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Key findings for January to July 2026

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 2025	Jan – Jul 2026	Difference in value between Jan – Jul 2025 and Jan – Jul 2026	% change between Jan – Jul 2025 and Jan – Jul 2026
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	25 863 833	28 039 391	2 175 558	8,4
-Dwelling-houses	17 517 761	17 182 956	-334 805	-1,9
-Flats and townhouses	7 512 867	9 099 199	1 586 332	21,1
-Other residential buildings	833 205	1 757 236	924 031	110,9
Non-residential buildings	11 779 087	13 490 987	1 711 900	14,5
Additions and alterations	17 416 963	16 985 649	-431 314	-2,5
Total	55 059 883	58 516 027	3 456 144	6,3

The value of building plans passed (at current prices) increased by 6,3% (R3 456,1 million) during January to July 2026 compared with January to July 2025. Increases were reported for residential buildings (R2 175,6 million) and non-residential buildings (R1 711,9 million). A decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-R431,3 million) – see Table A.

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

Province	Jan – Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2026	Weight Jan – Jul 2025	% change between Jan – Jul 2025 and Jan – Jul 2026	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Jul 2025 and Jan – Jul 2026 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Jul 2025 and Jan – Jul 2026
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	19 790 942	21 114 771	35,9	6,7	2,4	1 323 829
Eastern Cape	3 668 267	3 638 925	6,7	-0,8	-0,1	-29 342
Northern Cape	477 888	547 933	0,9	14,7	0,1	70 045
Free State	1 505 453	1 805 121	2,7	19,9	0,5	299 668
KwaZulu-Natal	8 130 092	9 818 835	14,8	20,8	3,1	1 688 743
North West	1 889 175	2 115 390	3,4	12,0	0,4	226 215
Gauteng	14 926 205	14 382 428	27,1	-3,6	-1,0	-543 777
Mpumalanga	3 413 440	3 399 721	6,2	-0,4	0,0	-13 719
Limpopo	1 258 421	1 692 903	2,3	34,5	0,8	434 482
Total	55 059 883	58 516 027	100,0	6,3	6,3	3 456 144

¹ 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 positive contributors to the total increase of 6,3% (R3 456,1 million) were KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 3,1 percentage points or R1 688,7 million) and Western Cape (contributing 2,4 percentage points or R1 323,8 million). The largest negative contributor was Gauteng (contributing -1,0 percentage point or -R543,8 million) – see Table B.

Building plans passed at constant 2019 prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2026	Difference in value between Jan – Jul 2025 and Jan – Jul 2026	% change between Jan – Jul 2025 and Jan – Jul 2026
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	18 564 586	19 178 698	614 112	3,3
Non-residential buildings	8 452 867	9 203 974	751 107	8,9
Additions and alterations	12 497 956	11 604 812	-893 144	-7,1
Total	39 515 409	39 987 484	472 075	1,2

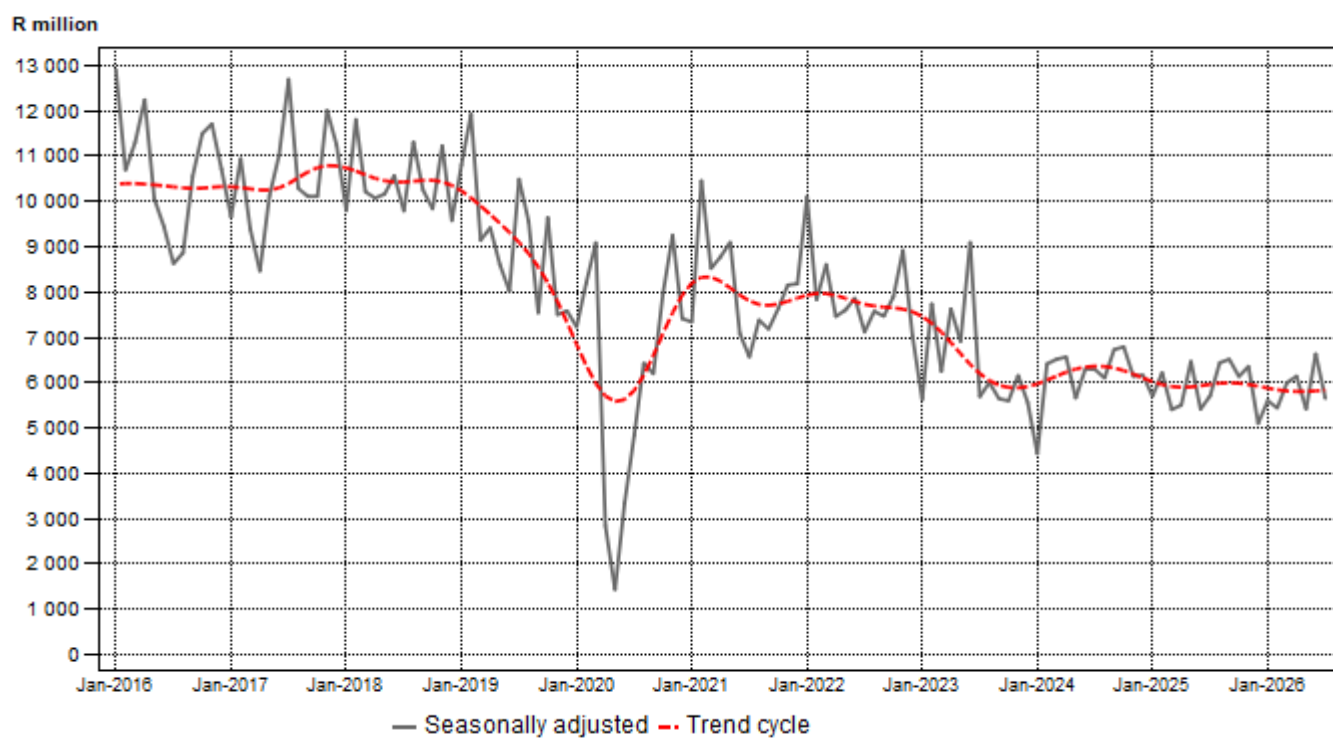
The real value of building plans passed (at constant 2019 prices) increased by 1,2% (R472,1 million) during January to July 2026 compared with January to July 2025. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (R751,1 million) and residential buildings (R614,1 million). A decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-R893,1 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 2026	May – Jul 2026	% change between Feb – Apr 2026 and May – Jul 2026
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 885 012	7 956 829	-10,4
Non-residential buildings ¹	3 445 134	4 676 902	35,8
Additions and alterations	5 243 539	5 068 061	-3,3
Total	17 573 685	17 701 792	0,7

¹ 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 0,7% in the three months ended July 2026 compared with the previous three months. Non-residential buildings rose by 35,8%. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-10,4%) and additions and alterations (-3,3%) – 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 2025	Jan – Jul 2026	Difference in value between Jan – Jul 2025 and Jan – Jul 2026	% change between Jan – Jul 2025 and Jan – Jul 2026
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	16 906 488	16 172 058	-734 430	-4,3
-Dwelling-houses	9 604 057	10 096 804	492 747	5,1
-Flats and townhouses	6 703 121	5 758 605	-944 516	-14,1
-Other residential buildings	599 310	316 649	-282 661	-47,2
Non-residential buildings	6 717 875	4 696 144	-2 021 731	-30,1
Additions and alterations	5 458 222	5 116 731	-341 491	-6,3
Total	29 082 585	25 984 933	-3 097 652	-10,7

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 10,7% (-R3 097,7 million) during January to July 2026 compared with January to July 2025. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-R2 021,7 million), residential buildings (-R734,4 million) and additions and alterations (-R341,5 million) – see Table E.

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

Province	Jan – Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2026	Weight Jan – Jul 2025	% change between Jan – Jul 2025 and Jan – Jul 2026	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Jul 2025 and Jan – Jul 2026 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Jul 2025 and Jan – Jul 2026
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	9 422 005	9 409 952	32,4	-0,1	0,0	-12 053
Eastern Cape	1 846 204	1 470 735	6,3	-20,3	-1,3	-375 469
Northern Cape	117 831	209 314	0,4	77,6	0,3	91 483
Free State	169 545	139 222	0,6	-17,9	-0,1	-30 323
KwaZulu-Natal	4 612 708	3 619 252	15,9	-21,5	-3,4	-993 456
North West	1 532 980	877 567	5,3	-42,8	-2,3	-655 413
Gauteng	10 230 937	8 863 169	35,2	-13,4	-4,7	-1 367 768
Mpumalanga	470 947	890 703	1,6	89,1	1,4	419 756
Limpopo	679 428	505 019	2,3	-25,7	-0,6	-174 409
Total	29 082 585	25 984 933	100,0	-10,7	-10,7	-3 097 652

¹ 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.

Seven of the nine provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed during January to July 2026. The largest negative contributors were Gauteng (contributing -4,7 percentage points or -R1 367,8 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -3,4 percentage points or -R993,5 million) and North West (contributing -2,3 percentage points or -R655,4 million).

The largest positive contributor was Mpumalanga (contributing 1,4 percentage points or R419,8 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 2025	Jan – Jul 2026	Difference in value between Jan – Jul 2025 and Jan – Jul 2026	% change between Jan – Jul 2025 and Jan – Jul 2026
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	12 119 862	11 069 695	-1 050 167	-8,7
Non-residential buildings	4 827 367	3 220 082	-1 607 285	-33,3
Additions and alterations	3 912 377	3 506 046	-406 331	-10,4
Total	20 859 606	17 795 823	-3 063 783	-14,7

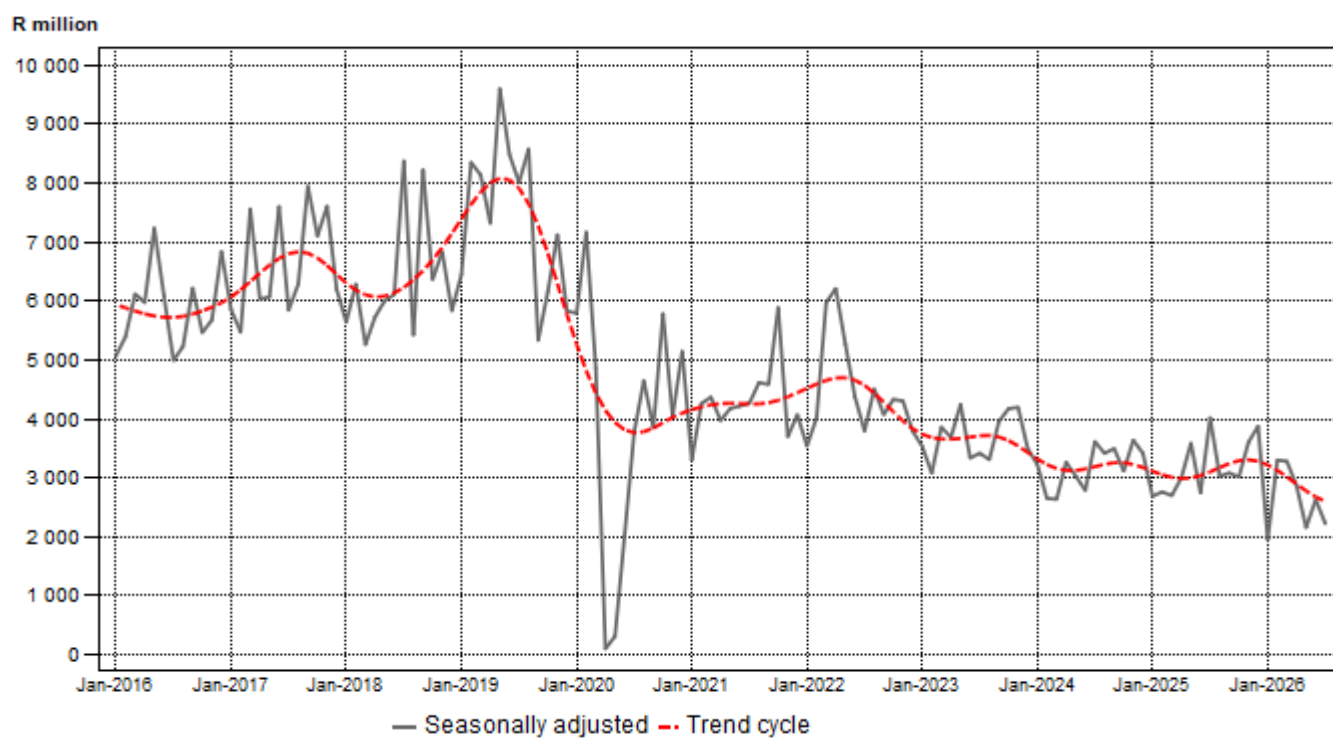
The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 14,7% (-R3 063,8 million) during January to July 2026 compared with January to July 2025. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-R1 607,3 million), residential buildings (-R1 050,2 million) and additions and alterations (-R406,3 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 2026	May – Jul 2026	% change between Feb – Apr 2026 and May – Jul 2026
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 851 617	4 598 242	-21,4
Non-residential buildings ¹	1 906 948	1 051 539	-44,9
Additions and alterations	1 681 754	1 354 887	-19,4
Total	9 440 319	7 004 668	-25,8

¹ 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 decreased by 25,8% in the three months ended July 2026 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-44,9%), residential buildings (-21,4%) and additions and alterations (-19,4%) – 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 ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
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	4 076 597	2,5	1 983 248	-25,4	2 903 987	2,4	8 963 832	-5,4
	August	4 424 700	3,0	2 607 377	30,0	2 272 708	-11,9	9 304 785	4,8
	September	4 326 400	-11,6	2 535 922	22,5	2 953 505	11,0	9 815 827	2,0
	October	4 288 939	-7,8	2 417 842	-16,4	2 857 339	4,2	9 564 120	-7,0
	November	4 991 149	14,7	1 594 033	-16,5	2 733 447	6,9	9 318 629	5,7
	December	3 054 985	3,7	970 890	-46,0	1 974 604	-12,5	6 000 479	-14,3
	Total	46 950 006	-3,1	21 905 151	-11,6	30 208 566	5,8	99 063 723	-2,7
2026	January	3 218 625	1,0	1 540 679	27,7	1 582 114	-15,5	6 341 418	1,2
	February	3 688 846	8,4	1 351 616	-43,6	2 353 183	-6,1	7 393 645	-11,0
	March	4 627 380	27,3	1 431 153	3,3	2 678 883	10,2	8 737 416	17,2
	April	4 027 000	18,0	2 197 929	43,5	2 288 537	-2,2	8 513 466	16,9
	May	3 727 762	-13,0	1 757 215	-10,5	2 555 599	-14,2	8 040 576	-12,9
	June	4 174 831	8,0	3 337 866	154,2	2 641 721	10,8	10 154 418	34,3
	July	4 574 947	12,2	1 874 529	-5,5	2 885 612	-0,6	9 335 088	4,1

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2025	January	4 172 357	6,0	1 206 164	-32,9	2 554 357	-7,7	7 932 878	-6,7
	February	3 662 320	-12,2	2 395 437	98,6	2 568 546	0,6	8 626 303	8,7
	March	3 669 093	0,2	1 385 314	-42,2	2 489 479	-3,1	7 543 886	-12,5
	April	3 594 367	-2,0	1 531 377	10,5	2 538 366	2,0	7 664 110	1,6
	May	4 146 536	15,4	1 964 424	28,3	2 830 765	11,5	8 941 725	16,7
	June	3 796 739	-8,4	1 313 123	-33,2	2 379 073	-16,0	7 488 935	-16,2
	July	3 514 082	-7,4	1 983 248	51,0	2 495 821	4,9	7 993 151	6,7
	August	4 181 001	19,0	2 607 377	31,5	2 275 959	-8,8	9 064 337	13,4
	September	4 046 908	-3,2	2 535 922	-2,7	2 580 306	13,4	9 163 136	1,1
	October	3 781 983	-6,5	2 417 842	-4,7	2 476 963	-4,0	8 676 788	-5,3
	November	4 814 894	27,3	1 594 033	-34,1	2 667 253	7,7	9 076 180	4,6
	December	3 992 834	-17,1	970 890	-39,1	2 309 895	-13,4	7 273 619	-19,9
2026	January	4 308 927	7,9	1 540 679	58,7	2 212 772	-4,2	8 062 378	10,8
	February	3 986 528	-7,5	1 351 616	-12,3	2 414 037	9,1	7 752 181	-3,8
	March	4 486 499	12,5	1 431 153	5,9	2 670 657	10,6	8 588 309	10,8
	April	4 258 222	-5,1	2 197 929	53,6	2 480 645	-7,1	8 936 796	4,1
	May	3 722 719	-12,6	1 757 215	-20,1	2 547 386	2,7	8 027 320	-10,2
	June	3 977 300	6,8	3 337 866	90,0	2 507 841	-1,6	9 823 007	22,4
	July	4 057 761	2,0	1 874 529	-43,8	2 487 338	-0,8	8 419 628	-14,3
	Feb – Apr 26	12 731 249		4 980 698		7 565 339		25 277 286	
	May – Jul 26 ²	11 757 780	-7,6	6 969 610	39,9	7 542 565	-0,3	26 269 955	3,9

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

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

³ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 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 ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
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	2 897 368	0,5	1 409 558	-26,8	2 063 957	0,4	6 370 883	-7,2
	August	3 144 776	0,8	1 853 146	27,3	1 615 286	-13,7	6 613 208	2,6
	September	3 074 911	-13,5	1 802 361	19,8	2 099 151	8,5	6 976 423	-0,3
	October	3 031 052	-11,2	1 708 722	-19,5	2 019 321	0,3	6 759 095	-10,5
	November	3 534 808	11,3	1 128 919	-19,1	1 935 869	3,6	6 599 596	2,5
	December	2 157 475	0,3	685 657	-47,8	1 394 494	-15,4	4 237 626	-17,1
	Total	33 507 608	-5,3	15 631 672	-13,6	21 562 077	3,3	70 701 357	-4,9
2026	January	2 260 270	-2,4	1 081 938	23,4	1 111 035	-18,3	4 453 243	-2,2
	February	2 581 418	5,5	945 847	-45,1	1 646 734	-8,6	5 173 999	-13,3
	March	3 213 458	23,8	993 856	0,5	1 860 335	7,2	6 067 649	14,1
	April	2 758 219	12,9	1 505 431	37,3	1 567 491	-6,5	5 831 141	11,8
	May	2 501 854	-18,9	1 179 339	-16,6	1 715 167	-20,0	5 396 360	-18,8
	June	2 809 442	1,0	2 246 209	137,6	1 777 740	3,6	6 833 391	25,5
	July	3 054 037	5,4	1 251 354	-11,2	1 926 310	-6,7	6 231 701	-2,2

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2025	January	2 980 887	4,9	876 573	-33,3	1 840 517	-8,2	5 697 977	-7,5
	February	2 654 681	-10,9	1 722 097	96,5	1 839 720	0,0	6 216 498	9,1
	March	2 632 986	-0,8	988 804	-42,6	1 783 901	-3,0	5 405 691	-13,0
	April	2 589 617	-1,6	1 096 190	10,9	1 814 782	1,7	5 500 589	1,8
	May	3 011 943	16,3	1 414 272	29,0	2 044 922	12,7	6 471 137	17,6
	June	2 756 666	-8,5	945 373	-33,2	1 711 694	-16,3	5 413 733	-16,3
	July	2 518 479	-8,6	1 409 558	49,1	1 778 262	3,9	5 706 299	5,4
	August	2 956 933	17,4	1 853 146	31,5	1 626 982	-8,5	6 437 061	12,8
	September	2 865 419	-3,1	1 802 361	-2,7	1 844 574	13,4	6 512 354	1,2
	October	2 668 713	-6,9	1 708 722	-5,2	1 755 188	-4,8	6 132 623	-5,8
	November	3 348 180	25,5	1 128 919	-33,9	1 877 117	6,9	6 354 216	3,6
	December	2 796 519	-16,5	685 657	-39,3	1 617 403	-13,8	5 099 579	-19,7
2026	January	2 976 721	6,4	1 081 938	57,8	1 537 342	-4,9	5 596 001	9,7
	February	2 811 718	-5,5	945 847	-12,6	1 682 075	9,4	5 439 640	-2,8
	March	3 137 419	11,6	993 856	5,1	1 863 962	10,8	5 995 237	10,2
	April	2 935 875	-6,4	1 505 431	51,5	1 697 502	-8,9	6 138 808	2,4
	May	2 520 917	-14,1	1 179 339	-21,7	1 715 592	1,1	5 415 848	-11,8
	June	2 699 093	7,1	2 246 209	90,5	1 685 627	-1,7	6 630 929	22,4
	July	2 736 819	1,4	1 251 354	-44,3	1 666 842	-1,1	5 655 015	-14,7
	Feb – Apr 26	8 885 012		3 445 134		5 243 539		17 573 685	
	May – Jul 26 ²	7 956 829	-10,4	4 676 902	35,8	5 068 061	-3,3	17 701 792	0,7

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

³ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 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 ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
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	3 384 823	13,0	1 213 265	48,2	1 262 969	-7,9	5 861 057	13,0
	August	3 029 738	21,2	559 053	-58,4	761 372	-21,4	4 350 163	-9,6
	September	2 759 745	-10,7	1 153 612	18,0	719 069	-31,1	4 632 426	-9,4
	October	2 333 864	-17,4	1 373 530	84,0	739 247	-17,5	4 446 641	-0,5
	November	3 359 954	28,9	1 428 347	-28,7	827 015	1,8	5 615 316	3,6
	December	3 622 634	55,4	993 758	-36,7	942 446	15,4	5 558 838	17,8
	Total	32 012 423	9,0	12 226 175	-2,2	9 447 371	-9,8	53 685 969	2,6
2026	January	1 158 252	-9,2	372 511	-70,1	493 085	22,9	2 023 848	-30,8
	February	3 215 378	42,0	483 733	-45,3	821 320	49,3	4 520 431	22,2
	March	2 503 681	-0,1	1 256 256	120,8	1 084 038	40,4	4 843 975	25,9
	April	2 374 978	-15,2	1 016 212	111,2	679 614	-6,5	4 070 804	1,6
	May	1 936 987	-25,5	519 348	-57,7	695 410	-38,3	3 151 745	-36,4
	June	2 704 799	30,2	617 365	-43,7	614 057	-0,6	3 936 221	3,8
	July	2 277 983	-32,7	430 719	-64,5	729 207	-42,3	3 437 909	-41,3

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2025	January	1 969 444	-11,6	1 244 982	-20,7	508 674	-42,5	3 723 100	-20,5
	February	2 423 920	23,1	884 148	-29,0	535 576	5,3	3 843 644	3,2
	March	2 530 504	4,4	569 063	-35,6	681 562	27,3	3 781 129	-1,6
	April	2 898 079	14,5	481 210	-15,4	781 492	14,7	4 160 781	10,0
	May	2 665 605	-8,0	1 228 414	155,3	1 073 812	37,4	4 967 831	19,4
	June	2 021 833	-24,2	1 096 793	-10,7	688 105	-35,9	3 806 731	-23,4
	July	3 294 235	62,9	1 213 265	10,6	1 116 083	62,2	5 623 583	47,7
	August	2 919 783	-11,4	559 053	-53,9	760 139	-31,9	4 238 975	-24,6
	September	2 530 187	-13,3	1 153 612	106,4	654 790	-13,9	4 338 589	2,3
	October	2 171 538	-14,2	1 373 530	19,1	732 645	11,9	4 277 713	-1,4
	November	2 834 561	30,5	1 428 347	4,0	838 533	14,5	5 101 441	19,3
	December	3 472 208	22,5	993 758	-30,4	1 029 800	22,8	5 495 766	7,7
2026	January	1 799 968	-48,2	372 511	-62,5	632 064	-38,6	2 804 543	-49,0
	February	3 439 579	91,1	483 733	29,9	799 535	26,5	4 722 847	68,4
	March	2 528 784	-26,5	1 256 256	159,7	889 262	11,2	4 674 302	-1,0
	April	2 452 264	-3,0	1 016 212	-19,1	725 294	-18,4	4 193 770	-10,3
	May	1 986 222	-19,0	519 348	-48,9	697 535	-3,8	3 203 105	-23,6
	June	2 623 126	32,1	617 365	18,9	654 749	-6,1	3 895 240	21,6
	July	2 225 233	-15,2	430 719	-30,2	652 147	-0,4	3 308 099	-15,1
	Feb – Apr 26	8 420 627		2 756 201		2 414 091		13 590 919	
	May – Jul 26 ²	6 834 581	-18,8	1 567 432	-43,1	2 004 431	-17,0	10 406 444	-23,4

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

³ 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 ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
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	2 405 702	10,8	862 306	45,4	897 633	-9,7	4 165 641	10,8
	August	2 153 332	18,6	397 337	-59,3	541 131	-23,1	3 091 800	-11,6
	September	1 961 439	-12,6	819 909	15,4	511 065	-32,7	3 292 413	-11,4
	October	1 649 374	-20,5	970 693	77,2	522 436	-20,5	3 142 503	-4,2
	November	2 379 571	25,0	1 011 577	-30,9	585 705	-1,3	3 976 853	0,4
	December	2 558 357	50,2	701 806	-38,8	665 569	11,6	3 925 732	13,9
	Total	22 821 935	6,4	8 728 689	-4,4	6 738 283	-11,9	38 288 907	0,1
2026	January	813 379	-12,3	261 595	-71,1	346 268	18,7	1 421 242	-33,1
	February	2 250 090	38,3	338 512	-46,7	574 752	45,4	3 163 354	19,0
	March	1 738 667	-2,8	872 400	114,8	752 804	36,6	3 363 871	22,5
	April	1 626 697	-18,8	696 036	102,1	465 489	-10,5	2 788 222	-2,8
	May	1 299 991	-30,5	348 556	-60,6	466 718	-42,5	2 115 265	-40,7
	June	1 820 188	21,7	415 454	-47,4	413 228	-7,1	2 648 870	-3,0
	July	1 520 683	-36,8	287 529	-66,7	486 787	-45,8	2 294 999	-44,9

¹ The percentage change is the change in the value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the relevant year/month compared with the 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 ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2025	January	1 415 861	-12,6	904 783	-21,1	365 380	-43,6	2 686 024	-21,3
	February	1 743 864	23,2	635 620	-29,7	379 317	3,8	2 758 801	2,7
	March	1 806 633	3,6	406 183	-36,1	485 428	28,0	2 698 244	-2,2
	April	2 081 297	15,2	344 460	-15,2	570 641	17,6	2 996 398	11,0
	May	1 919 204	-7,8	884 387	156,7	782 594	37,1	3 586 185	19,7
	June	1 459 241	-24,0	789 628	-10,7	494 865	-36,8	2 743 734	-23,5
	July	2 355 733	61,4	862 306	9,2	798 136	61,3	4 016 175	46,4
	August	2 086 043	-11,4	397 337	-53,9	543 366	-31,9	3 026 746	-24,6
	September	1 796 186	-13,9	819 909	106,4	462 400	-14,9	3 078 495	1,7
	October	1 530 653	-14,8	970 693	18,4	512 504	10,8	3 013 850	-2,1
	November	2 002 754	30,8	1 011 577	4,2	590 499	15,2	3 604 830	19,6
	December	2 440 742	21,9	701 806	-30,6	729 291	23,5	3 871 839	7,4
2026	January	1 249 759	-48,8	261 595	-62,7	438 459	-39,9	1 949 813	-49,6
	February	2 409 343	92,8	338 512	29,4	550 417	25,5	3 298 272	69,2
	March	1 756 937	-27,1	872 400	157,7	648 427	17,8	3 277 764	-0,6
	April	1 685 337	-4,1	696 036	-20,2	482 910	-25,5	2 864 283	-12,6
	May	1 332 778	-20,9	348 556	-49,9	473 726	-1,9	2 155 060	-24,8
	June	1 770 263	32,8	415 454	19,2	439 646	-7,2	2 625 363	21,8
	July	1 495 201	-15,5	287 529	-30,8	441 515	0,4	2 224 245	-15,3
	Feb – Apr 26	5 851 617		1 906 948		1 681 754		9 440 319	
	May – Jul 26 ²	4 598 242	-21,4	1 051 539	-44,9	1 354 887	-19,4	7 004 668	-25,8

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

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

			Jul 2025	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Jan – Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	624	612	711	3 748	4 928	31,5
		square metres	31 138	29 529	32 762	184 575	229 986	24,6
		R'000	248 289	202 243	235 266	1 385 990	1 574 089	13,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 017	1 041	1 011	6 546	6 248	-4,6
		square metres	298 791	300 970	269 242	1 892 693	1 764 746	-6,8
		R'000	2 549 028	2 613 875	2 437 062	16 131 771	15 608 867	-3,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 144	1 726	1 512	7 604	10 093	32,7
		square metres	115 567	143 745	181 371	764 972	983 766	28,6
		R'000	1 061 450	1 260 648	1 650 388	7 512 867	9 099 199	21,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	26 286	12 183	29 035	89 169	200 339	124,7
		R'000	217 830	98 065	252 231	833 205	1 757 236	110,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	4 076 597	4 174 831	4 574 947	25 863 833	28 039 391	8,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	50 892	72 471	50 455	131 740	182 750	38,7
		R'000	562 454	735 653	534 478	1 423 495	1 816 914	27,6
	Shopping space	square metres	30 522	33 738	37 378	248 262	437 632	76,3
		R'000	243 677	357 439	325 069	2 036 817	3 880 161	90,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	122 078	210 337	117 692	877 080	775 061	-11,6
		R'000	824 044	1 726 335	896 142	6 524 332	5 921 290	-9,2
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	38 298	51 704	13 389	209 749	204 049	-2,7
		R'000	353 073	518 439	118 840	1 794 443	1 872 622	4,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 983 248	3 337 866	1 874 529	11 779 087	13 490 987	14,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	192 275	197 103	210 487	1 299 067	1 222 103	-5,9
		R'000	1 680 618	1 720 179	1 862 523	11 391 639	10 718 472	-5,9
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	108 154	78 557	90 916	528 240	568 080	7,5
		R'000	1 223 369	921 542	1 023 089	6 025 324	6 267 177	4,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 903 987	2 641 721	2 885 612	17 416 963	16 985 649	-2,5
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	8 963 832	10 154 418	9 335 088	55 059 883	58 516 027	6,3

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 10 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Western Cape

			Jul 2025	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Jan – Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	297	113	237	1 304	1 144	-12,3
		square metres	13 161	5 488	9 822	59 804	50 795	-15,1
		R'000	94 515	35 990	70 972	433 138	353 205	-18,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	408	462	466	3 025	2 718	-10,1
		square metres	107 970	125 955	108 425	782 686	695 554	-11,1
		R'000	837 011	1 013 291	932 780	5 953 219	5 645 659	-5,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	667	1 308	552	3 812	5 583	46,5
		square metres	55 004	107 166	45 187	343 912	531 778	54,6
		R'000	500 299	893 055	399 845	3 144 067	4 515 813	43,6
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	20 020	1 707	22 750	40 207	58 907	46,5
		R'000	160 010	12 496	209 818	355 572	495 201	39,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 591 835	1 954 832	1 613 415	9 885 996	11 009 878	11,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	24 732	33 947	14 554	56 438	68 272	21,0
		R'000	211 044	326 852	129 406	515 035	620 279	20,4
	Shopping space	square metres	9 310	2 466	29 752	86 764	131 626	51,7
		R'000	87 445	20 961	262 656	734 952	1 128 908	53,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 467	64 484	37 193	186 069	180 907	-2,8
		R'000	33 152	518 824	295 268	1 392 667	1 434 099	3,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	10 199	4 319	5 729	108 316	68 276	-37,0
		R'000	79 279	32 566	47 483	877 574	537 066	-38,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	410 920	899 203	734 813	3 520 228	3 720 352	5,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	77 688	84 967	77 409	527 924	473 455	-10,3
		R'000	599 905	650 533	610 054	4 102 788	3 650 115	-11,0
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	22 262	37 070	29 777	161 181	231 823	43,8
		R'000	311 321	495 697	338 555	2 281 930	2 734 426	19,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	911 226	1 146 230	948 609	6 384 718	6 384 541	0,0
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 913 981	4 000 265	3 296 837	19 790 942	21 114 771	6,7

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 11 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Eastern Cape

			Jul 2025	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Jan – Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	47	12	62	382	443	16,0
		square metres	2 463	713	3 537	16 830	20 741	23,2
		R'000	20 206	5 897	32 398	143 057	184 313	28,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	87	43	38	362	267	-26,2
		square metres	24 807	10 266	12 066	100 996	71 074	-29,6
		R'000	214 112	91 499	106 251	881 165	640 628	-27,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	45	18	70	188	217	15,4
		square metres	4 980	4 022	6 081	31 718	25 921	-18,3
		R'000	41 097	35 914	47 952	256 152	223 548	-12,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	919	0	0	26 559	..
		R'000	0	8 204	0	0	237 092	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	275 415	141 514	186 601	1 280 374	1 285 581	0,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	4 386	4 311	-1,7
		R'000	0	0	0	37 522	37 942	1,1
	Shopping space	square metres	3 177	2 897	2 009	6 870	47 757	595,2
		R'000	27 193	25 613	16 475	59 200	412 287	596,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 608	20 288	2 662	106 572	37 807	-64,5
		R'000	21 951	181 111	21 978	923 389	337 207	-63,5
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	2 494	0	1 023	12 077	9 785	-19,0
		R'000	23 345	0	9 036	105 834	92 559	-12,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	72 489	206 724	47 489	1 125 945	879 995	-21,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 378	17 901	16 492	96 025	105 840	10,2
		R'000	61 267	154 462	144 214	817 970	929 154	13,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	7 895	7 355	11 639	48 736	59 630	22,4
		R'000	69 532	66 250	103 528	443 978	544 195	22,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	130 799	220 712	247 742	1 261 948	1 473 349	16,8
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	478 703	568 950	481 832	3 668 267	3 638 925	-0,8

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 12 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Northern Cape

			Jul 2025	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Jan – Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	0	1	68	10	-85,3
		square metres	182	0	42	2 838	472	-83,4
		R'000	1 530	0	428	27 805	4 756	-82,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	12	9	15	97	86	-11,3
		square metres	2 017	2 410	3 214	19 700	18 682	-5,2
		R'000	18 634	21 180	29 366	172 142	165 233	-4,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	0	1	..
		square metres	0	0	0	0	197	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	1 683	..
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	1 749	0	0	7 387	..
		R'000	0	17 822	0	0	75 274	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	20 164	39 002	29 794	199 947	246 946	23,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	83	237	185,5
		R'000	0	0	0	821	2 415	194,2
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	5 976	1 949	-67,4
		R'000	0	0	0	49 565	16 642	-66,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	229	2 768	1 272	6 353	399,4
		R'000	0	2 333	23 647	12 584	60 174	378,2
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 391	0	0	2 234	860	-61,5
		R'000	9 042	0	0	17 382	8 763	-49,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	9 042	2 333	23 647	80 352	87 994	9,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 348	1 388	4 020	12 420	15 508	24,9
		R'000	22 968	13 724	40 627	116 202	154 893	33,3
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	991	0	43	7 266	4 409	-39,3
		R'000	8 254	365	2 288	81 387	58 100	-28,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	31 222	14 089	42 915	197 589	212 993	7,8
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	60 428	55 424	96 356	477 888	547 933	14,7

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 13 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Free State

			Jul 2025	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Jan – Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	48	95	29	311	615	97,7
		square metres	2 088	3 819	1 429	13 466	25 826	91,8
		R'000	12 135	17 771	9 914	87 431	137 910	57,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	33	59	27	261	301	15,3
		square metres	7 504	11 844	7 268	61 226	75 227	22,9
		R'000	64 669	110 005	61 848	523 129	692 818	32,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	4	14	1	107	45	-57,9
		square metres	225	4 030	100	11 745	6 695	-43,0
		R'000	2 275	41 972	863	112 437	68 450	-39,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	3 969	0	2 066	7 586	9 771	28,8
		R'000	37 491	0	13 989	70 414	76 898	9,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	116 570	169 748	86 614	793 411	976 076	23,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	749	6 823	810,9
		R'000	0	0	0	5 888	71 062	1 106,9
	Shopping space	square metres	0	146	338	8 804	3 226	-63,4
		R'000	0	977	2 293	73 575	27 115	-63,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 118	0	1 275	16 246	29 057	78,9
		R'000	21 694	0	11 002	115 072	247 274	114,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	300	755	0	5 081	2 627	-48,3
		R'000	3 034	7 863	0	51 379	23 209	-54,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	24 728	8 840	13 295	245 914	368 660	49,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 833	8 090	7 269	37 411	40 651	8,7
		R'000	43 646	70 483	69 694	328 313	375 821	14,5
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	879	673	0	14 903	5 924	-60,2
		R'000	14 599	5 220	0	137 815	84 564	-38,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	58 245	75 703	69 694	466 128	460 385	-1,2
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	199 543	254 291	169 603	1 505 453	1 805 121	19,9

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 14 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: KwaZulu-Natal

			Jul 2025	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Jan – Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	17	8	20	80	58	-27,5
		square metres	1 166	364	1 173	4 903	3 048	-37,8
		R'000	10 202	3 091	11 243	39 489	27 909	-29,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	95	81	101	518	547	5,6
		square metres	43 663	26 132	31 329	209 362	184 018	-12,1
		R'000	441 096	268 335	345 809	2 218 291	1 959 330	-11,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	161	139	267	1 056	1 404	33,0
		square metres	21 099	14 314	40 529	126 446	149 645	18,3
		R'000	185 367	153 657	444 469	1 293 084	1 604 881	24,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 494	0	136	25 348	27 020	6,6
		R'000	14 237	0	1 088	280 984	253 532	-9,8
	Total residential buildings		R'000	650 902	425 083	802 609	3 831 848	3 845 652
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	35 097	25 535	6 042	81 143	1 243,0
		R'000	0	386 067	280 885	62 387	870 973	1 296,1
	Shopping space	square metres	1 996	770	3 552	16 369	95 449	483,1
		R'000	16 997	5 776	30 924	149 355	749 780	402,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	81 771	22 266	14 409	151 219	139 806	-7,5
		R'000	501 058	141 790	112 531	991 483	964 431	-2,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	382	32 318	880	21 363	70 914	231,9
		R'000	4 202	326 295	9 680	224 592	740 877	229,9
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	522 257	859 928	434 020	1 427 817	3 326 061
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	24 283	19 681	26 277	169 603	148 517	-12,4
		R'000	268 294	202 005	270 995	1 851 793	1 501 356	-18,9
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	29 148	16 702	14 485	82 374	89 225	8,3
		R'000	349 525	194 128	204 803	1 018 634	1 145 766	12,5
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	617 819	396 133	475 798	2 870 427	2 647 122
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 790 978	1 681 144	1 712 427	8 130 092	9 818 835	20,8

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 15 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: North West

			Jul 2025	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Jan – Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	1	8	30	172	473,3
		square metres	202	73	445	1 778	8 387	371,7
		R'000	1 399	521	3 090	11 973	50 150	318,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	79	94	97	311	386	24,1
		square metres	21 479	23 848	22 680	82 887	102 538	23,7
		R'000	160 244	177 540	178 834	618 714	793 865	28,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	57	42	186	196	319	62,8
		square metres	9 219	2 290	40 744	25 925	50 462	94,6
		R'000	73 979	15 190	268 488	199 064	343 071	72,3
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	364	399	9,6
		R'000	0	0	0	2 366	2 671	12,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	235 622	193 251	450 412	832 117	1 189 757	43,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	320	1 433	1 273	-11,2
		R'000	0	0	2 142	9 731	8 522	-12,4
	Shopping space	square metres	1 778	0	1 407	16 747	27 145	62,1
		R'000	12 314	0	9 713	113 783	181 855	59,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	543	0	536	32 860	19 559	-40,5
		R'000	3 560	0	3 589	219 058	151 775	-30,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	320	4 185	1 435	7 716	437,7
		R'000	0	2 142	41 126	9 331	66 939	617,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	15 874	2 142	56 570	351 903	409 091	16,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 154	6 860	7 262	40 650	43 713	7,5
		R'000	64 437	48 114	52 572	277 644	307 115	10,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	6 196	459	3 117	27 934	18 987	-32,0
		R'000	68 848	5 359	23 678	427 511	209 427	-51,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	133 285	53 473	76 250	705 155	516 542	-26,7
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	384 781	248 866	583 232	1 889 175	2 115 390	12,0

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 16 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Gauteng

			Jul 2025	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Jan – Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	200	371	330	1 474	2 383	61,7
		square metres	11 367	18 474	14 856	79 002	114 660	45,1
		R'000	104 259	133 559	96 587	592 999	770 365	29,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	201	166	152	1 375	1 212	-11,9
		square metres	53 066	54 449	49 594	422 131	368 446	-12,7
		R'000	515 223	561 417	503 588	4 123 909	3 724 696	-9,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	139	159	422	2 069	2 145	3,7
		square metres	16 969	6 947	46 671	200 162	182 249	-8,9
		R'000	188 725	85 843	473 564	2 325 899	2 080 100	-10,6
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	418	3 011	0	8 509	37 539	341,2
		R'000	3 200	23 742	0	73 476	385 553	424,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	811 407	804 561	1 073 739	7 116 283	6 960 714	-2,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	25 645	0	7 606	58 932	8 628	-85,4
		R'000	346 570	0	105 709	765 826	120 121	-84,3
	Shopping space	square metres	946	23 007	0	32 744	83 992	156,5
		R'000	10 432	273 424	0	351 723	1 017 649	189,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	22 710	34 966	49 333	296 170	240 425	-18,8
		R'000	184 424	237 017	363 418	2 223 358	1 702 692	-23,4
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	11 568	11 032	1 056	21 098	25 641	21,5
		R'000	127 299	129 315	8 061	218 260	269 230	23,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	668 725	639 756	477 188	3 559 167	3 109 692	-12,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	46 023	48 182	52 361	306 690	299 476	-2,4
		R'000	465 625	507 060	528 940	3 111 072	3 105 366	-0,2
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	27 624	12 854	31 749	121 595	127 448	4,8
		R'000	309 656	121 140	324 243	1 139 683	1 206 656	5,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	775 281	628 200	853 183	4 250 755	4 312 022	1,4
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 255 413	2 072 517	2 404 110	14 926 205	14 382 428	-3,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 17 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Mpumalanga

			Jul 2025	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Jan – Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	7	11	19	75	86	14,7
		square metres	433	554	1 067	4 500	4 899	8,9
		R'000	3 472	5 065	8 679	39 318	37 959	-3,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	76	94	70	391	479	22,5
		square metres	29 484	34 518	22 921	138 828	169 295	21,9
		R'000	234 421	284 489	187 405	1 091 581	1 380 419	26,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	55	29	3	130	124	-4,6
		square metres	5 966	2 922	151	18 955	17 117	-9,7
		R'000	55 240	19 998	1 011	141 214	116 693	-17,4
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	584	3 322	5 271	17 683	235,5
		R'000	0	3 997	22 241	37 758	119 046	215,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	293 133	313 549	219 336	1 309 871	1 654 117	26,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	515	2 587	2 440	2 918	5 220	78,9
		R'000	4 840	17 705	16 336	20 803	35 909	72,6
	Shopping space	square metres	10 514	3 267	320	61 615	7 709	-87,5
		R'000	69 064	22 359	3 008	414 074	55 899	-86,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 200	63 746	8 566	68 583	90 104	31,4
		R'000	46 782	612 837	57 641	515 889	801 769	55,4
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	11 964	2 960	75	15 149	13 976	-7,7
		R'000	106 872	20 258	502	128 023	106 839	-16,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	227 558	673 159	77 487	1 078 789	1 000 416	-7,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	16 580	8 561	14 555	91 923	77 504	-15,7
		R'000	125 541	62 860	109 080	668 468	564 070	-15,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	8 202	943	106	46 620	21 425	-54,0
		R'000	54 470	9 622	2 239	356 312	181 118	-49,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	180 011	72 482	111 319	1 024 780	745 188	-27,3
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	700 702	1 059 190	408 142	3 413 440	3 399 721	-0,4

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 18 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Limpopo

			Jul 2025	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Jan – Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	1	5	24	17	-29,2
		square metres	76	44	391	1 454	1 158	-20,4
		R'000	571	349	1 955	10 780	7 522	-30,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	26	33	45	206	252	22,3
		square metres	8 801	11 548	11 745	74 877	79 912	6,7
		R'000	63 618	86 119	91 181	549 621	606 219	10,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	16	17	11	46	255	454,3
		square metres	2 105	2 054	1 908	6 109	19 702	222,5
		R'000	14 468	15 019	14 196	40 950	144 960	254,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	385	4 213	761	1 884	15 074	700,1
		R'000	2 892	31 804	5 095	12 635	111 969	786,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	81 549	133 291	112 427	613 986	870 670	41,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	840	0	759	6 843	801,6
		R'000	0	5 029	0	5 482	49 691	806,4
	Shopping space	square metres	2 801	1 185	0	12 373	38 779	213,4
		R'000	20 232	8 329	0	90 590	290 026	220,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 661	4 358	950	18 089	31 043	71,6
		R'000	11 423	32 423	7 068	130 832	221 869	69,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	441	22 996	4 254	-81,5
		R'000	0	0	2 952	162 068	27 140	-83,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	31 655	45 781	10 020	388 972	588 726	51,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 988	1 473	4 842	16 421	17 439	6,2
		R'000	28 935	10 938	36 347	117 389	130 582	11,2
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	4 957	2 501	0	17 631	9 209	-47,8
		R'000	37 164	23 761	23 755	138 074	102 925	-25,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	66 099	34 699	60 102	255 463	233 507	-8,6
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	179 303	213 771	182 549	1 258 421	1 692 903	34,5

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 19 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: South Africa

			Jul 2025	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Jan – Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	411	422	503	2 630	3 400	29,3
		square metres	21 373	20 590	23 074	129 160	162 630	25,9
		R'000	170 205	140 695	176 960	954 219	1 207 676	26,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	655	598	675	3 676	3 897	6,0
		square metres	177 414	150 374	164 320	978 905	1 004 312	2,6
		R'000	1 596 809	1 347 395	1 471 333	8 649 838	8 889 128	2,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 849	1 314	559	7 321	6 762	-7,6
		square metres	168 439	110 976	64 136	705 498	557 031	-21,0
		R'000	1 502 607	1 188 749	613 510	6 703 121	5 758 605	-14,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	10 054	3 309	2 325	66 213	29 708	-55,1
		R'000	115 202	27 960	16 180	599 310	316 649	-47,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	3 384 823	2 704 799	2 277 983	16 906 488	16 172 058	-4,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 475	615	387	84 979	23 785	-72,0
		R'000	19 457	5 974	4 257	899 010	220 152	-75,5
	Shopping space	square metres	71 482	17 172	7 938	213 187	159 764	-25,1
		R'000	699 563	163 414	75 794	1 792 820	1 520 883	-15,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	60 042	40 994	41 987	492 526	249 789	-49,3
		R'000	423 349	293 870	324 581	3 435 490	1 962 411	-42,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	8 200	14 466	3 124	71 976	95 997	33,4
		R'000	70 896	154 107	26 087	590 555	992 698	68,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 213 265	617 365	430 719	6 717 875	4 696 144	-30,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	93 102	44 292	38 448	349 695	335 934	-3,9
		R'000	818 655	388 458	342 573	3 087 430	2 973 297	-3,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	45 756	21 474	23 723	205 539	181 831	-11,5
		R'000	444 314	225 599	386 634	2 370 792	2 143 434	-9,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 262 969	614 057	729 207	5 458 222	5 116 731	-6,3
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	5 861 057	3 936 221	3 437 909	29 082 585	25 984 933	-10,7

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 20 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Western Cape

			Jul 2025	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Jan – Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	129	152	317	552	1 690	206,2
		square metres	5 739	6 662	13 648	25 715	72 752	182,9
		R'000	47 708	51 651	104 582	176 920	527 737	198,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	218	295	271	1 386	1 795	29,5
		square metres	57 065	70 215	69 221	364 281	435 214	19,5
		R'000	430 289	538 703	574 656	2 796 026	3 407 285	21,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	888	289	214	3 493	2 824	-19,2
		square metres	91 232	29 173	28 573	352 278	234 256	-33,5
		R'000	753 571	252 103	263 453	3 064 584	2 090 183	-31,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	326	3 309	1 932	45 256	15 287	-66,2
		R'000	2 477	27 960	13 028	390 371	133 829	-65,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 234 045	870 417	955 719	6 427 901	6 159 034	-4,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	615	0	15 343	13 675	-10,9
		R'000	0	5 974	0	114 137	116 170	1,8
	Shopping space	square metres	36 131	8 758	2 032	37 698	26 103	-30,8
		R'000	324 941	85 205	12 992	338 711	240 247	-29,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	1 486	18 642	102 318	82 283	-19,6
		R'000	0	11 883	147 023	748 244	625 796	-16,4
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	5 731	4 980	1 091	26 421	20 068	-24,0
		R'000	43 953	37 171	7 804	197 580	142 664	-27,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	368 894	140 233	167 819	1 398 672	1 124 877	-19,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	18 702	15 123	19 254	101 721	135 504	33,2
		R'000	141 034	113 662	156 261	763 996	1 048 526	37,2
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	15 504	10 042	10 900	64 917	96 526	48,7
		R'000	166 684	110 913	195 725	831 436	1 077 515	29,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	307 718	224 575	351 986	1 595 432	2 126 041	33,3
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 910 657	1 235 225	1 475 524	9 422 005	9 409 952	-0,1

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 21 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Eastern Cape

			Jul 2025	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Jan – Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	9	15	5	268	152	-43,3
		square metres	485	760	336	10 803	7 149	-33,8
		R'000	3 894	6 408	2 980	83 518	63 417	-24,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	70	8	103	180	239	32,8
		square metres	16 661	1 178	12 993	46 279	47 434	2,5
		R'000	146 279	10 139	113 011	403 196	425 718	5,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	87	12	2	109	37	-66,1
		square metres	6 389	1 780	153	8 968	4 585	-48,9
		R'000	56 473	15 890	1 366	79 521	40 115	-49,6
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	398	0	67	5 129	67	-98,7
		R'000	3 449	0	581	45 175	581	-98,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	210 095	32 437	117 938	611 410	529 831	-13,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 670	2 072	24,1
		R'000	0	0	0	14 408	18 496	28,4
	Shopping space	square metres	0	2 014	100	13 028	3 172	-75,7
		R'000	0	17 979	893	109 207	28 316	-74,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 572	3 576	841	4 791	16 790	250,4
		R'000	22 292	31 251	7 508	41 523	150 734	263,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	586	3 582	8 529	138,1
		R'000	0	0	3 923	32 764	76 391	133,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	22 292	49 230	12 324	197 902	273 937	38,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	42 741	9 317	4 589	79 828	52 619	-34,1
		R'000	367 149	81 571	40 741	682 799	469 941	-31,2
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	12 181	966	6 123	37 459	22 000	-41,3
		R'000	117 037	10 694	53 496	354 093	197 026	-44,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	484 186	92 265	94 237	1 036 892	666 967	-35,7
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	716 573	173 932	224 499	1 846 204	1 470 735	-20,3

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 22 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Northern Cape

			Jul 2025	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Jan – Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	1	2	1	-50,0
		square metres	0	0	38	123	38	-69,1
		R'000	0	0	387	1 217	387	-68,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	2	1	1	17	12	-29,4
		square metres	460	133	377	3 261	2 653	-18,6
		R'000	4 551	1 355	3 841	32 261	26 585	-17,6
	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 ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	4 551	1 355	4 228	33 478	26 972	-19,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	285	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	2 904	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	4 502	0	0	5 758	..
		R'000	0	45 871	0	0	58 668	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	291	1 737	496,9
		R'000	0	0	0	2 879	17 698	514,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	59	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	584	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	45 871	0	3 463	79 270	2 189,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 238	677	563	5 683	7 940	39,7
		R'000	12 248	6 898	5 736	55 013	80 900	47,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	1 471	0	658	2 547	1 998	-21,6
		R'000	14 823	610	7 164	25 877	22 172	-14,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	27 071	7 508	12 900	80 890	103 072	27,4
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	31 622	54 734	17 128	117 831	209 314	77,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 23 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Free State

			Jul 2025	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Jan – Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	77	0	7	125	1 685,7
		square metres	72	3 080	0	428	5 023	1 073,6
		R'000	728	13 860	0	4 328	26 133	503,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	7	4	2	45	33	-26,7
		square metres	1 608	491	306	10 231	6 902	-32,5
		R'000	15 950	3 953	2 728	94 635	59 846	-36,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	20	0	0	50	7	-86,0
		square metres	3 155	0	0	5 840	1 057	-81,9
		R'000	31 903	0	0	59 054	11 009	-81,4
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	48 581	17 813	2 728	158 017	96 988	-38,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	361	250	0	361	250	-30,7
		R'000	2 347	1 835	0	2 347	1 835	-21,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	0	1 498	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	10 816	..
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	840	0	840	..
		R'000	0	0	6 165	0	6 165	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 347	1 835	6 165	2 347	18 816	701,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	129	365	810	1 088	2 356	116,5
		R'000	1 147	2 717	7 031	7 731	20 092	159,9
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	233	0	279	233	448	92,3
		R'000	1 450	0	1 868	1 450	3 326	129,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 597	2 717	8 899	9 181	23 418	155,1
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	53 525	22 365	17 792	169 545	139 222	-17,9

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 24 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: KwaZulu-Natal

			Jul 2025	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Jan – Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	12	4	2	95	24	-74,7
		square metres	746	209	129	5 151	1 421	-72,4
		R'000	7 597	2 273	1 294	53 837	15 366	-71,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	65	70	53	386	318	-17,6
		square metres	23 367	22 232	18 104	124 997	107 189	-14,2
		R'000	265 693	248 046	183 374	1 441 874	1 150 111	-20,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	183	161	227	585	662	13,2
		square metres	25 171	22 222	20 729	79 399	76 781	-3,3
		R'000	303 404	256 265	217 957	886 706	849 952	-4,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 208	0	0	1 208	2 330	92,9
		R'000	14 883	0	0	14 883	27 348	83,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	591 577	506 584	402 625	2 397 300	2 042 777	-14,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	285	0	387	16 934	1 761	-89,6
		R'000	3 135	0	4 257	186 274	15 217	-91,8
	Shopping space	square metres	31 295	130	1 154	63 305	13 262	-79,1
		R'000	344 245	1 144	7 593	668 784	124 972	-81,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 401	1 033	9 637	61 616	44 079	-28,5
		R'000	28 229	13 346	70 985	403 379	384 576	-4,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	753	7 536	607	7 903	9 166	16,0
		R'000	8 283	101 736	8 195	68 839	123 742	79,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	383 892	116 226	91 030	1 327 276	648 507	-51,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 773	5 226	3 939	52 505	41 676	-20,6
		R'000	100 058	59 022	44 260	591 792	467 573	-21,0
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	5 521	3 227	1 778	25 680	27 314	6,4
		R'000	61 794	42 356	57 270	296 340	460 395	55,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	161 852	101 378	101 530	888 132	927 968	4,5
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 137 321	724 188	595 185	4 612 708	3 619 252	-21,5

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 25 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: North West

			Jul 2025	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Jan – Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	8	10	98	70	-28,6
		square metres	870	473	569	5 649	4 152	-26,5
		R'000	5 078	2 944	3 587	33 361	25 620	-23,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	49	31	29	348	238	-31,6
		square metres	10 137	6 239	8 806	75 501	59 943	-20,6
		R'000	71 065	45 865	64 794	538 419	454 080	-15,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	5	9	5	76	73	-3,9
		square metres	606	867	780	7 579	8 631	13,9
		R'000	3 939	5 805	4 753	48 614	53 842	10,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	1 432	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	9 489	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	80 082	54 614	73 134	629 883	533 542	-15,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	587	0	0	2 699	1 159	-57,1
		R'000	4 525	0	0	17 262	7 405	-57,1
	Shopping space	square metres	2 874	239	781	60 568	10 211	-83,1
		R'000	18 275	1 705	5 229	399 103	66 287	-83,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	465	4 819	0	8 088	6 395	-20,9
		R'000	3 221	36 712	0	53 666	47 631	-11,2
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	1 304	0	13 032	4 025	-69,1
		R'000	0	6 520	0	101 123	23 858	-76,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	26 021	44 937	5 229	571 154	145 181	-74,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 853	2 878	2 434	28 253	20 149	-28,7
		R'000	18 593	19 180	16 541	184 355	135 272	-26,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	1 287	187	3 028	8 032	5 297	-34,1
		R'000	16 440	2 256	26 594	147 588	63 572	-56,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	35 033	21 436	43 135	331 943	198 844	-40,1
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	141 136	120 987	121 498	1 532 980	877 567	-42,8

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 26 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Gauteng

			Jul 2025	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Jan – Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	244	163	166	1 576	1 320	-16,2
		square metres	13 401	9 216	8 234	79 169	70 883	-10,5
		R'000	104 636	61 719	63 244	585 107	538 855	-7,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	212	141	178	1 084	991	-8,6
		square metres	53 527	35 599	45 059	279 300	269 877	-3,4
		R'000	546 262	378 942	455 543	2 760 245	2 754 741	-0,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	168	819	96	2 420	2 998	23,9
		square metres	17 419	53 983	9 928	218 005	209 307	-4,0
		R'000	176 779	634 418	98 635	2 324 816	2 536 726	9,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	8 122	0	326	11 990	12 024	0,3
		R'000	94 393	0	2 571	131 605	154 891	17,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	922 070	1 075 079	619 993	5 801 773	5 985 213	3,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 253	0	0	46 992	3 603	-92,3
		R'000	8 508	0	0	556 482	50 809	-90,9
	Shopping space	square metres	606	358	3 391	28 147	55 764	98,1
		R'000	7 734	2 823	44 575	201 529	693 534	244,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	51 605	30 080	11 015	308 161	91 712	-70,2
		R'000	347 945	200 678	85 287	2 131 562	678 050	-68,2
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 716	646	0	20 979	44 666	112,9
		R'000	18 660	8 680	0	189 665	555 128	192,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	382 847	212 181	129 862	3 079 238	1 977 521	-35,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 747	8 442	6 203	66 770	59 564	-10,8
		R'000	143 256	89 152	67 020	693 118	634 760	-8,4
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	9 027	7 052	957	62 510	27 356	-56,2
		R'000	59 877	50 525	12 267	656 808	265 675	-59,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	203 133	139 677	79 287	1 349 926	900 435	-33,3
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 508 050	1 426 937	829 142	10 230 937	8 863 169	-13,4

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 27 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Mpumalanga

			Jul 2025	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Jan – Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	3	1	21	10	-52,4
		square metres	60	190	65	1 383	620	-55,2
		R'000	564	1 840	611	10 520	5 984	-43,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	19	22	17	105	134	27,6
		square metres	7 559	6 284	4 832	29 599	32 853	11,0
		R'000	66 789	60 835	39 291	259 208	297 491	14,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2	22	11	9	123	1 266,7
		square metres	323	2 517	2 971	2 821	16 755	493,9
		R'000	2 146	21 039	19 891	18 744	134 675	618,5
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	1 198	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	7 787	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	69 499	83 714	59 793	296 259	438 150	47,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	350	0	0	350	0	-100,0
		R'000	3 289	0	0	3 289	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	215	0	480	2 030	38 330	1 788,2
		R'000	2 021	0	4 512	13 942	264 286	1 795,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	1 822	3 443	89,0
		R'000	0	0	0	17 125	33 332	94,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	5 310	0	4 512	34 356	297 618	766,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 747	2 044	656	11 609	14 975	29,0
		R'000	26 705	14 619	4 983	92 463	107 670	16,4
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	0	0	3 467	692	-80,0
		R'000	1 366	7 745	30 750	47 869	47 265	-1,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	28 071	22 364	35 733	140 332	154 935	10,4
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	102 880	106 078	100 038	470 947	890 703	89,1

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 28 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Limpopo

			Jul 2025	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Jan – Jul 2025	Jan – Jul 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	1	11	8	-27,3
		square metres	0	0	55	739	592	-19,9
		R'000	0	0	275	5 411	4 177	-22,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	13	26	21	125	137	9,6
		square metres	7 030	8 003	4 622	45 456	42 247	-7,1
		R'000	49 931	59 557	34 095	323 974	313 271	-3,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	496	2	4	579	38	-93,4
		square metres	24 144	434	1 002	30 608	5 659	-81,5
		R'000	174 392	3 229	7 455	221 082	42 103	-81,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	224 323	62 786	41 825	550 467	359 551	-34,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	991	1 230	24,1
		R'000	0	0	0	7 158	9 151	27,8
	Shopping space	square metres	0	921	0	8 050	6 914	-14,1
		R'000	0	6 852	0	59 197	42 738	-27,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 999	0	1 852	5 439	1 852	-65,9
		R'000	21 662	0	13 778	37 112	13 778	-62,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	8 703	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	64 750	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	21 662	6 852	13 778	103 467	130 417	26,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 172	220	0	2 238	1 151	-48,6
		R'000	8 465	1 637	0	16 163	8 563	-47,0
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	532	0	0	694	200	-71,2
		R'000	4 843	500	1 500	9 331	6 488	-30,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	13 308	2 137	1 500	25 494	15 051	-41,0
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	259 293	71 775	57 103	679 428	505 019	-25,7

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
Purpose of the survey	2	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
Scope of the survey	3	This survey covers the largest local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	4	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.
Collection rate	5	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for July 2026 was 93,6%. The revised collection rate for June 2026 was 93,6%.
Statistical unit	6	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	7	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.
Constant prices	8	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-26	Additional information from respondents	Jul-24 - Jun-26
Aug-26	Additional information from respondents	Aug-24 - Jul-26
Sep-26	Additional information from respondents	Sep-24 - Aug-26
Oct-26	Additional information from respondents	Oct-24 - Sep-26
Nov-26	Additional information from respondents	Nov-24 - Oct-26
Dec-26	Additional information from respondents	Dec-24 - Nov-26
Jan-27	Additional information from respondents New base year for constant prices	Jan-82 - Dec-26
Feb-27	Additional information from respondents	Feb-25 - Jan-27
Mar-27	Additional information from respondents	Mar-25 - Feb-27
Apr-27	Additional information from respondents	Apr-25 - Mar-27
May-27	Additional information from respondents	May-25 - Apr-27
Jun-27	Additional information from respondents	Jun-25 - May-27
New base year in 2026/27 – 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
- .. 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

Additions and alterations	Extensions to existing buildings as well as internal and external alterations of existing buildings.
Blocks of flats	High-density housing consisting of a number of self-contained dwelling-units, each with at least one living-room together with a kitchen and bathroom, conjoined to similar units in one building.
Dwelling-house	A free-standing, complete structure on a separate stand or a self-contained dwelling-unit, e.g. granny flat, on the same premises as an existing residence. Out-buildings and garages are included.
Local government institutions	Include: • district municipalities; • metropolitan municipalities; and • local municipalities.
Municipality	A generic term describing the “unit” of government in the local spheres responsible for local government in a geographically demarcated area and including district, metropolitan and local municipalities. It is an institution consisting of a municipal council (elected political representatives) and municipal administration (appointed officials).
District municipality	A municipality that has municipal executive and legislative authority in an area that includes more than one municipality, and which is described in section 155(1) of the Constitution as a category C municipality (refer to Local Government: Municipal Structure Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998)).
Metropolitan municipality	A municipality that has municipal executive and legislative authority in an area that includes more than one municipality, and which is described in section 155(1) of the Constitution as a category A municipality (refer to Local Government: Municipal Structure Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998)).
Local municipality	A municipality that shares municipal executive and legislative authority in its area with a district municipality within whose area it falls, which is described in section 155(1) of the constitution as a category B municipality.
Non-residential buildings	Factories and commercial, financial and other office buildings, as well as other buildings not used for residential purposes, such as churches, halls, clubs, schools and hospitals.
Other residential buildings	Institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, old people’s homes, hostels, hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation, entertainment centres and casinos.
Percentage change	When using monthly actual values, the percentage change is the change in actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the relevant month compared with the same month in the previous year, expressed as a percentage. When using annual actual values, the percentage change is the change in the actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the relevant year compared with the previous year expressed as a percentage. When using seasonally adjusted values, the percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the relevant month compared with the previous month, expressed as a percentage.

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