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Results for January to June 2020

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

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Jun 2019 1/	Jan – Jun 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Jun 2019 and Jan – Jun 2020	% change between Jan – Jun 2019 and Jan – Jun 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	28 693 036	14 883 505	-13 809 531	-48,1
-Dwelling-houses	14 191 770	8 566 769	-5 625 001	-39,6
-Flats and townhouses	14 069 348	6 163 808	-7 905 540	-56,2
-Other residential buildings	431 918	152 928	-278 990	-64,6
Non-residential buildings	11 499 904	7 171 495	-4 328 409	-37,6
Additions and alterations	14 205 397	8 485 439	-5 719 958	-40,3
Total	54 398 337	30 540 439	-23 857 898	-43,9

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

Total value of recorded building plans passed at current prices

The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 43,9% (-R23 857,9 million) during January to June 2020 compared with January to June 2019.

Decreases were recorded for residential buildings (-48,1% or -R13 809,5 million), additions and alterations (-40,3% or -R5 720,0 million) and non-residential buildings (-37,6% or -R4 328,4 million) – see Table A.

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

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Jun 2019 1/	Jan – Jun 2020 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during Jan – Jun 2019	% change between Jan – Jun 2019 and Jan – Jun 2020	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Jun 2019 and Jan – Jun 2020 2/	Difference in value between Jan – Jun 2019 and Jan – Jun 2020
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	14 850 660	10 158 861	27,3	-31,6	-8,6	-4 691 799
Eastern Cape	3 047 052	1 484 993	5,6	-51,3	-2,9	-1 562 059
Northern Cape	793 225	486 689	1,5	-38,6	-0,6	-306 536
Free State	1 575 436	1 015 363	2,9	-35,6	-1,0	-560 073
KwaZulu-Natal	9 478 961	5 392 152	17,4	-43,1	-7,5	-4 086 809
North West	1 157 104	885 038	2,1	-23,5	-0,5	-272 066
Gauteng	20 450 740	9 240 260	37,6	-54,8	-20,6	-11 210 480
Mpumalanga	1 787 169	1 361 417	3,3	-23,8	-0,8	-425 752
Limpopo	1 257 990	515 666	2,3	-59,0	-1,4	-742 324
Total	54 398 337	30 540 439	100,0	-43,9	-43,9	-23 857 898

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

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

The largest contributions to the total decrease of 43,9% (-R23 857,9 million) were made by Gauteng (contributing -20,6 percentage points or -R11 210,5 million), Western Cape (contributing -8,6 percentage points or -R4 691,8 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -7,5 percentage points or -R4 086,8 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing -2,9 percentage points or -R1 562,1 million) – see Table B.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Jun 2019 1/	Jan – Jun 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Jun 2019 and Jan – Jun 2020	% change between Jan – Jun 2019 and Jan – Jun 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	23 799 521	11 993 141	-11 806 380	-49,6
Non-residential buildings	9 524 569	5 780 847	-3 743 722	-39,3
Additions and alterations	11 755 249	6 836 750	-4 918 499	-41,8
Total	45 079 339	24 610 738	-20 468 601	-45,4

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

Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 45,4% (-R20 468,6 million) during January to June 2020 compared with January to June 2019. Decreases were recorded for residential buildings (-49,6% or -R11 806,4 million), additions and alterations (-41,8% or -R4 918,5 million) and non-residential buildings (-39,3% or -R3 743,7 million) – see Table C.

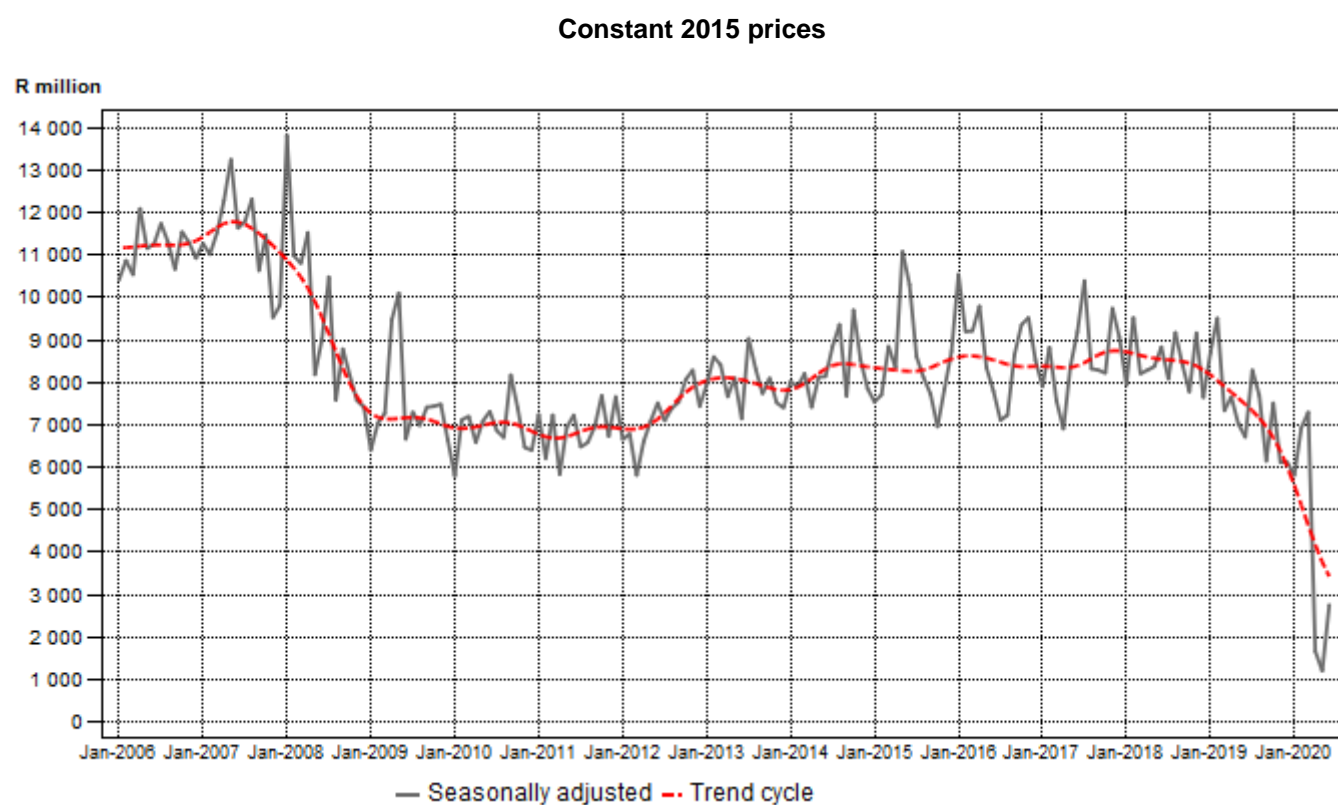
Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Mar 2020	Apr – Jun 2020	% change between Jan – Mar 2020 and Apr – Jun 2020
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 750 036	2 651 904	-72,8
Non-residential buildings 1/	4 268 354	1 512 493	-64,6
Additions and alterations	6 008 192	1 442 244	-76,0
Total	20 026 582	5 606 641	-72,0

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed decreased by 72,0% in the second quarter of 2020 compared with the first quarter of 2020. Decreases were recorded for additions and alterations (-76,0%), residential buildings (-72,8%) and non-residential buildings (-64,6%) – see Table D.

Figure 1 – Real value of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities

**Table E – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices:
January to June 2019 versus January to June 2020**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Jun 2019 1/	Jan – Jun 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Jun 2019 and Jan – Jun 2020	% change between Jan – Jun 2019 and Jan – Jun 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	28 240 434	8 477 514	-19 762 920	-70,0
-Dwelling-houses	11 090 046	5 361 108	-5 728 938	-51,7
-Flats and townhouses	16 782 414	3 065 484	-13 716 930	-81,7
-Other residential buildings	367 974	50 922	-317 052	-86,2
Non-residential buildings	11 713 569	6 898 206	-4 815 363	-41,1
Additions and alterations	6 116 998	3 992 303	-2 124 695	-34,7
Total	46 071 001	19 368 023	-26 702 978	-58,0

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

Total value of buildings reported as completed at current prices

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 58,0% (-R26 703,0 million) during January to June 2020 compared with January to June 2019.

Decreases were recorded for residential buildings (-70,0% or -R19 762,9 million), non-residential buildings (-41,1% or -R4 815,4 million) and additions and alterations (-34,7% or -R2 124,7 million) – see Table E.

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

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Jun 2019 1/	Jan – Jun 2020 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during Jan – Jun 2019	% change between Jan – Jun 2019 and Jan – Jun 2020	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Jun 2019 and Jan – Jun 2020 2/	Difference in value between Jan – Jun 2019 and Jan – Jun 2020
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	10 335 024	5 517 256	22,4	-46,6	-10,5	-4 817 768
Eastern Cape	1 535 405	1 185 892	3,3	-22,8	-0,8	-349 513
Northern Cape	311 479	211 665	0,7	-32,0	-0,2	-99 814
Free State	300 284	518 925	0,7	72,8	0,5	218 641
KwaZulu-Natal	6 676 020	3 411 172	14,5	-48,9	-7,1	-3 264 848
North West	1 048 341	364 705	2,3	-65,2	-1,5	-683 636
Gauteng	24 071 441	7 283 165	52,2	-69,7	-36,4	-16 788 276
Mpumalanga	1 371 057	627 414	3,0	-54,2	-1,6	-743 643
Limpopo	421 950	247 829	0,9	-41,3	-0,4	-174 121
Total	46 071 001	19 368 023	100,0	-58,0	-58,0	-26 702 978

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

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

Eight provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed during January to June 2020, of which Gauteng (contributing -36,4 percentage points or -R16 788,3 million), Western Cape (contributing -10,5 percentage points or -R4 817,8 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -7,1 percentage points or -R3 264,8 million) were the largest negative contributors – see Table F.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Jun 2019 1/	Jan – Jun 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Jun 2019 and Jan – Jun 2020	% change between Jan – Jun 2019 and Jan – Jun 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	23 346 318	6 824 797	-16 521 521	-70,8
Non-residential buildings	9 699 474	5 548 271	-4 151 203	-42,8
Additions and alterations	5 062 034	3 213 918	-1 848 116	-36,5
Total	38 107 826	15 586 986	-22 520 840	-59,1

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

Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 59,1% (-R22 520,8 million) during January to June 2020 compared with January to June 2019. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-70,8% or -R16 521,5 million), non-residential buildings (-42,8% or -R4 151,2 million) and additions and alterations (-36,5% or -R1 848,1 million) – see Table G.

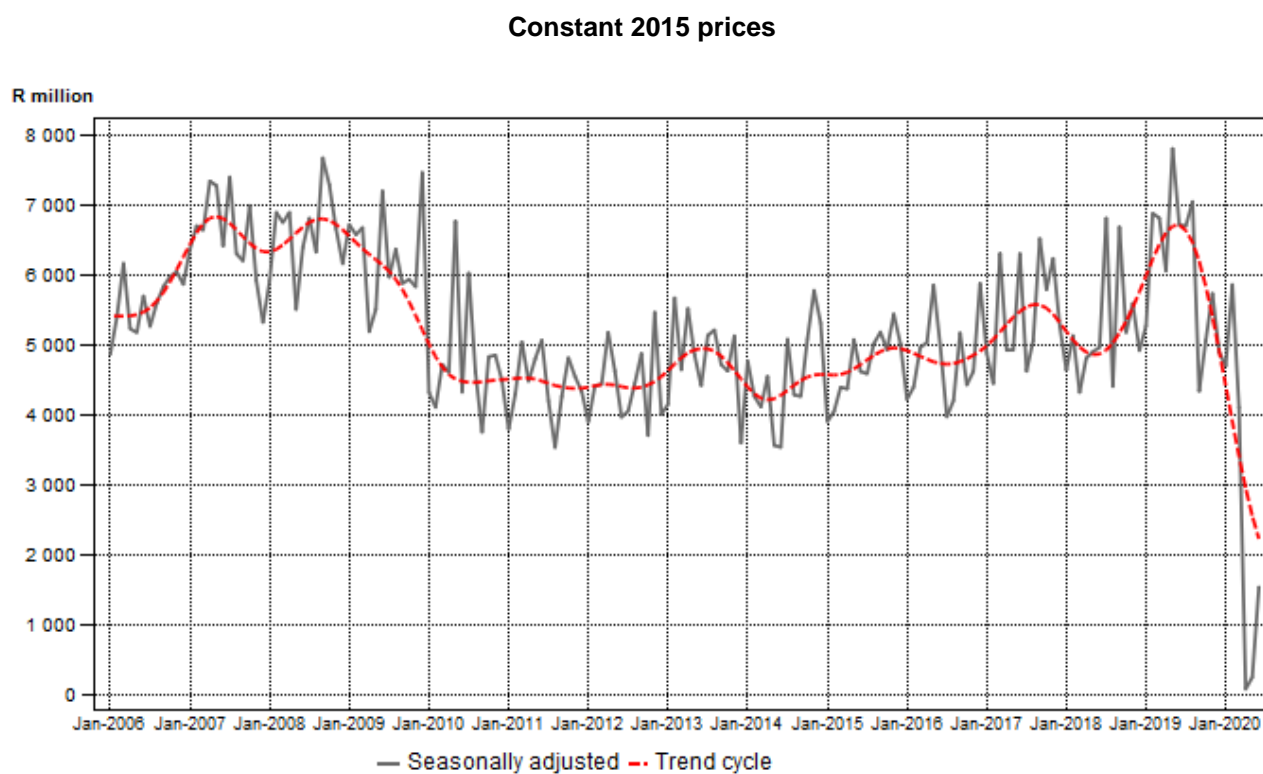
Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Mar 2020	Apr – Jun 2020	% change between Jan – Mar 2020 and Apr – Jun 2020
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 670 547	980 356	-85,3
Non-residential buildings 1/	5 103 295	444 976	-91,3
Additions and alterations	2 890 306	443 124	-84,7
Total	14 664 148	1 868 456	-87,3

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased by 87,3% in the second quarter of 2020 compared with the first quarter of 2020. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-91,3%), residential buildings (-85,3%) and additions and alterations (-84,7%) – see Table H.

Figure 2 – Real value of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	4 772 821	39,4	1 611 299	-7,9	1 836 501	-10,4	8 220 621	13,8
	February	6 990 891	47,8	2 069 538	-45,8	2 399 945	1,7	11 460 374	5,1
	March	4 148 476	-7,3	2 414 651	32,7	2 314 165	-9,2	8 877 292	0,4
	April	4 276 398	-24,1	2 091 416	6,3	2 473 785	14,4	8 841 599	-9,4
	May	4 422 359	-22,2	1 664 678	-12,7	2 646 651	6,9	8 733 688	-13,2
	June	4 082 091	-24,9	1 648 322	-34,2	2 534 350	-6,2	8 264 763	-22,3
	July	5 781 318	11,3	1 917 207	-0,6	3 282 645	20,2	10 981 170	11,4
	August	5 031 902	-22,4	2 749 039	-4,7	2 453 296	-0,7	10 234 237	-13,6
	September	3 431 994	-36,3	1 679 577	-29,9	2 703 734	9,3	7 815 305	-23,8
	October	5 218 314	-2,7	2 578 004	36,7	2 772 425	-12,6	10 568 743	1,4
	November	3 846 996	-29,7	997 639	-67,7	2 751 222	6,0	7 595 857	-31,9
	December	2 605 709	-41,8	1 980 035	59,6	1 961 680	5,1	6 547 424	-13,7
	Total	54 609 269	-11,6	23 401 405	-13,9	30 130 399	1,8	108 141 073	-8,8
2020	January	2 609 035	-45,3	1 422 087	-11,7	1 687 952	-8,1	5 719 074	-30,4
	February	4 317 353	-38,2	1 840 942	-11,0	2 504 059	4,3	8 662 354	-24,4
	March	4 686 180	13,0	2 043 820	-15,4	2 493 213	7,7	9 223 213	3,9
	April *	807 896	-81,1	729 784	-65,1	442 419	-82,1	1 980 099	-77,6
	May *	809 776	-81,7	180 087	-89,2	436 126	-83,5	1 425 989	-83,7
	June *	1 653 265	-59,5	954 775	-42,1	921 670	-63,6	3 529 710	-57,3

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

* The COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown regulations since 27 March have had an extensive impact on economic activity.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	6 253 805	14,1	1 611 299	29,8	2 457 251	2,2	10 322 355	13,1
	February	6 835 499	9,3	2 069 538	28,4	2 474 981	0,7	11 380 018	10,2
	March	4 007 339	-41,4	2 414 651	16,7	2 480 755	0,2	8 902 745	-21,8
	April	4 633 453	15,6	2 091 416	-13,4	2 584 240	4,2	9 309 109	4,6
	May	4 274 511	-7,7	1 664 678	-20,4	2 597 232	0,5	8 536 421	-8,3
	June	3 951 596	-7,6	1 648 322	-1,0	2 536 388	-2,3	8 136 306	-4,7
	July	5 507 421	39,4	1 917 207	16,3	2 695 153	6,3	10 119 781	24,4
	August	4 334 452	-21,3	2 749 039	43,4	2 370 337	-12,1	9 453 828	-6,6
	September	3 404 396	-21,5	1 679 577	-38,9	2 505 962	5,7	7 589 935	-19,7
	October	4 391 778	29,0	2 578 004	53,5	2 332 313	-6,9	9 302 095	22,6
	November	3 969 396	-9,6	997 639	-61,3	2 577 596	10,5	7 544 631	-18,9
	December	3 184 584	-19,8	1 980 035	98,5	2 418 324	-6,2	7 582 943	0,5
2020	January	3 486 444	9,5	1 422 087	-28,2	2 310 902	-4,4	7 219 433	-4,8
	February	4 199 617	20,5	1 840 942	29,5	2 618 214	13,3	8 658 773	19,9
	March	4 470 148	6,4	2 043 820	11,0	2 528 856	-3,4	9 042 824	4,4
	April *	838 961	-81,2	729 784	-64,3	475 133	-81,2	2 043 878	-77,4
	May *	830 862	-1,0	180 087	-75,3	458 750	-3,4	1 469 699	-28,1
	June *	1 599 389	92,5	954 775	430,2	840 095	83,1	3 394 259	130,9
	Jan – Mar 20	12 156 209		5 306 849		7 457 972		24 921 030	
	Apr – Jun 20 2/	3 269 212	-73,1	1 864 646	-64,9	1 773 978	-76,2	6 907 836	-72,3

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

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

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

* The COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown regulations since 27 March have had an extensive impact on economic activity.

Table 3 – Value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices by type of building

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	4 027 697	35,3	1 359 746	-10,6	1 549 790	-13,0	6 937 233	10,5
	February	5 850 118	42,1	1 731 831	-47,9	2 008 322	-2,2	9 590 271	1,0
	March	3 428 493	-11,8	1 995 579	26,2	1 912 533	-13,6	7 336 605	-4,5
	April	3 513 885	-27,9	1 718 501	0,9	2 032 691	8,5	7 265 077	-14,0
	May	3 627 858	-26,1	1 365 610	-17,1	2 171 166	1,4	7 164 634	-17,6
	June	3 351 470	-28,3	1 353 302	-37,2	2 080 747	-10,5	6 785 519	-25,9
	July	4 727 161	7,0	1 567 626	-4,5	2 684 092	15,4	8 978 879	7,1
	August	4 100 980	-25,9	2 240 456	-9,1	1 999 426	-5,3	8 340 862	-17,5
	September	2 776 694	-39,1	1 358 881	-33,0	2 187 487	4,5	6 323 062	-27,2
	October	4 218 524	-6,3	2 084 078	31,7	2 241 249	-15,7	8 543 851	-2,3
	November	3 112 456	-32,1	807 151	-68,8	2 225 908	2,5	6 145 515	-34,2
	December	2 104 773	-44,0	1 599 382	53,5	1 584 556	1,1	5 288 711	-17,0
	Total	44 840 109	-15,1	19 182 143	-17,6	24 677 967	-2,5	88 700 219	-12,5
2020	January	2 100 672	-47,8	1 144 998	-15,8	1 359 060	-12,3	4 604 730	-33,6
	February	3 459 417	-40,9	1 475 114	-14,8	2 006 458	-0,1	6 940 989	-27,6
	March	3 779 177	10,2	1 648 242	-17,4	2 010 656	5,1	7 438 075	1,4
	April *	655 760	-81,3	592 357	-65,5	359 106	-82,3	1 607 223	-77,9
	May *	658 354	-81,9	146 412	-89,3	354 574	-83,7	1 159 340	-83,8
	June *	1 339 761	-60,0	773 724	-42,8	746 896	-64,1	2 860 381	-57,8

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

* The COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown regulations since 27 March have had an extensive impact on economic activity.

Table 4 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	5 267 468	15,1	1 359 746	30,5	2 063 298	2,0	8 690 512	13,7
	February	5 717 619	8,5	1 731 831	27,4	2 066 356	0,1	9 515 806	9,5
	March	3 303 566	-42,2	1 995 579	15,2	2 034 397	-1,5	7 333 542	-22,9
	April	3 807 339	15,2	1 718 501	-13,9	2 130 000	4,7	7 655 840	4,4
	May	3 511 339	-7,8	1 365 610	-20,5	2 140 406	0,5	7 017 355	-8,3
	June	3 241 045	-7,7	1 353 302	-0,9	2 115 065	-1,2	6 709 412	-4,4
	July	4 528 962	39,7	1 567 626	15,8	2 195 768	3,8	8 292 356	23,6
	August	3 531 295	-22,0	2 240 456	42,9	1 920 171	-12,6	7 691 922	-7,2
	September	2 745 631	-22,2	1 358 881	-39,3	2 036 925	6,1	6 141 437	-20,2
	October	3 562 174	29,7	2 084 078	53,4	1 864 859	-8,4	7 511 111	22,3
	November	3 219 062	-9,6	807 151	-61,3	2 088 674	12,0	6 114 887	-18,6
	December	2 566 049	-20,3	1 599 382	98,2	1 952 808	-6,5	6 118 239	0,1
2020	January	2 802 379	9,2	1 144 998	-28,4	1 859 634	-4,8	5 807 011	-5,1
	February	3 359 183	19,9	1 475 114	28,8	2 089 206	12,3	6 923 503	19,2
	March	3 588 474	6,8	1 648 242	11,7	2 059 352	-1,4	7 296 068	5,4
	April *	681 506	-81,0	592 357	-64,1	385 549	-81,3	1 659 412	-77,3
	May *	676 458	-0,7	146 412	-75,3	372 976	-3,3	1 195 846	-27,9
	June *	1 293 940	91,3	773 724	428,5	683 719	83,3	2 751 383	130,1
	Jan – Mar 20	9 750 036		4 268 354		6 008 192		20 026 582	
	Apr – Jun 20 2/	2 651 904	-72,8	1 512 493	-64,6	1 442 244	-76,0	5 606 641	-72,0

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

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Table 5 – Value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	3 215 693	19,7	1 129 725	40,0	704 984	-11,1	5 050 402	17,8
	February	3 662 196	22,2	3 157 234	107,5	991 268	-5,9	7 810 698	40,2
	March	5 459 272	93,3	1 420 463	36,0	1 490 196	39,5	8 369 931	69,5
	April	4 328 058	28,3	1 623 694	34,6	1 026 808	15,3	6 978 560	27,6
	May	5 249 660	64,5	3 123 392	112,0	1 035 312	14,6	9 408 364	69,0
	June	6 325 555	87,0	1 259 061	-14,8	868 430	-14,9	8 453 046	43,8
	July	4 795 499	-2,5	1 904 394	28,3	1 202 470	-11,7	7 902 363	1,8
	August	5 048 824	76,4	2 136 907	101,6	1 240 827	5,0	8 426 558	65,1
	September	3 405 658	-28,9	1 262 510	-53,5	1 108 538	16,0	5 776 706	-31,7
	October	3 267 018	-11,6	1 860 458	18,8	1 351 483	18,3	6 478 959	1,1
	November	4 771 617	-20,0	2 350 550	117,9	1 224 790	9,2	8 346 957	2,2
	December	2 964 337	-21,6	1 984 860	65,2	1 026 971	24,5	5 976 168	2,9
	Total	52 493 387	18,1	23 213 248	39,6	13 272 077	7,8	88 978 712	21,2
2020	January	2 154 645	-33,0	1 477 291	30,8	1 186 716	68,3	4 818 652	-4,6
	February	2 780 907	-24,1	2 973 015	-5,8	1 268 964	28,0	7 022 886	-10,1
	March	2 286 719	-58,1	1 899 216	33,7	980 990	-34,2	5 166 925	-38,3
	April *	36 187	-99,2	46 153	-97,2	14 131	-98,6	96 471	-98,6
	May *	112 461	-97,9	104 955	-96,6	84 515	-91,8	301 931	-96,8
	June *	1 106 595	-82,5	397 576	-68,4	456 987	-47,4	1 961 158	-76,8

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2/ Preliminary figures.

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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/
2019	January	4 221 508	12,7	1 129 725	-5,9	919 169	-2,2	6 270 402	6,5
	February	4 081 732	-3,3	3 157 234	179,5	985 220	7,2	8 224 186	31,2
	March	5 600 145	37,2	1 420 463	-55,0	1 144 523	16,2	8 165 131	-0,7
	April	4 454 577	-20,5	1 623 694	14,3	1 287 364	12,5	7 365 635	-9,8
	May	5 311 513	19,2	3 123 392	92,4	1 073 625	-16,6	9 508 530	29,1
	June	6 072 948	14,3	1 259 061	-59,7	834 154	-22,3	8 166 163	-14,1
	July	5 078 816	-16,4	1 904 394	51,3	1 214 455	45,6	8 197 665	0,4
	August	5 360 074	5,5	2 136 907	12,2	1 152 922	-5,1	8 649 903	5,5
	September	3 031 088	-43,5	1 262 510	-40,9	1 069 255	-7,3	5 362 853	-38,0
	October	3 166 755	4,5	1 860 458	47,4	1 235 903	15,6	6 263 116	16,8
	November	3 628 241	14,6	2 350 550	26,3	1 119 347	-9,4	7 098 138	13,3
	December	2 936 326	-19,1	1 984 860	-15,6	1 168 832	4,4	6 090 018	-14,2
2020	January	2 838 811	-3,3	1 477 291	-25,6	1 540 768	31,8	5 856 870	-3,8
	February	3 085 718	8,7	2 973 015	101,2	1 259 866	-18,2	7 318 599	25,0
	March	2 354 326	-23,7	1 899 216	-36,1	798 863	-36,6	5 052 405	-31,0
	April *	37 270	-98,4	46 153	-97,6	16 960	-97,9	100 383	-98,0
	May *	113 688	205,0	104 955	127,4	88 225	420,2	306 868	205,7
	June *	1 056 437	829,2	397 576	278,8	441 005	399,9	1 895 018	517,5
	Jan – Mar 20	8 278 855		6 349 522		3 599 497		18 227 874	
	Apr – Jun 20 2/	1 207 395	-85,4	548 684	-91,4	546 190	-84,8	2 302 269	-87,4

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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 seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the previous three months expressed as a percentage.

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

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Table 7 – Value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices by type of building

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	2 713 665	16,2	953 354	35,9	594 923	-13,7	4 261 942	14,4
	February	3 064 599	17,5	2 642 037	99,5	829 513	-9,5	6 536 149	34,8
	March	4 511 795	83,9	1 173 936	29,3	1 231 567	32,7	6 917 298	61,3
	April	3 556 334	21,7	1 334 177	27,8	843 721	9,4	5 734 232	21,1
	May	4 306 530	56,1	2 562 258	101,2	849 313	8,7	7 718 101	60,4
	June	5 193 395	78,4	1 033 712	-18,7	712 997	-18,8	6 940 104	37,1
	July	3 921 095	-6,3	1 557 150	23,3	983 213	-15,2	6 461 458	-2,2
	August	4 114 771	68,4	1 741 570	92,4	1 011 269	0,2	6 867 610	57,6
	September	2 755 387	-32,0	1 021 448	-55,5	896 875	10,9	4 673 710	-34,7
	October	2 641 082	-14,8	1 504 008	14,5	1 092 549	14,0	5 237 639	-2,5
	November	3 860 532	-22,6	1 901 739	110,6	990 930	5,6	6 753 201	-1,2
	December	2 394 456	-24,5	1 603 279	59,0	829 540	19,7	4 827 275	-1,0
	Total	43 033 641	13,4	19 028 668	33,9	10 866 410	3,2	72 928 719	16,4
2020	January	1 734 819	-36,1	1 189 445	24,8	955 488	60,6	3 879 752	-9,0
	February	2 228 291	-27,3	2 382 224	-9,8	1 016 798	22,6	5 627 313	-13,9
	March	1 844 128	-59,1	1 531 626	30,5	791 121	-35,8	4 166 875	-39,8
	April *	29 373	-99,2	37 462	-97,2	11 470	-98,6	78 305	-98,6
	May *	91 432	-97,9	85 329	-96,7	68 711	-91,9	245 472	-96,8
	June *	896 754	-82,7	322 185	-68,8	370 330	-48,1	1 589 269	-77,1

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2/ Preliminary figures.

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Table 8 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	3 545 476	13,5	953 354	-5,5	773 358	-1,7	5 272 188	7,2
	February	3 412 150	-3,8	2 642 037	177,1	824 270	6,6	6 878 457	30,5
	March	4 690 794	37,5	1 173 936	-55,6	947 447	14,9	6 812 177	-1,0
	April	3 663 073	-21,9	1 334 177	13,6	1 058 389	11,7	6 055 639	-11,1
	May	4 360 792	19,0	2 562 258	92,0	882 487	-16,6	7 805 537	28,9
	June	4 996 455	14,6	1 033 712	-59,7	685 357	-22,3	6 715 524	-14,0
	July	4 150 106	-16,9	1 557 150	50,6	993 065	44,9	6 700 321	-0,2
	August	4 364 459	5,2	1 741 570	11,8	939 138	-5,4	7 045 167	5,1
	September	2 449 308	-43,9	1 021 448	-41,3	865 501	-7,8	4 336 257	-38,5
	October	2 561 671	4,6	1 504 008	47,2	999 467	15,5	5 065 146	16,8
	November	2 928 982	14,3	1 901 739	26,4	905 926	-9,4	5 736 647	13,3
	December	2 355 494	-19,6	1 603 279	-15,7	941 781	4,0	4 900 554	-14,6
2020	January	2 273 997	-3,5	1 189 445	-25,8	1 236 914	31,3	4 700 356	-4,1
	February	2 468 965	8,6	2 382 224	100,3	1 008 351	-18,5	5 859 540	24,7
	March	1 927 585	-21,9	1 531 626	-35,7	645 041	-36,0	4 104 252	-30,0
	April *	30 261	-98,4	37 462	-97,6	13 782	-97,9	81 505	-98,0
	May *	92 492	205,6	85 329	127,8	71 875	421,5	249 696	206,4
	June *	857 603	827,2	322 185	277,6	357 467	397,3	1 537 255	515,7
	Jan – Mar 20	6 670 547		5 103 295		2 890 306		14 664 148	
	Apr – Jun 20 2/	980 356	-85,3	444 976	-91,3	443 124	-84,7	1 868 456	-87,3

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

			Jun 2019	May 2020 *	Jun 2020 *	Jan – Jun 2019	Jan – Jun 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	914	150	236	5 121	5 533	8,0
		square metres	44 949	7 811	13 041	256 088	253 957	-0,8
		R'000	265 762	51 732	84 277	1 466 083	1 088 205	-25,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 126	201	559	6 338	3 729	-41,2
		square metres	308 931	49 562	150 853	1 736 216	1 001 341	-42,3
		R'000	2 290 075	336 288	1 063 827	12 725 687	7 478 564	-41,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 494	533	595	14 232	6 965	-51,1
		square metres	180 223	53 227	53 590	1 679 117	716 736	-57,3
		R'000	1 520 933	417 178	485 506	14 069 348	6 163 808	-56,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	943	613	2 484	58 844	20 467	-65,2
		R'000	5 321	4 578	19 655	431 918	152 928	-64,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	4 082 091	809 776	1 653 265	28 693 036	14 883 505	-48,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	19 403	837	32 977	226 514	124 654	-45,0
		R'000	137 685	6 696	262 870	1 988 610	1 002 226	-49,6
	Shopping space	square metres	37 990	4 850	23 929	265 629	268 076	0,9
		R'000	324 661	44 583	188 499	1 988 055	2 164 935	8,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	148 130	3 387	36 981	809 132	414 504	-48,8
		R'000	969 416	21 549	272 540	5 097 613	2 679 825	-47,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	32 398	15 343	30 230	335 066	173 194	-48,3
		R'000	216 560	107 259	230 866	2 425 626	1 324 509	-45,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 648 322	180 087	954 775	11 499 904	7 171 495	-37,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	241 502	38 387	97 821	1 354 768	776 398	-42,7
		R'000	1 776 602	277 821	687 085	10 140 463	5 840 389	-42,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	73 094	11 007	13 044	359 154	242 430	-32,5
		R'000	757 748	158 305	234 585	4 064 934	2 645 050	-34,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 534 350	436 126	921 670	14 205 397	8 485 439	-40,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	8 264 763	1 425 989	3 529 710	54 398 337	30 540 439	-43,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

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

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Jun 2019	May 2020 *	Jun 2020 *	Jan – Jun 2019	Jan – Jun 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	305	130	56	1 937	789	-59,3
		square metres	13 173	6 744	3 053	84 207	39 278	-53,4
		R'000	78 782	43 951	20 515	477 416	241 730	-49,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	312	137	241	2 090	1 321	-36,8
		square metres	84 936	29 628	64 748	523 659	331 188	-36,8
		R'000	557 286	187 307	437 008	3 440 754	2 215 506	-35,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	486	479	204	3 654	2 363	-35,3
		square metres	50 824	42 119	25 570	395 485	236 498	-40,2
		R'000	400 019	329 002	191 797	3 099 500	1 848 415	-40,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	318	613	1 747	27 414	10 180	-62,9
		R'000	2 172	4 578	14 664	194 435	77 530	-60,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 038 259	564 838	663 984	7 212 105	4 383 181	-39,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	621	0	6 365	36 066	45 422	25,9
		R'000	4 968	0	62 823	273 799	393 108	43,6
	Shopping space	square metres	420	3 720	17 519	76 627	70 543	-7,9
		R'000	3 680	38 796	153 318	617 071	584 412	-5,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	30 397	2 138	21 662	182 653	104 796	-42,6
		R'000	211 340	15 092	170 919	1 265 994	749 115	-40,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	17 055	15 343	4 025	181 597	92 364	-49,1
		R'000	111 880	107 259	39 977	1 300 461	705 772	-45,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	331 868	161 147	427 037	3 457 325	2 432 407	-29,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	72 653	29 424	45 569	388 506	289 238	-25,6
		R'000	468 349	213 870	304 679	2 550 797	1 915 855	-24,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	28 811	9 476	9 941	150 978	127 979	-15,2
		R'000	268 809	141 231	146 482	1 630 433	1 427 418	-12,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	737 158	355 101	451 161	4 181 230	3 343 273	-20,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 107 285	1 081 086	1 542 182	14 850 660	10 158 861	-31,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

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

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

			Jun 2019	May 2020 *	Jun 2020 *	Jan – Jun 2019	Jan – Jun 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	21	1	3	131	43	-67,2
		square metres	1 281	47	187	7 913	2 788	-64,8
		R'000	8 736	325	1 260	47 990	18 638	-61,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	103	5	47	483	260	-46,2
		square metres	26 155	922	11 313	117 287	58 671	-50,0
		R'000	168 317	6 213	78 775	770 189	402 389	-47,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	70	0	7	224	46	-79,5
		square metres	13 598	0	839	31 988	4 546	-85,8
		R'000	89 719	0	5 805	207 690	30 575	-85,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	273	190	-30,4
		R'000	0	0	0	1 958	1 424	-27,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	266 772	6 538	85 840	1 027 827	453 026	-55,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	75	0	2 210	7 838	7 416	-5,4
		R'000	331	0	11 468	50 910	45 411	-10,8
	Shopping space	square metres	1 972	0	0	20 427	31 777	55,6
		R'000	13 482	0	0	114 490	222 417	94,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	10 583	0	139	116 760	30 254	-74,1
		R'000	69 679	0	962	753 825	183 989	-75,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	121	0	8 172	5 170	10 266	98,6
		R'000	674	0	56 543	30 597	69 210	126,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	84 166	0	68 973	949 822	521 027	-45,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	22 391	739	6 130	118 540	60 063	-49,3
		R'000	139 192	5 113	42 574	759 354	402 439	-47,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	10 570	0	434	45 915	13 775	-70,0
		R'000	72 942	0	3 975	310 049	108 501	-65,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	212 134	5 113	46 549	1 069 403	510 940	-52,2
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	563 072	11 651	201 362	3 047 052	1 484 993	-51,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

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

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

			Jun 2019	May 2020 *	Jun 2020 *	Jan – Jun 2019	Jan – Jun 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	7	3	1	10	7	-30,0
		square metres	414	196	48	576	368	-36,1
		R'000	3 277	1 659	421	4 497	3 140	-30,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	16	6	7	86	66	-23,3
		square metres	3 339	918	1 629	19 857	15 733	-20,8
		R'000	23 566	4 703	13 747	139 089	126 007	-9,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	0	94	..
		square metres	0	0	0	0	9 046	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	79 109	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	5 005	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	41 041	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	26 843	6 362	14 168	143 586	249 297	73,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	928	1 437	54,8
		R'000	0	0	0	6 961	10 506	50,9
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 130	0	380	1 365	259,2
		R'000	0	5 787	0	3 055	7 847	156,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 722	0	2 890	5 627	6 152	9,3
		R'000	11 371	0	24 764	35 790	52 097	45,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	7 676	50 370	7 676	-84,8
		R'000	0	0	67 145	404 216	67 145	-83,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	11 371	5 787	91 909	450 022	137 595	-69,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 385	1 385	2 092	19 175	11 167	-41,8
		R'000	24 920	11 068	17 752	141 098	92 277	-34,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	99	62	13	7 215	783	-89,1
		R'000	1 263	543	214	58 519	7 520	-87,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	26 183	11 611	17 966	199 617	99 797	-50,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	64 397	23 760	124 043	793 225	486 689	-38,6

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

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

			Jun 2019	May 2020 *	Jun 2020 *	Jan – Jun 2019	Jan – Jun 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	16	2	9	125	60	-52,0
		square metres	886	97	635	7 434	3 479	-53,2
		R'000	6 491	783	5 126	54 556	26 653	-51,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	62	12	29	355	183	-48,5
		square metres	15 287	2 981	4 281	75 187	36 877	-51,0
		R'000	106 722	21 468	29 536	496 692	269 151	-45,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	14	47	193	166	-14,0
		square metres	0	2 016	3 610	19 015	18 352	-3,5
		R'000	0	16 273	23 663	141 825	142 519	0,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	220	0	122	6 876	241	-96,5
		R'000	1 093	0	985	35 312	1 946	-94,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	114 306	38 524	59 310	728 385	440 269	-39,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	3 551	0	0	3 990	5 655	41,7
		R'000	22 173	0	0	24 353	45 647	87,4
	Shopping space	square metres	238	0	0	14 413	887	-93,8
		R'000	1 182	0	0	82 914	6 378	-92,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 515	0	1 523	6 005	16 518	175,1
		R'000	16 096	0	10 758	39 425	93 893	138,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	2 467	24 093	2 467	-89,8
		R'000	0	0	19 029	177 719	19 029	-89,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	39 451	0	29 787	324 411	164 947	-49,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 304	2 023	4 668	50 089	45 343	-9,5
		R'000	62 756	16 145	34 401	324 176	332 073	2,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 961	959	399	12 857	7 200	-44,0
		R'000	40 232	11 879	6 274	198 464	78 074	-60,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	102 988	28 024	40 675	522 640	410 147	-21,5
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	256 745	66 548	129 772	1 575 436	1 015 363	-35,6

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

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

			Jun 2019	May 2020 *	Jun 2020 *	Jan – Jun 2019	Jan – Jun 2020	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	3	12	99	80	-19,2	
		square metres	644	143	671	5 408	4 738	-12,4	
		R'000	5 363	993	5 262	43 201	41 918	-3,0	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	95	16	35	604	327	-45,9	
		square metres	29 554	9 056	9 939	186 642	104 560	-44,0	
		R'000	292 216	72 537	85 625	1 802 305	1 016 691	-43,6	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	382	30	305	1 983	1 236	-37,7	
		square metres	39 753	7 638	21 009	220 175	132 876	-39,6	
		R'000	401 915	61 104	247 599	2 170 460	1 470 521	-32,2	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	131	9 179	131	-98,6	
		R'000	0	0	1 048	104 731	1 048	-99,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	699 494	134 634	339 534	4 120 697	2 530 178	-38,6
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	837	0	36 768	5 332	-85,5
R'000			0	6 696	0	366 662	51 483	-86,0	
Shopping space		square metres	1 390	0	0	25 214	105 170	317,1	
		R'000	12 590	0	0	228 673	872 250	281,4	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	78 288	0	0	291 690	57 935	-80,1	
		R'000	508 526	0	0	1 798 918	400 869	-77,7	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	2 649	0	0	13 849	14 747	6,5	
		R'000	18 508	0	0	115 182	149 646	29,9	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	539 624	6 696	0	2 509 435	1 474 248	-41,3	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	27 973	1 266	6 175	193 754	80 104	-58,7
	R'000		280 594	8 945	58 869	1 940 407	864 055	-55,5	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	8 966	510	1 629	65 283	36 557	-44,0	
		R'000	112 554	3 570	17 059	908 422	523 671	-42,4	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	393 148	12 515	75 928	2 848 829	1 387 726	-51,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 632 266	153 845	415 462	9 478 961	5 392 152	-43,1	

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

			Jun 2019	May 2020 *	Jun 2020 *	Jan – Jun 2019	Jan – Jun 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	3	41	1 048	2 456,1
		square metres	0	0	174	2 169	42 655	1 866,6
		R'000	0	0	705	11 332	109 452	865,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	39	0	42	290	192	-33,8
		square metres	9 086	0	9 092	74 093	42 609	-42,5
		R'000	52 466	0	58 451	431 448	257 697	-40,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	99	0	0	390	93	-76,2
		square metres	6 031	0	0	27 068	10 912	-59,7
		R'000	35 831	0	0	164 269	70 128	-57,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	3 156	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	20 381	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	88 297	0	59 156	607 049	457 658	-24,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	2 510	2 407	-4,1
		R'000	0	0	0	13 019	13 898	6,8
	Shopping space	square metres	5 212	0	2 052	15 214	21 650	42,3
		R'000	31 546	0	12 079	96 846	143 324	48,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	5 337	388	11 277	2 806,4
		R'000	0	0	26 685	1 927	62 807	3 159,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	7 662	0	0	10 035	2 580	-74,3
		R'000	47 329	0	0	59 514	14 935	-74,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	78 875	0	38 764	171 306	234 964	37,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 485	0	6 197	49 990	29 545	-40,9
		R'000	60 535	0	38 396	280 861	179 255	-36,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 844	0	285	8 784	1 201	-86,3
		R'000	12 569	0	3 629	97 888	13 161	-86,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	73 104	0	42 025	378 749	192 416	-49,2
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	240 276	0	139 945	1 157 104	885 038	-23,5

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

			Jun 2019	May 2020 *	Jun 2020 *	Jan – Jun 2019	Jan – Jun 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	527	10	125	2 574	3 386	31,5
		square metres	27 108	516	6 828	136 464	154 081	12,9
		R'000	155 722	3 668	43 349	765 048	606 956	-20,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	397	13	94	1 822	1 010	-44,6
		square metres	112 667	3 219	27 739	564 913	298 165	-47,2
		R'000	932 997	23 190	216 880	4 618 375	2 468 701	-46,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	437	10	32	7 082	2 634	-62,8
		square metres	69 000	1 454	2 562	946 811	286 937	-69,7
		R'000	588 287	10 799	16 642	8 076 200	2 421 770	-70,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	484	4 717	1 564	-66,8
		R'000	0	0	2 958	26 239	9 558	-63,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 677 006	37 657	279 829	13 485 862	5 506 985	-59,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	1 976	99 775	15 120	-84,8
		R'000	0	0	12 737	1 012 262	164 141	-83,8
	Shopping space	square metres	26 718	0	0	65 951	20 898	-68,3
		R'000	251 307	0	0	567 846	216 834	-61,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	18 759	1 249	1 680	177 397	151 848	-14,4
		R'000	117 807	6 457	10 266	1 043 563	904 829	-13,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 646	0	7 503	33 460	40 136	20,0
		R'000	26 728	0	45 851	254 077	281 025	10,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	395 842	6 457	68 854	2 877 748	1 566 829	-45,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	82 218	2 573	19 276	439 190	214 194	-51,2
		R'000	665 818	16 939	142 074	3 607 376	1 782 477	-50,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	15 925	0	336	57 775	49 866	-13,7
		R'000	123 672	200	3 228	479 754	383 969	-20,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	789 490	17 139	145 302	4 087 130	2 166 446	-47,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 862 338	61 253	493 985	20 450 740	9 240 260	-54,8

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

			Jun 2019	May 2020 *	Jun 2020 *	Jan – Jun 2019	Jan – Jun 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	23	1	27	155	95	-38,7
		square metres	1 200	68	1 445	8 829	5 112	-42,1
		R'000	6 050	353	7 639	45 085	31 262	-30,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	55	12	44	371	250	-32,6
		square metres	13 271	2 838	14 933	92 912	74 634	-19,7
		R'000	77 585	20 870	102 290	584 478	496 923	-15,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	20	0	0	77	13	-83,1
		square metres	1 017	0	0	3 813	2 017	-47,1
		R'000	5 162	0	0	19 271	11 047	-42,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	405	0	0	3 112	0	-100,0
		R'000	2 056	0	0	15 797	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	90 853	21 223	109 929	664 631	539 232	-18,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	15 156	0	22 426	29 693	41 242	38,9
		R'000	110 213	0	175 842	191 160	274 440	43,6
	Shopping space	square metres	2 040	0	4 358	11 734	15 053	28,3
		R'000	10 874	0	23 102	62 427	106 961	71,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 616	0	3 750	14 801	23 176	56,6
		R'000	11 116	0	28 186	82 391	159 874	94,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 912	0	0	14 385	914	-93,6
		R'000	9 493	0	0	72 242	5 872	-91,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	141 696	0	227 130	408 220	547 147	34,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 572	977	7 065	63 587	34 347	-46,0
		R'000	48 788	5 741	45 016	359 646	199 821	-44,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 063	0	7	7 260	2 378	-67,2
		R'000	118 719	882	51 224	354 672	75 217	-78,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	167 507	6 623	96 240	714 318	275 038	-61,5
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	400 056	27 846	433 299	1 787 169	1 361 417	-23,8

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

			Jun 2019	May 2020 *	Jun 2020 *	Jan – Jun 2019	Jan – Jun 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	0	0	49	25	-49,0
		square metres	243	0	0	3 088	1 458	-52,8
		R'000	1 341	0	0	16 958	8 456	-50,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	47	0	20	237	120	-49,4
		square metres	14 636	0	7 179	81 666	38 904	-52,4
		R'000	78 920	0	41 515	442 357	225 499	-49,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	629	320	-49,1
		square metres	0	0	0	34 762	15 552	-55,3
		R'000	0	0	0	190 133	89 724	-52,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	7 273	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	53 446	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	80 261	0	41 515	702 894	323 679	-54,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	8 946	623	-93,0
		R'000	0	0	0	49 484	3 592	-92,7
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	35 669	733	-97,9
		R'000	0	0	0	214 733	4 512	-97,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 250	0	0	13 811	12 548	-9,1
		R'000	23 481	0	0	75 780	72 352	-4,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	353	0	387	2 107	2 044	-3,0
		R'000	1 948	0	2 321	11 618	11 875	2,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	25 429	0	2 321	351 615	92 331	-73,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 521	0	649	31 937	12 397	-61,2
		R'000	25 650	0	3 324	176 748	72 137	-59,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	855	0	0	3 087	2 691	-12,8
		R'000	6 988	0	2 500	26 733	27 519	2,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	32 638	0	5 824	203 481	99 656	-51,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	138 328	0	49 660	1 257 990	515 666	-59,0

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

			Jun 2019	May 2020 *	Jun 2020 *	Jan – Jun 2019	Jan – Jun 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	859	136	434	4 690	2 903	-38,1
		square metres	45 925	7 223	22 291	238 879	147 155	-38,4
		R'000	268 338	47 879	129 617	1 356 144	862 139	-36,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	721	16	315	4 991	2 235	-55,2
		square metres	191 729	4 107	83 088	1 295 860	585 156	-54,8
		R'000	1 436 466	30 537	641 007	9 733 902	4 498 969	-53,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	3 129	34	250	14 920	2 539	-83,0
		square metres	581 589	4 294	37 172	2 043 358	352 743	-82,7
		R'000	4 598 227	34 045	335 227	16 782 414	3 065 484	-81,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	3 687	0	93	45 585	5 095	-88,8
		R'000	22 524	0	744	367 974	50 922	-86,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	6 325 555	112 461	1 106 595	28 240 434	8 477 514	-70,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	24 743	0	1 340	286 774	260 862	-9,0
		R'000	261 002	0	10 981	2 867 993	2 502 518	-12,7
	Shopping space	square metres	26 839	0	31 223	354 110	104 386	-70,5
		R'000	210 013	0	249 949	3 306 997	911 087	-72,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	113 899	13 828	10 604	587 345	474 912	-19,1
		R'000	646 230	71 491	71 151	3 630 722	2 985 610	-17,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	18 201	4 767	10 997	266 504	70 357	-73,6
		R'000	141 816	33 464	65 495	1 907 857	498 991	-73,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 259 061	104 955	397 576	11 713 569	6 898 206	-41,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	69 793	2 430	30 872	480 248	306 981	-36,1
		R'000	515 276	15 868	227 933	3 576 126	2 246 650	-37,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	31 112	9 260	27 416	241 913	165 666	-31,5
		R'000	353 154	68 647	229 054	2 540 872	1 745 653	-31,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	868 430	84 515	456 987	6 116 998	3 992 303	-34,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	8 453 046	301 931	1 961 158	46 071 001	19 368 023	-58,0

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

			Jun 2019	May 2020 *	Jun 2020 *	Jan – Jun 2019	Jan – Jun 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	282	59	45	1 155	682	-41,0
		square metres	12 560	2 677	2 525	53 177	31 609	-40,6
		R'000	76 845	13 755	17 250	319 281	179 160	-43,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	242	10	136	1 449	776	-46,4
		square metres	57 635	2 516	33 310	347 114	195 821	-43,6
		R'000	399 727	18 822	239 219	2 392 915	1 344 811	-43,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	220	34	194	2 888	884	-69,4
		square metres	32 512	4 294	25 163	350 966	113 240	-67,7
		R'000	236 653	34 045	205 819	2 790 746	907 339	-67,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	15 412	500	-96,8
		R'000	0	0	0	122 627	3 633	-97,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	713 225	66 622	462 288	5 625 569	2 434 943	-56,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	875	22 490	16 211	-27,9
		R'000	0	0	7 726	166 254	122 742	-26,2
	Shopping space	square metres	3 919	0	9 592	25 469	28 209	10,8
		R'000	34 291	0	79 393	212 649	233 771	9,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	32 477	0	4 678	213 669	61 604	-71,2
		R'000	225 390	0	33 284	1 474 558	420 930	-71,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	13 359	4 767	5 966	110 786	29 838	-73,1
		R'000	110 102	33 464	35 946	845 738	202 865	-76,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	369 783	33 464	156 349	2 699 199	980 308	-63,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	23 085	1 919	11 280	158 663	139 390	-12,1
		R'000	155 706	12 212	77 800	1 050 736	910 786	-13,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	13 843	9 066	23 485	93 775	110 962	18,3
		R'000	145 719	67 610	194 941	959 520	1 191 219	24,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	301 425	79 822	272 741	2 010 256	2 102 005	4,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 384 433	179 908	891 378	10 335 024	5 517 256	-46,6

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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.

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

			Jun 2019	May 2020 *	Jun 2020 *	Jan – Jun 2019	Jan – Jun 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	9	0	0	158	39	-75,3
		square metres	377	0	0	7 645	2 210	-71,1
		R'000	2 281	0	0	38 359	13 667	-64,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	47	0	13	320	138	-56,9
		square metres	7 524	0	2 729	63 368	30 205	-52,3
		R'000	47 566	0	19 116	406 295	210 436	-48,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	55	0	5	127	26	-79,5
		square metres	4 279	0	333	13 968	2 621	-81,2
		R'000	26 235	0	2 304	89 013	17 713	-80,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	237	0	0	729	0	-100,0
		R'000	1 700	0	0	5 013	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	77 782	0	21 420	538 680	241 816	-55,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	732	0	0	7 764	560	-92,8
		R'000	4 847	0	0	50 791	3 360	-93,4
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	6 615	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	43 305	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	295	0	0	29 724	82 129	176,3
		R'000	1 956	0	0	188 887	547 435	189,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	357	0	0	25 901	1 786	-93,1
		R'000	2 364	0	0	166 368	9 146	-94,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	9 167	0	0	449 351	559 941	24,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 409	0	2 432	60 951	42 483	-30,3
		R'000	74 378	0	16 665	376 397	290 873	-22,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 453	0	0	24 685	12 740	-48,4
		R'000	16 985	0	1 926	170 977	93 262	-45,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	91 363	0	18 591	547 374	384 135	-29,8
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	178 312	0	40 011	1 535 405	1 185 892	-22,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

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

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Jun 2019	May 2020 *	Jun 2020 *	Jan – Jun 2019	Jan – Jun 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	0	39	0	-100,0
		square metres	0	0	0	2 398	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	19 237	0	-100,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	9	0	6	57	38	-33,3
		square metres	2 895	0	1 543	15 780	8 775	-44,4
		R'000	21 713	0	12 653	119 779	70 973	-40,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2	0	0	13	3	-76,9
		square metres	179	0	0	1 259	382	-69,7
		R'000	1 343	0	0	9 772	3 133	-67,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	475	0	0	475	0	-100,0
		R'000	3 563	0	0	3 563	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	26 619	0	12 653	152 351	74 106	-51,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	372	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	2 790	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	4 775	0	4 775	..
		R'000	0	0	39 155	0	39 155	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	363	0	0	363	1 802	396,4
		R'000	1 628	0	0	1 628	13 306	717,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	213	504	136,6
		R'000	0	0	0	1 598	4 133	158,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 628	0	39 155	6 016	56 594	840,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 556	0	2 297	13 156	9 500	-27,8
		R'000	11 670	0	18 835	100 369	80 360	-19,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	774	0	0	5 985	0	-100,0
		R'000	6 035	0	300	52 743	605	-98,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	17 705	0	19 135	153 112	80 965	-47,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	45 952	0	70 943	311 479	211 665	-32,0

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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.

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

			Jun 2019	May 2020 *	Jun 2020 *	Jan – Jun 2019	Jan – Jun 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	22	0	8	70	775,0
		square metres	0	1 379	0	481	4 284	790,6
		R'000	0	11 131	0	3 222	34 394	967,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	5	1	0	99	76	-23,2
		square metres	1 417	337	0	21 795	17 784	-18,4
		R'000	7 264	2 720	0	130 304	132 850	2,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	2	36	1 700,0
		square metres	0	0	0	509	10 313	1 926,1
		R'000	0	0	0	3 370	83 246	2 370,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	601	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	3 647	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	7 264	13 851	0	140 543	250 490	78,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 390	6 713	382,9
		R'000	0	0	0	6 903	54 187	685,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	2 970	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	23 974	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	5 943	14 549	144,8
		R'000	0	0	0	29 513	116 179	293,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	478	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	3 692	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	0	40 108	194 340	384,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 280	7	0	17 451	5 534	-68,3
		R'000	11 323	57	0	98 817	34 878	-64,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	0	2 554	3 440	34,7
		R'000	1 536	35	0	20 816	39 217	88,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	12 859	92	0	119 633	74 095	-38,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	20 123	13 943	0	300 284	518 925	72,8

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

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

			Jun 2019	May 2020 *	Jun 2020 *	Jan – Jun 2019	Jan – Jun 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	8	0	2	74	42	-43,2
		square metres	456	0	113	4 353	2 657	-39,0
		R'000	3 306	0	854	37 668	25 873	-31,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	45	0	32	363	212	-41,6
		square metres	16 334	0	9 258	119 261	60 324	-49,4
		R'000	177 989	0	99 074	1 294 128	620 875	-52,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	346	0	51	1 117	547	-51,0
		square metres	40 587	0	11 676	157 012	76 740	-51,1
		R'000	456 866	0	127 104	1 752 677	807 692	-53,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	93	0	1 341	..
		R'000	0	0	744	0	15 595	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	638 161	0	227 776	3 084 473	1 470 035	-52,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	23 517	0	0	83 189	5 578	-93,3
		R'000	251 942	0	0	905 078	42 218	-95,3
	Shopping space	square metres	2 030	0	0	44 017	2 764	-93,7
		R'000	18 567	0	0	483 131	21 482	-95,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	8 061	0	5 926	102 433	238 141	132,5
		R'000	48 666	0	37 867	619 416	1 432 197	131,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	139	0	96	24 410	363	-98,5
		R'000	1 362	0	1 094	156 547	4 031	-97,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	320 537	0	38 961	2 164 172	1 499 928	-30,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 157	0	1 999	62 090	33 529	-46,0
		R'000	96 843	0	23 783	717 429	355 741	-50,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	6 013	0	1 378	59 812	7 287	-87,8
		R'000	74 015	0	17 183	709 946	85 468	-88,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	170 858	0	40 966	1 427 375	441 209	-69,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 129 556	0	307 703	6 676 020	3 411 172	-48,9

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

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

			Jun 2019	May 2020 *	Jun 2020 *	Jan – Jun 2019	Jan – Jun 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	5	0	14	28	39	39,3
		square metres	307	0	878	1 799	2 455	36,5
		R'000	1 524	0	4 476	10 423	13 209	26,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	50	0	28	509	146	-71,3
		square metres	15 203	0	6 919	83 315	25 876	-68,9
		R'000	88 871	0	46 352	461 862	162 547	-64,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	22	0	0	336	98	-70,8
		square metres	2 701	0	0	26 617	10 739	-59,7
		R'000	14 250	0	0	153 344	66 877	-56,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	163	0	0	2 709	0	-100,0
		R'000	809	0	0	16 467	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	105 454	0	50 828	642 096	242 633	-62,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	465	4 900	4 154	-15,2
		R'000	0	0	3 255	24 401	23 982	-1,7
	Shopping space	square metres	10 134	0	152	12 465	2 657	-78,7
		R'000	62 471	0	1 052	75 660	14 330	-81,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 344	0	0	12 952	3 131	-75,8
		R'000	11 720	0	0	64 561	16 247	-74,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	142	0	0	10 049	1 533	-84,7
		R'000	705	0	0	54 149	8 433	-84,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	74 896	0	4 307	218 771	62 992	-71,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 906	0	4 509	24 093	7 163	-70,3
		R'000	10 685	0	28 563	145 882	44 551	-69,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	975	0	342	7 072	393	-94,4
		R'000	7 216	0	2 416	41 592	14 529	-65,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	17 901	0	30 979	187 474	59 080	-68,5
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	198 251	0	86 114	1 048 341	364 705	-65,2

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

			Jun 2019	May 2020 *	Jun 2020 *	Jan – Jun 2019	Jan – Jun 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	494	51	351	2 946	1 929	-34,5
		square metres	28 517	3 002	17 632	151 984	98 459	-35,2
		R'000	166 608	22 118	100 718	840 105	566 213	-32,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	268	4	63	1 680	665	-60,4
		square metres	76 505	978	18 247	500 257	202 168	-59,6
		R'000	605 583	7 531	149 875	4 091 280	1 680 358	-58,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2 353	0	0	10 198	915	-91,0
		square metres	481 955	0	0	1 462 255	135 139	-90,8
		R'000	3 765 091	0	0	11 819 644	1 160 447	-90,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 632	0	0	25 141	3 254	-87,1
		R'000	15 392	0	0	213 606	31 694	-85,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	4 552 674	29 649	250 593	16 964 635	3 438 712	-79,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	494	0	0	163 538	226 542	38,5
		R'000	4 213	0	0	1 694 060	2 250 067	32,8
	Shopping space	square metres	7 619	0	339	236 848	42 332	-82,1
		R'000	77 295	0	2 031	2 305 004	418 232	-81,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	70 359	13 828	0	212 881	53 118	-75,0
		R'000	356 870	71 491	0	1 204 057	299 042	-75,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	4 204	0	0	89 604	19 879	-77,8
		R'000	27 283	0	0	654 756	157 782	-75,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	465 661	71 491	2 031	5 857 877	3 125 123	-46,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	17 195	329	6 880	116 583	53 139	-54,4
		R'000	138 166	2 361	54 316	925 034	438 993	-52,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	6 551	194	1 599	42 009	28 242	-32,8
		R'000	44 380	1 002	8 618	323 895	280 337	-13,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	182 546	3 363	62 934	1 248 929	719 330	-42,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	5 200 881	104 503	315 558	24 071 441	7 283 165	-69,7

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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.

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

			Jun 2019	May 2020 *	Jun 2020 *	Jan – Jun 2019	Jan – Jun 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	61	4	21	233	88	-62,2
		square metres	3 708	165	1 078	14 037	4 622	-67,1
		R'000	17 774	875	5 944	71 370	24 670	-65,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	23	1	22	327	104	-68,2
		square metres	5 765	276	7 076	98 159	23 780	-75,8
		R'000	41 679	1 464	51 487	581 964	156 358	-73,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	106	0	0	151	26	-82,8
		square metres	15 509	0	0	21 569	3 306	-84,7
		R'000	76 987	0	0	113 556	17 521	-84,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	136 440	2 339	57 431	766 890	198 549	-74,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 199	863	-28,0
		R'000	0	0	0	7 057	4 573	-35,2
	Shopping space	square metres	1 337	0	16 365	23 391	19 715	-15,7
		R'000	6 787	0	128 318	157 309	154 585	-1,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	5 925	14 130	138,5
		R'000	0	0	0	31 221	102 934	229,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	3 213	8 543	165,9
		R'000	0	0	0	15 956	66 986	319,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	6 787	0	128 318	211 543	329 078	55,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 543	175	1 040	24 736	13 176	-46,7
		R'000	13 267	1 238	5 413	147 897	71 415	-51,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	503	0	0	4 677	1 261	-73,0
		R'000	54 768	0	0	244 727	28 372	-88,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	68 035	1 238	5 413	392 624	99 787	-74,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	211 262	3 577	191 162	1 371 057	627 414	-54,2

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

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

			Jun 2019	May 2020 *	Jun 2020 *	Jan – Jun 2019	Jan – Jun 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	1	49	14	-71,4
		square metres	0	0	65	3 005	859	-71,4
		R'000	0	0	375	16 479	4 953	-69,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	32	0	15	187	80	-57,2
		square metres	8 451	0	4 006	46 811	20 423	-56,4
		R'000	46 074	0	23 231	255 375	119 761	-53,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	25	0	0	88	4	-95,5
		square metres	3 867	0	0	9 203	263	-97,1
		R'000	20 802	0	0	50 292	1 516	-97,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	180	0	0	518	0	-100,0
		R'000	1 060	0	0	3 051	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	67 936	0	23 606	325 197	126 230	-61,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 932	241	-87,5
		R'000	0	0	0	10 659	1 389	-87,0
	Shopping space	square metres	1 800	0	0	5 305	964	-81,8
		R'000	10 602	0	0	29 939	5 558	-81,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	3 455	6 308	82,6
		R'000	0	0	0	16 881	37 340	121,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	4 935	1 850	7 911	327,6
		R'000	0	0	28 455	9 053	45 615	403,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	10 602	0	28 455	66 532	89 902	35,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	662	0	435	2 525	3 067	21,5
		R'000	3 238	0	2 558	13 565	19 053	40,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	612	1 344	1 341	-0,2
		R'000	2 500	0	3 670	16 656	12 644	-24,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	5 738	0	6 228	30 221	31 697	4,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	84 276	0	58 289	421 950	247 829	-41,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

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

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations

* The COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown regulations since 27 March have had an extensive impact on economic activity.

Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
	2	In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
Purpose of the survey	3	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
Scope of the survey	4	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	5	Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> , (SIC) Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
Collection rate	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for June 2020 was 74,5%. The collection rate for May 2020 was 87,3%.
Statistical unit	7	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	8	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.
Constant prices	9	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2015. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: <i>Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP) Work Groups and Selected Materials Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2016=100) are converted to the base year 2015=100.

Seasonal adjustment	10	Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by US Bureau of the Census Economic Research and Analyses Division, 1968.
	11	<p>Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore, the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for building statistics is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at Click to download building statistics seasonal adjustment May 2017</p> <p>Note: Owing to the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown, additive outlier adjustments were performed; the methodology will be reviewed as more data points are added to the time series.</p>
Trend cycle	12	The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.
Revised figures	13	Revised figures are due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or to respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. Figures for the latest two years are therefore preliminary. Data are edited at municipal level.
	14	Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> is published with the revised and updated information at provincial and municipal level for the previous calendar year. Due to this comprehensive revision, the monthly statistical release P5041.1 reflects provincial revision where applicable.
Related publications	15	<p>Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P5041.3: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> issued annually; • P9101.2: <i>Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region</i> issued annually; and • <i>Building Statistics</i> (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.
Rounding-off of figures	16	Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.
Symbols and abbreviations	17	.. Changes from a zero in the preceding period cannot be calculated as a percentage.
	0	Nil or figure too small to publish.
	*	Revised.
	Stats SA	Statistics South Africa.
	SIC	Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities.
	ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities.

Glossary

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

Reference period One calendar month.

Residential buildings Buildings that are used primarily as residences. Includes dwelling-houses, flats, townhouses and other residential buildings.

Townhouses Multiple, medium-density dwelling-units including cluster housing, group housing, simplexes, duplexes, triplexes and other similar dwelling-units which are usually grouped together, with one level of each unit on ground level. This category excludes blocks of flats.

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