	5 081	-58,9
		R'000	13 038	6 199	3 034	90 153	51 379	-43,0
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>32 068</b>	<b>8 598</b>	<b>24 728</b>	<b>296 951</b>	<b>245 914</b>	<b>-17,2</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 305	6 287	4 833	38 241	37 411	-2,2
		R'000	30 922	55 511	43 646	322 579	328 313	1,8
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	1 683	2 152	879	12 617	14 903	18,1
		R'000	20 694	15 820	14 599	105 649	137 815	30,4
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>51 616</b>	<b>71 331</b>	<b>58 245</b>	<b>428 228</b>	<b>466 128</b>	<b>8,9</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>167 475</b>	<b>219 557</b>	<b>199 543</b>	<b>1 408 724</b>	<b>1 505 453</b>	<b>6,9</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2024	Jan – Jul 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	7	24	17	96	80	-16,7
		square metres	394	1 411	1 166	4 698	4 903	4,4
		R'000	3 495	9 192	10 202	38 864	39 489	1,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	132	77	95	570	518	-9,1
		square metres	40 865	37 176	43 663	186 987	209 362	12,0
		R'000	396 901	391 227	441 096	1 914 090	2 218 291	15,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	209	57	161	1 438	1 056	-26,6
		square metres	23 781	9 650	21 099	171 268	126 446	-26,2
		R'000	232 046	81 648	185 367	1 704 489	1 293 084	-24,1
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	1 092	1 494	30 837	25 348	-17,8
		R'000	0	14 742	14 237	377 774	280 984	-25,6
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>632 442</b>	<b>496 809</b>	<b>650 902</b>	<b>4 035 217</b>	<b>3 831 848</b>	<b>-5,0</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	13 581	4 081	0	22 088	6 042	-72,6
		R'000	149 391	46 210	0	229 013	62 387	-72,8
	Shopping space	square metres	38 144	1 951	1 996	107 819	16 369	-84,8
		R'000	401 370	16 933	16 997	1 137 640	149 355	-86,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	44 684	1 728	81 771	89 708	151 219	68,6
		R'000	267 590	9 940	501 058	586 139	991 483	69,2
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	4 535	4 205	382	36 484	21 363	-41,4
		R'000	42 381	42 107	4 202	391 796	224 592	-42,7
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>860 732</b>	<b>115 190</b>	<b>522 257</b>	<b>2 344 588</b>	<b>1 427 817</b>	<b>-39,1</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	24 714	21 315	24 283	162 300	169 603	4,5
		R'000	263 286	224 250	268 294	1 737 585	1 851 793	6,6
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	18 575	14 546	29 148	70 618	82 374	16,6
		R'000	226 911	163 502	349 525	895 958	1 018 634	13,7
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>490 197</b>	<b>387 752</b>	<b>617 819</b>	<b>2 633 543</b>	<b>2 870 427</b>	<b>9,0</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 983 371</b>	<b>999 751</b>	<b>1 790 978</b>	<b>9 013 348</b>	<b>8 130 092</b>	<b>-9,8</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2024	Jan – Jul 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	8	2	3	44	30	-31,8	
		square metres	516	147	202	2 443	1 778	-27,2	
		R'000	3 613	990	1 399	17 132	11 973	-30,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	68	53	79	366	311	-15,0	
		square metres	16 375	17 824	21 479	99 734	82 887	-16,9	
		R'000	125 921	130 006	160 244	737 943	618 714	-16,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	27	19	57	124	196	58,1	
		square metres	1 972	1 984	9 219	9 185	25 925	182,3	
		R'000	13 636	13 741	73 979	67 762	199 064	193,8	
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	28 332	364	-98,7	
		R'000	0	0	0	203 579	2 366	-98,8	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	143 170	144 737	235 622	1 026 416	832 117	-18,9
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 091	0	0	1 193	1 433	20,1
R'000			7 339	0	0	7 969	9 731	22,1	
Shopping space		square metres	1 361	1 192	1 778	82 313	16 747	-79,7	
		R'000	9 799	8 183	12 314	675 393	113 783	-83,2	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	0	5 747	543	18 703	32 860	75,7	
		R'000	0	41 013	3 560	144 501	219 058	51,6	
Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>		square metres	0	321	0	12 068	1 435	-88,1	
		R'000	0	2 223	0	96 898	9 331	-90,4	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	17 138	51 419	15 874	924 761	351 903	-61,9	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 947	5 364	9 154	53 041	40 650	-23,4	
		R'000	84 938	36 756	64 437	375 005	277 644	-26,0	
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	2 021	771	6 196	9 257	27 934	201,8	
		R'000	15 608	32 360	68 848	135 976	427 511	214,4	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	100 546	69 116	133 285	510 981	705 155	38,0
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	260 854	265 272	384 781	2 462 158	1 889 175	-23,3	

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2024	Jan – Jul 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	241	116	213	1 560	1 487	-4,7
		square metres	11 256	6 832	11 959	83 241	79 594	-4,4
		R'000	94 576	54 880	107 931	682 978	596 671	-12,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	256	198	211	1 641	1 385	-15,6
		square metres	66 499	60 818	56 681	486 117	425 746	-12,4
		R'000	645 989	603 885	553 368	4 693 874	4 162 054	-11,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	542	263	139	3 774	2 083	-44,8
		square metres	54 340	41 849	16 969	338 756	201 692	-40,5
		R'000	565 762	464 235	188 725	3 676 205	2 343 681	-36,2
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	5 606	418	3 746	6 979	86,3
		R'000	0	42 914	3 200	34 103	55 694	63,3
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 306 327</b>	<b>1 165 914</b>	<b>853 224</b>	<b>9 087 160</b>	<b>7 158 100</b>	<b>-21,2</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	33 564	1 286	25 645	52 836	58 932	11,5
		R'000	434 043	17 607	346 570	675 839	765 826	13,3
	Shopping space	square metres	4 333	725	946	138 224	32 744	-76,3
		R'000	53 535	6 701	10 432	1 590 246	351 723	-77,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	46 316	58 496	22 710	327 538	296 170	-9,6
		R'000	403 212	467 848	184 424	2 552 375	2 223 358	-12,9
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	2 097	2 556	11 568	59 515	21 098	-64,6
		R'000	16 462	18 787	127 299	510 639	218 260	-57,3
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>907 252</b>	<b>510 943</b>	<b>668 725</b>	<b>5 329 099</b>	<b>3 559 167</b>	<b>-33,2</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	53 354	46 046	48 286	362 563	308 953	-14,8
		R'000	539 930	475 835	489 399	3 552 570	3 134 846	-11,8
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	32 117	14 657	27 499	128 935	121 470	-5,8
		R'000	312 835	112 464	308 244	1 181 183	1 138 271	-3,6
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>852 765</b>	<b>588 299</b>	<b>797 643</b>	<b>4 733 753</b>	<b>4 273 117</b>	<b>-9,7</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 066 344</b>	<b>2 265 156</b>	<b>2 319 592</b>	<b>19 150 012</b>	<b>14 990 384</b>	<b>-21,7</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2024	Jan – Jul 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	6	7	65	75	15,4
		square metres	195	379	433	4 100	4 500	9,8
		R'000	1 507	3 562	3 472	30 173	39 318	30,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	72	69	76	521	391	-25,0
		square metres	26 047	22 521	29 484	168 136	138 828	-17,4
		R'000	188 407	177 285	234 421	1 199 415	1 091 581	-9,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	10	30	55	191	130	-31,9
		square metres	841	3 566	5 966	14 617	18 955	29,7
		R'000	5 317	23 442	55 240	102 483	141 214	37,8
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	2 445	0	0	6 252	5 271	-15,7
		R'000	15 893	0	0	40 582	37 758	-7,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>211 124</b>	<b>204 289</b>	<b>293 133</b>	<b>1 372 653</b>	<b>1 309 871</b>	<b>-4,6</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	3 690	0	515	7 639	2 918	-61,8
		R'000	22 819	0	4 840	50 085	20 803	-58,5
	Shopping space	square metres	2 159	317	10 514	34 536	61 615	78,4
		R'000	17 272	2 061	69 064	243 173	414 074	70,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	12 851	6 806	5 200	99 942	68 583	-31,4
		R'000	82 505	57 705	46 782	662 444	515 889	-22,1
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	3 210	0	11 964	5 816	15 149	160,5
		R'000	21 044	0	106 872	39 856	128 023	221,2
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>143 640</b>	<b>59 766</b>	<b>227 558</b>	<b>995 558</b>	<b>1 078 789</b>	<b>8,4</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 596	13 482	16 580	88 406	91 923	4,0
		R'000	83 479	98 892	125 541	598 451	668 468	11,7
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	2 449	1 850	8 202	18 531	46 620	151,6
		R'000	19 247	14 511	54 470	161 765	356 312	120,3
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>102 726</b>	<b>113 403</b>	<b>180 011</b>	<b>760 216</b>	<b>1 024 780</b>	<b>34,8</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>457 490</b>	<b>377 458</b>	<b>700 702</b>	<b>3 128 427</b>	<b>3 413 440</b>	<b>9,1</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2024	Jan – Jul 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	2	1	18	24	33,3
		square metres	114	119	76	1 114	1 454	30,5
		R'000	787	823	571	7 404	10 780	45,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	44	30	26	249	206	-17,3
		square metres	16 520	10 524	8 801	93 340	74 877	-19,8
		R'000	121 430	78 560	63 618	662 484	549 621	-17,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	23	1	16	132	46	-65,2
		square metres	2 767	796	2 105	14 128	6 109	-56,8
		R'000	18 375	4 630	14 468	101 438	40 950	-59,6
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	738	0	385	738	1 884	155,3
		R'000	4 797	0	2 892	4 797	12 635	163,4
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>145 389</b>	<b>84 013</b>	<b>81 549</b>	<b>776 123</b>	<b>613 986</b>	<b>-20,9</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	10 079	759	-92,5
		R'000	0	0	0	69 349	5 482	-92,1
	Shopping space	square metres	0	8 248	2 801	11 268	12 373	9,8
		R'000	0	61 959	20 232	81 137	90 590	11,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	319	1 814	1 661	14 875	18 089	21,6
		R'000	2 304	13 102	11 423	102 480	130 832	27,7
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	5 597	0	14 507	22 996	58,5
		R'000	0	42 537	0	96 718	162 068	67,6
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 304</b>	<b>117 598</b>	<b>31 655</b>	<b>349 684</b>	<b>388 972</b>	<b>11,2</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 483	3 504	3 988	18 546	16 421	-11,5
		R'000	25 681	25 355	28 935	130 678	117 389	-10,2
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	1 039	216	4 957	10 771	17 631	63,7
		R'000	8 834	7 145	37 164	90 711	138 074	52,2
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>34 515</b>	<b>32 500</b>	<b>66 099</b>	<b>221 389</b>	<b>255 463</b>	<b>15,4</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>182 208</b>	<b>234 111</b>	<b>179 303</b>	<b>1 347 196</b>	<b>1 258 421</b>	<b>-6,6</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2024	Jan – Jul 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	462	314	388	2 829	2 607	-7,8
		square metres	24 891	16 439	20 071	146 855	127 858	-12,9
		R'000	174 578	121 822	162 674	1 033 870	946 688	-8,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	677	551	637	4 238	3 658	-13,7
		square metres	174 330	138 867	169 975	1 103 671	971 466	-12,0
		R'000	1 536 599	1 236 174	1 507 601	9 540 744	8 560 630	-10,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 140	606	1 750	5 859	7 222	23,3
		square metres	123 294	60 815	157 529	552 217	694 588	25,8
		R'000	1 249 261	575 748	1 391 117	5 243 468	6 591 631	25,7
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	3 981	15 633	10 054	23 994	66 213	176,0
		R'000	35 114	143 049	115 202	192 021	599 310	212,1
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 995 552</b>	<b>2 076 793</b>	<b>3 176 594</b>	<b>16 010 103</b>	<b>16 698 259</b>	<b>4,3</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	3 613	10 067	2 475	75 751	84 979	12,2
		R'000	36 628	111 649	19 457	788 886	899 010	14,0
	Shopping space	square metres	14 631	20 678	71 482	150 420	213 187	41,7
		R'000	139 016	194 576	699 563	1 527 606	1 792 820	17,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	61 311	104 783	47 566	413 194	480 050	16,2
		R'000	456 748	734 458	332 211	3 026 679	3 344 352	10,5
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	21 847	8 275	8 200	66 896	71 976	7,6
		R'000	186 288	56 110	70 896	518 296	590 555	13,9
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>818 680</b>	<b>1 096 793</b>	<b>1 122 127</b>	<b>5 861 467</b>	<b>6 626 737</b>	<b>13,1</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	69 722	42 562	94 353	407 748	350 946	-13,9
		R'000	610 143	384 531	830 379	3 476 145	3 099 154	-10,8
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	61 985	17 119	45 659	219 024	205 442	-6,2
		R'000	761 618	233 251	443 218	2 455 985	2 369 696	-3,5
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 371 761</b>	<b>617 782</b>	<b>1 273 597</b>	<b>5 932 130</b>	<b>5 468 850</b>	<b>-7,8</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>5 185 993</b>	<b>3 791 368</b>	<b>5 572 318</b>	<b>27 803 700</b>	<b>28 793 846</b>	<b>3,6</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2024	Jan – Jul 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	148	80	129	927	552	-40,5
		square metres	6 703	3 788	5 739	42 399	25 715	-39,3
		R'000	46 293	22 477	47 708	274 133	176 920	-35,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	253	226	231	1 579	1 399	-11,4
		square metres	60 730	55 256	59 921	397 753	367 137	-7,7
		R'000	458 297	435 561	448 021	2 959 796	2 813 758	-4,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	220	217	888	1 904	3 493	83,5
		square metres	29 891	23 904	91 232	217 000	352 278	62,3
		R'000	262 575	208 817	753 571	1 844 883	3 064 584	66,1
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	1 010	15 478	326	16 054	45 256	181,9
		R'000	9 384	142 041	2 477	113 125	390 371	245,1
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>776 549</b>	<b>808 896</b>	<b>1 251 777</b>	<b>5 191 937</b>	<b>6 445 633</b>	<b>24,1</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 268	0	0	12 021	15 343	27,6
		R'000	21 095	0	0	109 603	114 137	4,1
	Shopping space	square metres	6 721	781	36 131	17 795	37 698	111,8
		R'000	65 047	6 951	324 941	138 664	338 711	144,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	7 195	65 896	0	61 514	102 318	66,3
		R'000	53 589	481 493	0	460 543	748 244	62,5
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	9 887	5 340	5 731	43 221	26 421	-38,9
		R'000	63 847	35 452	43 953	280 217	197 580	-29,5
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>203 578</b>	<b>523 896</b>	<b>368 894</b>	<b>989 027</b>	<b>1 398 672</b>	<b>41,4</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	16 965	14 338	18 810	118 557	101 829	-14,1
		R'000	126 513	113 636	141 626	867 328	764 588	-11,8
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	26 618	5 628	15 504	72 464	64 917	-10,4
		R'000	242 707	105 736	166 684	759 199	831 436	9,5
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>369 220</b>	<b>219 372</b>	<b>308 310</b>	<b>1 626 527</b>	<b>1 596 024</b>	<b>-1,9</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 349 347</b>	<b>1 552 164</b>	<b>1 928 981</b>	<b>7 807 491</b>	<b>9 440 329</b>	<b>20,9</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2024	Jan – Jul 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	46	11	9	151	268	77,5
		square metres	2 117	617	485	8 051	10 803	34,2
		R'000	18 159	5 075	3 894	65 560	83 518	27,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	60	25	70	280	180	-35,7
		square metres	18 134	4 967	16 661	71 536	46 279	-35,3
		R'000	155 408	42 357	146 279	596 111	403 196	-32,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	8	3	87	374	109	-70,9
		square metres	1 364	470	6 389	23 646	8 968	-62,1
		R'000	11 822	4 073	56 473	190 299	79 521	-58,2
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	398	0	5 129	..
		R'000	0	0	3 449	0	45 175	..
	Total residential buildings		R'000	185 389	51 505	210 095	851 970	611 410
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	708	0	1 554	1 670	7,5
		R'000	0	6 136	0	12 816	14 408	12,4
	Shopping space	square metres	0	204	0	875	13 028	1 388,9
		R'000	0	1 768	0	7 348	109 207	1 386,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	237	448	2 572	3 724	4 791	28,7
		R'000	2 054	3 882	22 292	29 788	41 523	39,4
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	2 654	3 582	35,0
		R'000	0	0	0	21 132	32 764	55,0
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	2 054	11 786	22 292	71 084	197 902
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	21 721	3 836	42 741	82 347	79 828	-3,1
		R'000	185 833	32 513	367 149	682 642	682 799	0,0
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	3 472	728	12 181	33 893	37 459	10,5
		R'000	48 670	17 232	117 037	322 318	354 093	9,9
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	234 503	49 745	484 186	1 004 960	1 036 892
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	421 946	113 036	716 573	1 928 014	1 846 204	-4,2

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2024	Jan – Jul 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	2	0	4	2	-50,0
		square metres	40	123	0	207	123	-40,6
		R'000	396	1 217	0	1 968	1 217	-38,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	2	2	2	29	17	-41,4
		square metres	444	347	460	5 192	3 261	-37,2
		R'000	4 392	3 433	4 551	49 085	32 261	-34,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	0	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	1 164	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	10 957	0	-100,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>4 788</b>	<b>4 650</b>	<b>4 551</b>	<b>62 010</b>	<b>33 478</b>	<b>-46,0</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 074	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	10 109	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	3 585	291	-91,9
		R'000	0	0	0	33 746	2 879	-91,5
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	193	59	-69,4
		R'000	0	0	0	1 817	584	-67,9
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45 672</b>	<b>3 463</b>	<b>-92,4</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 039	757	1 238	8 995	5 683	-36,8
		R'000	20 172	6 279	12 248	85 649	55 013	-35,8
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	0	264	1 471	2 719	2 547	-6,3
		R'000	390	2 230	14 823	26 949	25 877	-4,0
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>20 562</b>	<b>8 509</b>	<b>27 071</b>	<b>112 598</b>	<b>80 890</b>	<b>-28,2</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>25 350</b>	<b>13 159</b>	<b>31 622</b>	<b>220 280</b>	<b>117 831</b>	<b>-46,5</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2024	Jan – Jul 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	1	1	3	7	133,3
		square metres	0	69	72	164	428	161,0
		R'000	0	698	728	1 578	4 328	174,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	9	2	7	56	45	-19,6
		square metres	1 995	360	1 608	12 053	10 231	-15,1
		R'000	18 692	3 233	15 950	99 052	94 635	-4,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	43	7	20	43	50	16,3
		square metres	7 178	701	3 155	7 178	5 840	-18,6
		R'000	72 605	7 089	31 903	72 605	59 054	-18,7
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	991	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	7 654	0	-100,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>91 297</b>	<b>11 020</b>	<b>48 581</b>	<b>180 889</b>	<b>158 017</b>	<b>-12,6</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	277	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	2 665	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	361	1 017	361	-64,5
		R'000	0	0	2 347	9 287	2 347	-74,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	107	0	0	107	0	-100,0
		R'000	1 082	0	0	1 082	0	-100,0
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 082</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2 347</b>	<b>13 034</b>	<b>2 347</b>	<b>-82,0</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	445	92	129	10 318	1 088	-89,5
		R'000	3 188	763	1 147	73 029	7 731	-89,4
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	0	0	233	276	233	-15,6
		R'000	0	0	1 450	6 585	1 450	-78,0
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 188</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>2 597</b>	<b>79 614</b>	<b>9 181</b>	<b>-88,5</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>95 567</b>	<b>11 783</b>	<b>53 525</b>	<b>273 537</b>	<b>169 545</b>	<b>-38,0</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2024	Jan – Jul 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	20	12	73	95	30,1
		square metres	618	983	746	4 202	5 151	22,6
		R'000	6 430	8 723	7 597	42 100	53 837	27,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	52	55	65	348	386	10,9
		square metres	15 713	19 060	23 367	105 110	124 997	18,9
		R'000	187 986	214 961	265 693	1 145 310	1 441 874	25,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	103	20	183	487	585	20,1
		square metres	10 213	2 281	25 171	56 815	79 399	39,8
		R'000	112 315	25 145	303 404	586 458	886 706	51,2
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	1 208	381	1 208	217,1
		R'000	0	0	14 883	3 050	14 883	388,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>306 731</b>	<b>248 829</b>	<b>591 577</b>	<b>1 776 918</b>	<b>2 397 300</b>	<b>34,9</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	285	1 732	16 934	877,7
		R'000	0	0	3 135	15 260	186 274	1 120,7
	Shopping space	square metres	266	14 802	31 295	67 536	63 305	-6,3
		R'000	2 926	142 468	344 245	731 942	668 784	-8,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	20 796	0	2 401	69 251	61 616	-11,0
		R'000	156 960	0	28 229	474 896	403 379	-15,1
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	1 390	0	753	6 864	7 903	15,1
		R'000	15 490	0	8 283	73 193	68 839	-5,9
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>175 376</b>	<b>142 468</b>	<b>383 892</b>	<b>1 295 291</b>	<b>1 327 276</b>	<b>2,5</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 657	8 071	8 773	51 693	52 505	1,6
		R'000	96 542	88 888	100 058	586 096	591 792	1,0
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	17 785	3 585	5 521	36 692	25 680	-30,0
		R'000	328 673	40 597	61 794	609 782	296 340	-51,4
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>425 215</b>	<b>129 485</b>	<b>161 852</b>	<b>1 195 878</b>	<b>888 132</b>	<b>-25,7</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>907 322</b>	<b>520 782</b>	<b>1 137 321</b>	<b>4 268 087</b>	<b>4 612 708</b>	<b>8,1</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2024	Jan – Jul 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	27	20	15	131	98	-25,2
		square metres	1 474	1 156	870	7 411	5 649	-23,8
		R'000	10 497	6 849	5 078	52 458	33 361	-36,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	41	58	49	293	348	18,8
		square metres	10 986	11 074	10 137	64 483	75 501	17,1
		R'000	81 237	80 585	71 065	465 811	538 419	15,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	38	5	81	76	-6,2
		square metres	0	2 242	606	7 763	7 579	-2,4
		R'000	0	13 868	3 939	53 340	48 614	-8,9
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	2 101	155	0	2 101	1 432	-31,8
		R'000	15 127	1 008	0	15 127	9 489	-37,3
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>106 861</b>	<b>102 310</b>	<b>80 082</b>	<b>586 736</b>	<b>629 883</b>	<b>7,4</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	100	0	587	2 798	2 699	-3,5
		R'000	650	0	4 525	18 277	17 262	-5,6
	Shopping space	square metres	427	2 344	2 874	5 118	60 568	1 083,4
		R'000	2 776	16 126	18 275	36 821	399 103	983,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	338	465	10 378	8 088	-22,1
		R'000	0	2 341	3 221	72 872	53 666	-26,4
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	749	0	284	13 032	4 488,7
		R'000	0	4 869	0	1 757	101 123	5 655,4
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 426</b>	<b>23 336</b>	<b>26 021</b>	<b>129 727</b>	<b>571 154</b>	<b>340,3</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 314	5 256	2 853	32 401	28 253	-12,8
		R'000	28 494	34 339	18 593	206 420	184 355	-10,7
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	1 046	3 159	1 287	12 074	8 032	-33,5
		R'000	21 326	24 995	16 440	150 919	147 588	-2,2
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>49 820</b>	<b>59 334</b>	<b>35 033</b>	<b>357 339</b>	<b>331 943</b>	<b>-7,1</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>160 107</b>	<b>184 980</b>	<b>141 136</b>	<b>1 073 802</b>	<b>1 532 980</b>	<b>42,8</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2024	Jan – Jul 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	228	176	221	1 507	1 553	3,1
		square metres	13 898	9 492	12 099	82 339	77 867	-5,4
		R'000	92 536	75 053	97 105	581 949	577 576	-0,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	218	149	181	1 372	1 053	-23,3
		square metres	55 338	39 755	43 232	374 240	269 005	-28,1
		R'000	543 599	392 156	439 322	3 692 302	2 653 305	-28,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	652	315	69	2 798	2 321	-17,0
		square metres	64 441	30 855	6 509	222 858	207 095	-7,1
		R'000	725 355	314 141	65 289	2 382 484	2 213 326	-7,1
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	870	0	8 122	3 303	11 990	263,0
		R'000	10 603	0	94 393	42 108	131 605	212,5
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 372 093</b>	<b>781 350</b>	<b>696 109</b>	<b>6 698 843</b>	<b>5 575 812</b>	<b>-16,8</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 245	9 359	1 253	36 954	46 992	27,2
		R'000	14 883	105 513	8 508	468 525	556 482	18,8
	Shopping space	square metres	2 913	1 690	606	53 345	28 147	-47,2
		R'000	37 179	21 569	7 734	570 080	201 529	-64,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	27 990	38 101	39 129	234 263	295 685	26,2
		R'000	205 740	246 742	256 807	1 727 297	2 040 424	18,1
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	7 545	2 186	1 716	10 655	20 979	96,9
		R'000	87 688	15 789	18 660	120 917	189 665	56,9
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>345 490</b>	<b>389 613</b>	<b>291 709</b>	<b>2 886 819</b>	<b>2 988 100</b>	<b>3,5</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 566	9 755	14 890	84 159	67 913	-19,3
		R'000	119 092	104 196	154 388	836 942	704 250	-15,9
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	12 778	3 602	8 930	58 406	62 413	6,9
		R'000	98 039	35 191	58 781	533 492	655 712	22,9
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>217 131</b>	<b>139 387</b>	<b>213 169</b>	<b>1 370 434</b>	<b>1 359 962</b>	<b>-0,8</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 934 714</b>	<b>1 310 350</b>	<b>1 200 987</b>	<b>10 956 096</b>	<b>9 923 874</b>	<b>-9,4</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2024	Jan – Jul 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	3	1	12	21	75,0
		square metres	41	136	60	757	1 383	82,7
		R'000	267	1 188	564	5 122	10 520	105,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	26	18	19	157	105	-33,1
		square metres	7 110	4 110	7 559	38 177	29 599	-22,5
		R'000	59 392	36 569	66 789	287 315	259 208	-9,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	114	0	2	154	9	-94,2
		square metres	10 207	0	323	14 251	2 821	-80,2
		R'000	64 589	0	2 146	94 801	18 744	-80,2
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	1 198	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	7 787	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>124 248</b>	<b>37 757</b>	<b>69 499</b>	<b>387 238</b>	<b>296 259</b>	<b>-23,5</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	350	9 748	350	-96,4
		R'000	0	0	3 289	84 480	3 289	-96,1
	Shopping space	square metres	0	857	215	0	2 030	..
		R'000	0	5 694	2 021	0	13 942	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 402	0	0	21 632	1 822	-91,6
		R'000	33 105	0	0	168 259	17 125	-89,8
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	3 025	0	0	3 025	0	-100,0
		R'000	19 263	0	0	19 263	0	-100,0
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>52 368</b>	<b>5 694</b>	<b>5 310</b>	<b>272 002</b>	<b>34 356</b>	<b>-87,4</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 299	283	3 747	14 478	11 609	-19,8
		R'000	25 467	2 660	26 705	105 286	92 463	-12,2
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	0	120	0	1 419	3 467	144,3
		R'000	19 650	7 032	1 366	32 151	47 869	48,9
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>45 117</b>	<b>9 692</b>	<b>28 071</b>	<b>137 437</b>	<b>140 332</b>	<b>2,1</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>221 733</b>	<b>53 143</b>	<b>102 880</b>	<b>796 677</b>	<b>470 947</b>	<b>-40,9</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> 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 2024	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2024	Jan – Jul 2025	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	1	0	21	11	-47,6
		square metres	0	75	0	1 325	739	-44,2
		R'000	0	542	0	9 002	5 411	-39,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	16	16	13	124	125	0,8
		square metres	3 880	3 938	7 030	35 127	45 456	29,4
		R'000	27 596	27 319	49 931	245 962	323 974	31,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	6	496	18	579	3 116,7
		square metres	0	362	24 144	2 706	30 608	1 031,1
		R'000	0	2 615	174 392	18 598	221 082	1 088,7
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>27 596</b>	<b>30 476</b>	<b>224 323</b>	<b>273 562</b>	<b>550 467</b>	<b>101,2</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	9 593	991	-89,7
		R'000	0	0	0	67 151	7 158	-89,3
	Shopping space	square metres	4 304	0	0	4 734	8 050	70,0
		R'000	31 088	0	0	33 464	59 197	76,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	584	0	2 999	8 740	5 439	-37,8
		R'000	4 218	0	21 662	58 196	37 112	-36,2
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>35 306</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21 662</b>	<b>158 811</b>	<b>103 467</b>	<b>-34,8</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	716	174	1 172	4 800	2 238	-53,4
		R'000	4 842	1 257	8 465	32 753	16 163	-50,7
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	286	33	532	1 081	694	-35,8
		R'000	2 163	238	4 843	14 590	9 331	-36,0
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>7 005</b>	<b>1 495</b>	<b>13 308</b>	<b>47 343</b>	<b>25 494</b>	<b>-46,2</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>69 907</b>	<b>31 971</b>	<b>259 293</b>	<b>479 716</b>	<b>679 428</b>	<b>41,6</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

## Explanatory notes

<b>Introduction</b>	<b>1</b>	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
<b>Purpose of the survey</b>	<b>2</b>	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
<b>Scope of the survey</b>	<b>3</b>	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• passing of building plans; and</li> <li>• final inspection of completed buildings.</li> </ul>
<b>Classification</b>	<b>4</b>	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>	<b>5</b>	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for July 2025 was 90,9%. The revised collection rate for June 2025 was 97,3%.
<b>Statistical unit</b>	<b>6</b>	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
<b>Survey methodology and design</b>	<b>7</b>	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85% of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by email and telephone.
<b>Constant prices</b>	<b>8</b>	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 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 2023=100) are converted to the base year 2019=100.

- Seasonal adjustment** 9 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.
- 10 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 is not intended to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences that may occur in a given month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore, the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for building statistics is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at: [Click to download building statistics seasonal adjustment February 2022](#).
- Trend cycle** 11 The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.
- Revised figures** 12 Revised figures are mainly due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. The reasons for routine revisions are outlined in the following schedule. Any unscheduled revisions will be promptly indicated in relevant tables to maintain transparency and accuracy. It is important to note that seasonally adjusted figures are revised monthly.

Statistical release	Reason for revision	Period subject to revision
Jul-25	Additional information from respondents	Jul-23 - Jun-25
Aug-25	Additional information from respondents	Aug-23 - Jul-25
Sep-25	Additional information from respondents	Sep-23 - Aug-25
Oct-25	Additional information from respondents	Oct-23 - Sep-25
Nov-25	Additional information from respondents	Nov-23 - Oct-25
Dec-25	Additional information from respondents	Dec-23 - Nov-25
Jan-26	Additional information from respondents	Jan-24 - Dec-25
Feb-26	Additional information from respondents	Feb-24 - Jan-26
Mar-26	Additional information from respondents	Mar-24 - Feb-26
Apr-26	Additional information from respondents	Apr-24 - Mar-26
May-26	Additional information from respondents	May-24 - Apr-26
Jun-26	Additional information from respondents	Jun-24 - May-26
New base year in 2027/28 – periodic, approximately four to five-year intervals		

- Related publications** 13 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:
- P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* issued annually;
  - P9101.2: *Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region* issued annually; and
  - *Building Statistics* (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.
- Rounding-off of figures** 14 Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.
- Symbols and abbreviations** 15
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| ..       | Changes from a zero in the preceding period cannot be calculated as a percentage |
| 0        | Nil or figure too small to publish   |
| *        | Revised figures  |
| 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.
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