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Key findings for January to June 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 – Jun 2025	Jan – Jun 2026	Difference in value between Jan – Jun 2025 and Jan – Jun 2026	% change between Jan – Jun 2025 and Jan – Jun 2026
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	21 787 236	23 454 489	1 667 253	7,7
-Dwelling-houses	14 720 444	14 526 017	-194 427	-1,3
-Flats and townhouses	6 451 417	7 447 757	996 340	15,4
-Other residential buildings	615 375	1 480 715	865 340	140,6
Non-residential buildings	9 795 839	11 386 419	1 590 580	16,2
Additions and alterations	14 512 976	14 053 578	-459 398	-3,2
Total	46 096 051	48 894 486	2 798 435	6,1

The value of building plans passed (at current prices) increased by 6,1% (R2 798,4 million) during the first half of 2026 compared with the first half of 2025. Increases were reported for residential buildings (R1 667,3 million) and non-residential buildings (R1 590,6 million). A decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-R459,4 million) – see Table A.

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

Province	Jan – Jun 2025	Jan – Jun 2026	Weight Jan – Jun 2025	% change between Jan – Jun 2025 and Jan – Jun 2026	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Jun 2025 and Jan – Jun 2026 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Jun 2025 and Jan – Jun 2026
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	16 876 961	17 817 934	36,6	5,6	2,0	940 973
Eastern Cape	3 189 564	3 110 190	6,9	-2,5	-0,2	-79 374
Northern Cape	417 460	451 577	0,9	8,2	0,1	34 117
Free State	1 305 910	1 635 518	2,8	25,2	0,7	329 608
KwaZulu-Natal	6 339 114	7 890 654	13,8	24,5	3,4	1 551 540
North West	1 504 394	1 532 158	3,3	1,8	0,1	27 764
Gauteng	12 670 792	11 978 318	27,5	-5,5	-1,5	-692 474
Mpumalanga	2 712 738	2 991 579	5,9	10,3	0,6	278 841
Limpopo	1 079 118	1 486 558	2,3	37,8	0,9	407 440
Total	46 096 051	48 894 486	100,0	6,1	6,1	2 798 435

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 6,1% (R2 798,4 million) were KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 3,4 percentage points or R1 551,5 million) and Western Cape (contributing 2,0 percentage points or R941,0 million).

The largest negative contributor was Gauteng (contributing -1,5 percentage points or -R692,5 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 – Jun 2025	Jan – Jun 2026	Difference in value between Jan – Jun 2025 and Jan – Jun 2026	% change between Jan – Jun 2025 and Jan – Jun 2026
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	15 667 218	16 117 962	450 744	2,9
Non-residential buildings	7 043 309	7 797 815	754 506	10,7
Additions and alterations	10 433 999	9 647 237	-786 762	-7,5
Total	33 144 526	33 563 014	418 488	1,3

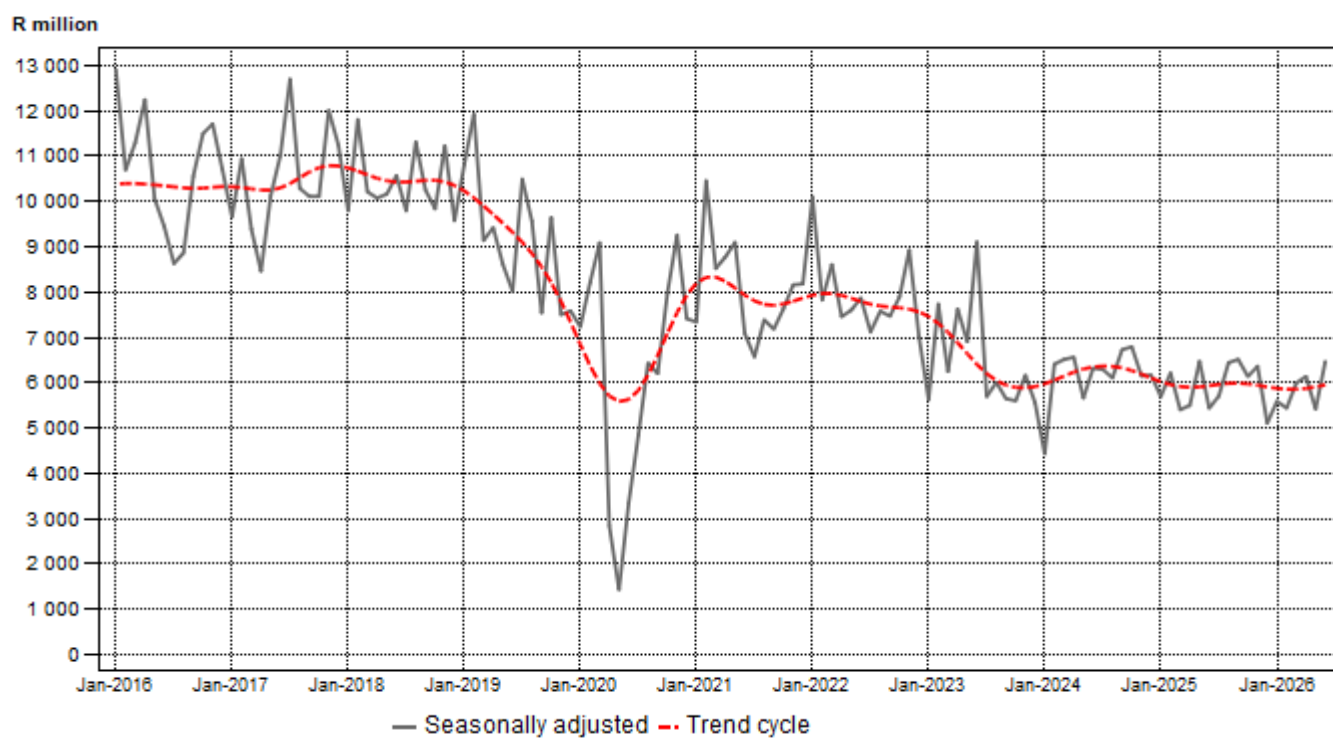
The real value of building plans passed (at constant 2019 prices) increased by 1,3% (R418,5 million) during the first half of 2026 compared with the first half of 2025. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (R754,5 million) and residential buildings (R450,7 million). A decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-R786,8 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	Jan – Mar 2026	Apr – Jun 2026	% change between Jan – Mar 2026 and Apr – Jun 2026
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 908 925	8 143 773	-8,6
Non-residential buildings ¹	3 021 641	4 776 174	58,1
Additions and alterations	5 079 376	5 091 162	0,2
Total	17 009 942	18 011 109	5,9

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 5,9% in the second quarter of 2026 compared with the first quarter of 2026. Non-residential buildings rose by 58,1%. A decrease was recorded for residential buildings (-8,6%) – see Table D.

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

Buildings reported as completed at current prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Jun 2025	Jan – Jun 2026	Difference in value between Jan – Jun 2025 and Jan – Jun 2026	% change between Jan – Jun 2025 and Jan – Jun 2026
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	13 521 665	13 906 463	384 798	2,8
-Dwelling-houses	7 837 043	8 460 899	623 856	8,0
-Flats and townhouses	5 200 514	5 145 095	-55 419	-1,1
-Other residential buildings	484 108	300 469	-183 639	-37,9
Non-residential buildings	5 504 610	4 245 967	-1 258 643	-22,9
Additions and alterations	4 195 253	4 369 622	174 369	4,2
Total	23 221 528	22 522 052	-699 476	-3,0

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 3,0% (-R699,5 million) during the first half of 2026 compared with the first half of 2025. A decrease was reported for non-residential buildings (-R1 258,6 million). Increases were reported for residential buildings (R384,8 million) and additions and alterations (R174,4 million) – see Table E.

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

Province	Jan – Jun 2025	Jan – Jun 2026	Weight Jan – Jun 2025	% change between Jan – Jun 2025 and Jan – Jun 2026	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Jun 2025 and Jan – Jun 2026 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Jun 2025 and Jan – Jun 2026
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	7 511 348	7 934 428	32,3	5,6	1,8	423 080
Eastern Cape	1 129 631	1 222 016	4,9	8,2	0,4	92 385
Northern Cape	86 209	192 186	0,4	122,9	0,5	105 977
Free State	116 020	121 430	0,5	4,7	0,0	5 410
KwaZulu-Natal	3 475 387	3 024 067	15,0	-13,0	-1,9	-451 320
North West	1 391 844	756 069	6,0	-45,7	-2,7	-635 775
Gauteng	8 722 887	8 034 027	37,6	-7,9	-3,0	-688 860
Mpumalanga	368 067	790 665	1,6	114,8	1,8	422 598
Limpopo	420 135	447 164	1,8	6,4	0,1	27 029
Total	23 221 528	22 522 052	100,0	-3,0	-3,0	-699 476

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.

Three of the nine provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed during the first half of 2026. The three negative contributors were Gauteng (contributing -3,0 percentage points or -R688,9 million), North West (contributing -2,7 percentage points or -R635,8 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -1,9 percentage points or -R451,3 million).

The largest positive contributors were Western Cape (contributing 1,8 percentage points or R423,1 million) and Mpumalanga (contributing 1,8 percentage points or R422,6 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 – Jun 2025	Jan – Jun 2026	Difference in value between Jan – Jun 2025 and Jan – Jun 2026	% change between Jan – Jun 2025 and Jan – Jun 2026
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 714 160	9 557 348	-156 812	-1,6
Non-residential buildings	3 965 061	2 919 459	-1 045 602	-26,4
Additions and alterations	3 014 744	3 007 212	-7 532	-0,2
Total	16 693 965	15 484 019	-1 209 946	-7,2

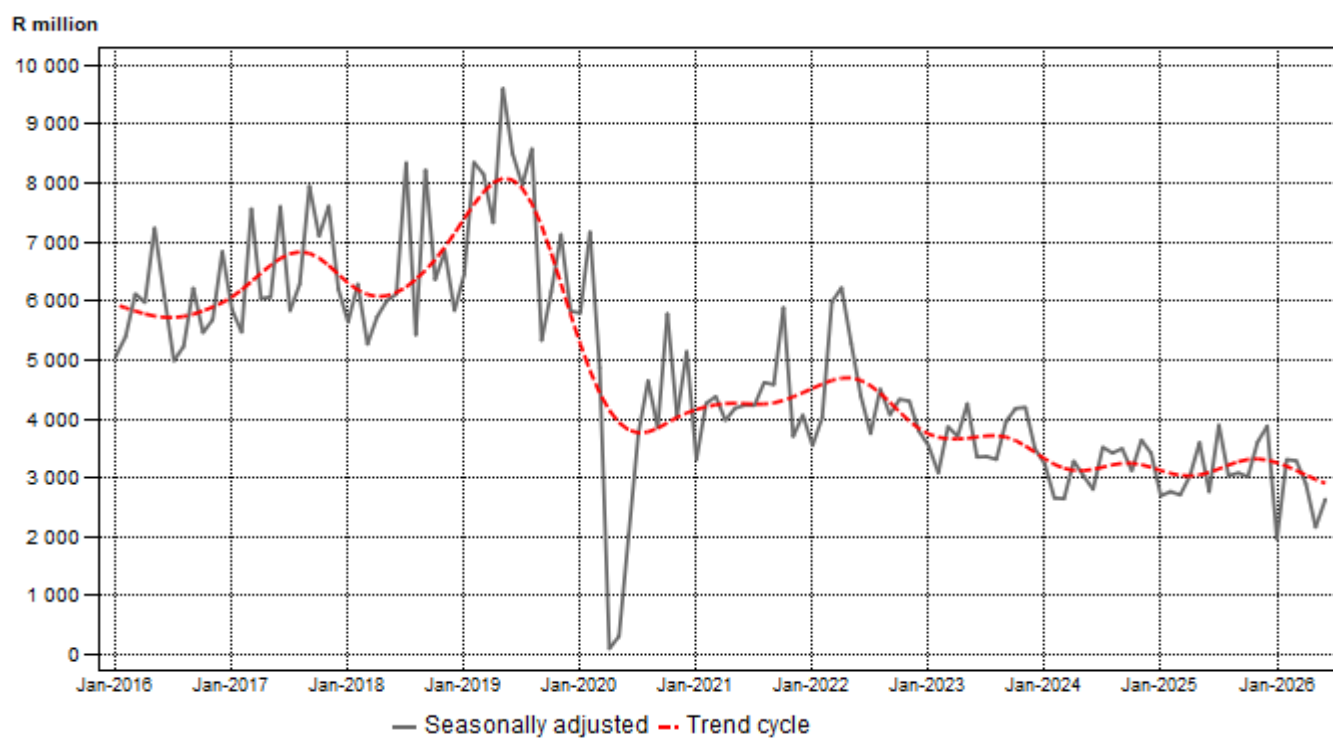
The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 7,2% (-R1 209,9 million) during the first half of 2026 compared with the first half of 2025. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-R1 045,6 million), residential buildings (-R156,8 million) and additions and alterations (-R7,5 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	Jan – Mar 2026	Apr – Jun 2026	% change between Jan – Mar 2026 and Apr – Jun 2026
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 434 322	4 842 110	-10,9
Non-residential buildings ¹	1 472 507	1 446 952	-1,7
Additions and alterations	1 646 436	1 395 097	-15,3
Total	8 553 265	7 684 159	-10,2

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 10,2% in the second quarter of 2026 compared with the first quarter of 2026. Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-15,3%), residential buildings (-10,9%) and non-residential buildings (-1,7%) – see Table H.

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


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Tables

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

Year and month		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	4 164 876	7,8	3 107 827	136,7	2 595 262	8,9	9 867 965	30,5

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	4 167 594	5,8	1 206 164	-32,9	2 553 089	-7,7	7 926 847	-6,8
	February	3 660 852	-12,2	2 395 437	98,6	2 568 042	0,6	8 624 331	8,8
	March	3 664 254	0,1	1 385 314	-42,2	2 488 232	-3,1	7 537 800	-12,6
	April	3 589 240	-2,0	1 531 377	10,5	2 538 212	2,0	7 658 829	1,6
	May	4 146 262	15,5	1 964 424	28,3	2 830 924	11,5	8 941 610	16,7
	June	3 794 055	-8,5	1 313 123	-33,2	2 395 700	-15,4	7 502 878	-16,1
	July	3 525 178	-7,1	1 983 248	51,0	2 483 859	3,7	7 992 285	6,5
	August	4 181 323	18,6	2 607 377	31,5	2 275 954	-8,4	9 064 654	13,4
	September	4 047 883	-3,2	2 535 922	-2,7	2 583 692	13,5	9 167 497	1,1
	October	3 785 138	-6,5	2 417 842	-4,7	2 474 479	-4,2	8 677 459	-5,3
	November	4 815 886	27,2	1 594 033	-34,1	2 666 001	7,7	9 075 920	4,6
	December	3 994 844	-17,0	970 890	-39,1	2 308 209	-13,4	7 273 943	-19,9
2026	January	4 302 383	7,7	1 540 679	58,7	2 212 549	-4,1	8 055 611	10,7
	February	3 984 882	-7,4	1 351 616	-12,3	2 413 611	9,1	7 750 109	-3,8
	March	4 479 765	12,4	1 431 153	5,9	2 669 648	10,6	8 580 566	10,7
	April	4 252 199	-5,1	2 197 929	53,6	2 479 793	-7,1	8 929 921	4,1
	May	3 723 042	-12,4	1 757 215	-20,1	2 546 782	2,7	8 027 039	-10,1
	June	3 964 151	6,5	3 107 827	76,9	2 483 618	-2,5	9 555 596	19,0
	Jan – Mar 26	12 767 030		4 323 448		7 295 808		24 386 286	
	Apr – Jun 26 ²	11 939 392	-6,5	7 062 971	63,4	7 510 193	2,9	26 512 556	8,7

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	2 802 743	0,7	2 091 404	121,2	1 746 475	1,8	6 640 622	22,0

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	2 973 431	4,4	876 573	-33,3	1 838 828	-8,2	5 688 832	-7,7
	February	2 651 563	-10,8	1 722 097	96,5	1 838 427	0,0	6 212 087	9,2
	March	2 629 927	-0,8	988 804	-42,6	1 782 225	-3,1	5 400 956	-13,1
	April	2 585 633	-1,7	1 096 190	10,9	1 814 221	1,8	5 496 044	1,8
	May	3 010 801	16,4	1 414 272	29,0	2 045 053	12,7	6 470 126	17,7
	June	2 754 706	-8,5	945 373	-33,2	1 732 475	-15,3	5 432 554	-16,0
	July	2 527 604	-8,2	1 409 558	49,1	1 766 874	2,0	5 704 036	5,0
	August	2 960 732	17,1	1 853 146	31,5	1 625 301	-8,0	6 439 179	12,9
	September	2 866 985	-3,2	1 802 361	-2,7	1 839 959	13,2	6 509 305	1,1
	October	2 669 655	-6,9	1 708 722	-5,2	1 755 266	-4,6	6 133 643	-5,8
	November	3 348 625	25,4	1 128 919	-33,9	1 880 658	7,1	6 358 202	3,7
	December	2 801 379	-16,3	685 657	-39,3	1 615 629	-14,1	5 102 665	-19,7
2026	January	2 967 612	5,9	1 081 938	57,8	1 536 510	-4,9	5 586 060	9,5
	February	2 808 028	-5,4	945 847	-12,6	1 680 680	9,4	5 434 555	-2,7
	March	3 133 285	11,6	993 856	5,1	1 862 186	10,8	5 989 327	10,2
	April	2 931 645	-6,4	1 505 431	51,5	1 696 318	-8,9	6 133 394	2,4
	May	2 520 861	-14,0	1 179 339	-21,7	1 715 310	1,1	5 415 510	-11,7
	June	2 691 267	6,8	2 091 404	77,3	1 679 534	-2,1	6 462 205	19,3
	Jan – Mar 26	8 908 925		3 021 641		5 079 376		17 009 942	
	Apr – Jun 26 ²	8 143 773	-8,6	4 776 174	58,1	5 091 162	0,2	18 011 109	5,9

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 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	2 717 187	30,8	597 907	-45,5	596 155	-3,5	3 911 249	3,2

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

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	1 976 204	-11,3	1 244 982	-20,7	511 237	-42,2	3 732 423	-20,3
	February	2 426 988	22,8	884 148	-29,0	536 642	5,0	3 847 778	3,1
	March	2 541 639	4,7	569 063	-35,6	682 947	27,3	3 793 649	-1,4
	April	2 943 283	15,8	481 210	-15,4	786 459	15,2	4 210 952	11,0
	May	2 669 087	-9,3	1 228 414	155,3	1 083 340	37,7	4 980 841	18,3
	June	2 039 802	-23,6	1 096 793	-10,7	707 626	-34,7	3 844 221	-22,8
	July	3 183 091	56,0	1 213 265	10,6	1 059 283	49,7	5 455 639	41,9
	August	2 924 754	-8,1	559 053	-53,9	763 652	-27,9	4 247 459	-22,1
	September	2 529 896	-13,5	1 153 612	106,4	657 700	-13,9	4 341 208	2,2
	October	2 172 293	-14,1	1 373 530	19,1	734 750	11,7	4 280 573	-1,4
	November	2 833 817	30,5	1 428 347	4,0	836 629	13,9	5 098 793	19,1
	December	3 474 607	22,6	993 758	-30,4	1 029 202	23,0	5 497 567	7,8
2026	January	1 806 846	-48,0	372 511	-62,5	637 001	-38,1	2 816 358	-48,8
	February	3 444 014	90,6	483 733	29,9	800 973	25,7	4 728 720	67,9
	March	2 540 707	-26,2	1 256 256	159,7	891 570	11,3	4 688 533	-0,8
	April	2 495 455	-1,8	1 016 212	-19,1	729 457	-18,2	4 241 124	-9,5
	May	1 988 006	-20,3	519 348	-48,9	704 089	-3,5	3 211 443	-24,3
	June	2 660 539	33,8	597 907	15,1	656 810	-6,7	3 915 256	21,9
	Jan – Mar 26	7 791 567		2 112 500		2 329 544		12 233 611	
	Apr – Jun 26 ²	7 144 000	-8,3	2 133 467	1,0	2 090 356	-10,3	11 367 823	-7,1

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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	1 828 524	22,3	402 360	-49,0	401 181	-9,8	2 632 065	-3,6

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	1 420 809	-12,3	904 783	-21,1	367 297	-43,3	2 692 889	-21,1
	February	1 747 071	23,0	635 620	-29,7	381 526	3,9	2 764 217	2,6
	March	1 814 944	3,9	406 183	-36,1	486 712	27,6	2 707 839	-2,0
	April	2 109 335	16,2	344 460	-15,2	574 568	18,1	3 028 363	11,8
	May	1 922 746	-8,8	884 387	156,7	789 500	37,4	3 596 633	18,8
	June	1 472 738	-23,4	789 628	-10,7	498 824	-36,8	2 761 190	-23,2
	July	2 274 164	54,4	862 306	9,2	758 896	52,1	3 895 366	41,1
	August	2 090 702	-8,1	397 337	-53,9	545 055	-28,2	3 033 094	-22,1
	September	1 794 335	-14,2	819 909	106,4	465 726	-14,6	3 079 970	1,5
	October	1 532 206	-14,6	970 693	18,4	515 585	10,7	3 018 484	-2,0
	November	2 002 745	30,7	1 011 577	4,2	592 141	14,8	3 606 463	19,5
	December	2 444 027	22,0	701 806	-30,6	729 433	23,2	3 875 266	7,5
2026	January	1 254 633	-48,7	261 595	-62,7	441 977	-39,4	1 958 205	-49,5
	February	2 414 048	92,4	338 512	29,4	553 830	25,3	3 306 390	68,8
	March	1 765 641	-26,9	872 400	157,7	650 629	17,5	3 288 670	-0,5
	April	1 710 916	-3,1	696 036	-20,2	485 974	-25,3	2 892 926	-12,0
	May	1 334 855	-22,0	348 556	-49,9	478 173	-1,6	2 161 584	-25,3
	June	1 796 339	34,6	402 360	15,4	430 950	-9,9	2 629 649	21,7
	Jan – Mar 26	5 434 322		1 472 507		1 646 436		8 553 265	
	Apr – Jun 26 ²	4 842 110	-10,9	1 446 952	-1,7	1 395 097	-15,3	7 684 159	-10,2

¹ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the relevant month compared with the previous month expressed as a percentage.

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

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

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

			Jun 2025	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jan – Jun 2025	Jan – Jun 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	610	538	614	3 124	4 219	35,1
		square metres	30 481	25 754	29 667	153 437	197 362	28,6
		R'000	231 315	173 829	203 465	1 137 701	1 340 045	17,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 040	885	1 045	5 529	5 241	-5,2
		square metres	288 848	251 448	302 019	1 593 902	1 496 553	-6,1
		R'000	2 463 673	2 221 475	2 628 042	13 582 743	13 185 972	-2,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	920	1 166	1 725	6 460	8 580	32,8
		square metres	114 500	116 481	143 568	649 405	802 218	23,5
		R'000	1 102 035	1 143 375	1 259 594	6 451 417	7 447 757	15,4
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	7 720	19 942	8 980	62 883	168 101	167,3
		R'000	67 922	189 083	73 775	615 375	1 480 715	140,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	3 864 945	3 727 762	4 164 876	21 787 236	23 454 489	7,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	5 423	14 350	71 631	80 848	131 455	62,6
		R'000	64 383	149 833	730 624	861 041	1 277 407	48,4
	Shopping space	square metres	30 458	43 233	32 562	217 740	399 078	83,3
		R'000	250 634	361 108	348 183	1 793 140	3 545 836	97,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	100 749	115 428	210 337	755 002	657 369	-12,9
		R'000	783 809	859 056	1 726 335	5 700 288	5 025 148	-11,8
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	27 730	44 691	32 090	171 451	171 046	-0,2
		R'000	214 297	387 218	302 685	1 441 370	1 538 028	6,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 313 123	1 757 215	3 107 827	9 795 839	11 386 419	16,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	186 846	186 242	193 697	1 106 792	1 008 210	-8,9
		R'000	1 634 624	1 624 273	1 690 446	9 711 021	8 826 216	-9,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	67 583	91 959	76 629	420 086	475 236	13,1
		R'000	749 159	931 326	904 816	4 801 955	5 227 362	8,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 383 783	2 555 599	2 595 262	14 512 976	14 053 578	-3,2
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	7 561 851	8 040 576	9 867 965	46 096 051	48 894 486	6,1

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

			Jun 2025	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jan – Jun 2025	Jan – Jun 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	295	94	113	1 007	907	-9,9
		square metres	14 472	4 377	5 488	46 643	40 973	-12,2
		R'000	112 045	30 901	35 990	338 623	282 233	-16,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	526	395	462	2 617	2 252	-13,9
		square metres	118 567	94 851	125 955	674 716	587 129	-13,0
		R'000	893 143	752 371	1 013 291	5 116 208	4 712 879	-7,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	508	561	1 308	3 145	5 031	60,0
		square metres	52 071	63 036	107 166	288 908	486 591	68,4
		R'000	476 837	528 648	893 055	2 643 768	4 115 968	55,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	254	2 385	1 707	20 187	36 157	79,1
		R'000	2 500	16 944	12 496	195 562	285 383	45,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 484 525	1 328 864	1 954 832	8 294 161	9 396 463	13,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	2 232	33 947	31 706	53 718	69,4
		R'000	0	15 759	326 852	303 991	490 873	61,5
	Shopping space	square metres	12 049	2 953	2 466	77 454	101 874	31,5
		R'000	105 232	27 683	20 961	647 507	866 252	33,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	24 535	11 487	64 484	181 602	143 714	-20,9
		R'000	180 746	89 481	518 824	1 359 515	1 138 831	-16,2
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	11 231	12 771	4 319	98 117	62 547	-36,3
		R'000	75 494	104 814	32 566	798 295	489 583	-38,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	361 472	237 737	899 203	3 109 308	2 985 539	-4,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	69 171	69 411	84 967	450 236	396 046	-12,0
		R'000	533 091	541 618	650 533	3 502 883	3 040 061	-13,2
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	25 628	49 275	37 070	138 919	202 046	45,4
		R'000	332 521	483 487	495 697	1 970 609	2 395 871	21,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	865 612	1 025 105	1 146 230	5 473 492	5 435 932	-0,7
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 711 609	2 591 706	4 000 265	16 876 961	17 817 934	5,6

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

			Jun 2025	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jan – Jun 2025	Jan – Jun 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	74	27	15	335	384	14,6
		square metres	3 154	1 289	895	14 367	17 386	21,0
		R'000	27 030	11 266	7 468	122 851	153 486	24,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	27	44	47	275	233	-15,3
		square metres	8 785	9 652	11 182	76 189	59 924	-21,3
		R'000	78 932	89 875	99 405	667 053	542 283	-18,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	11	13	18	143	147	2,8
		square metres	1 526	5 266	4 022	26 738	19 840	-25,8
		R'000	12 908	47 174	35 914	215 055	175 596	-18,3
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	919	0	26 559	..
		R'000	0	0	8 204	0	237 092	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	118 870	148 315	150 991	1 004 959	1 108 457	10,3
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	0	10 097	2 061	3 693	44 912	1 116,1
		R'000	0	93 135	18 399	32 007	388 598	1 114,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 341	9 652	20 288	103 964	35 145	-66,2
		R'000	11 622	89 046	181 111	901 438	315 229	-65,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	3 207	7 069	0	9 583	8 762	-8,6
		R'000	26 950	68 364	0	82 489	83 523	1,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	38 572	250 545	199 510	1 053 456	825 292	-21,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	20 043	19 315	14 141	88 647	85 588	-3,5
		R'000	171 024	174 214	122 022	756 703	752 500	-0,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	7 277	6 752	5 427	40 841	46 063	12,8
		R'000	65 528	65 851	49 524	374 446	423 941	13,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	236 552	240 065	171 546	1 131 149	1 176 441	4,0
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	393 994	638 925	522 047	3 189 564	3 110 190	-2,5

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

			Jun 2025	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jan – Jun 2025	Jan – Jun 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	0	0	64	9	-85,9
		square metres	166	0	0	2 656	430	-83,8
		R'000	1 642	0	0	26 275	4 328	-83,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	9	11	9	85	71	-16,5
		square metres	2 967	2 278	2 410	17 683	15 468	-12,5
		R'000	24 518	19 885	21 180	153 508	135 867	-11,5
	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	998	1 749	0	7 387	..
		R'000	0	10 170	17 822	0	75 274	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	26 160	30 055	39 002	179 783	217 152	20,8
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	5 976	0	0	5 976	1 949	-67,4
		R'000	49 565	0	0	49 565	16 642	-66,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	229	1 272	3 585	181,8
		R'000	0	0	2 333	12 584	36 527	190,3
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	860	0	843	860	2,0
		R'000	0	8 763	0	8 340	8 763	5,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	49 565	8 763	2 333	71 310	64 347	-9,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 634	2 426	1 388	10 072	11 488	14,1
		R'000	13 910	24 274	13 724	93 234	114 266	22,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	486	1 993	0	6 275	4 366	-30,4
		R'000	5 308	20 556	365	73 133	55 812	-23,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	19 218	44 830	14 089	166 367	170 078	2,2
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	94 943	83 648	55 424	417 460	451 577	8,2

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

			Jun 2025	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jan – Jun 2025	Jan – Jun 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	88	106	95	263	586	122,8
		square metres	3 801	4 563	3 819	11 378	24 397	114,4
		R'000	21 151	25 095	17 771	75 296	127 996	70,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	51	41	59	228	274	20,2
		square metres	9 666	13 210	11 844	53 722	67 959	26,5
		R'000	86 117	120 374	110 005	458 460	630 970	37,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	31	3	14	103	44	-57,3
		square metres	3 058	299	4 030	11 520	6 595	-42,8
		R'000	24 594	2 580	41 972	110 162	67 587	-38,6
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	768	720	0	3 617	7 705	113,0
		R'000	7 766	7 499	0	32 923	62 909	91,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	139 628	155 548	169 748	676 841	889 462	31,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	56	0	0	749	6 823	810,9
		R'000	566	0	0	5 888	71 062	1 106,9
	Shopping space	square metres	0	2 205	146	8 804	2 888	-67,2
		R'000	0	18 252	977	73 575	24 822	-66,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	282	0	0	13 128	27 782	111,6
		R'000	1 833	0	0	93 378	236 272	153,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	613	353	755	4 781	2 627	-45,1
		R'000	6 199	3 676	7 863	48 345	23 209	-52,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	8 598	21 928	8 840	221 186	355 365	60,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 287	3 544	8 090	32 578	33 382	2,5
		R'000	55 511	31 575	70 483	284 667	306 127	7,5
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	2 152	639	673	14 024	5 924	-57,8
		R'000	15 820	5 784	5 220	123 216	84 564	-31,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	71 331	37 359	75 703	407 883	390 691	-4,2
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	219 557	214 835	254 291	1 305 910	1 635 518	25,2

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

			Jun 2025	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jan – Jun 2025	Jan – Jun 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	24	8	8	63	38	-39,7
		square metres	1 411	363	364	3 737	1 875	-49,8
		R'000	9 192	2 676	3 091	29 287	16 666	-43,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	77	75	81	423	446	5,4
		square metres	37 176	21 988	26 132	165 699	152 689	-7,9
		R'000	391 227	243 758	268 335	1 777 195	1 613 521	-9,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	57	226	139	895	1 137	27,0
		square metres	9 650	15 401	14 314	105 347	109 116	3,6
		R'000	81 648	202 543	153 657	1 107 717	1 160 412	4,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 092	11 032	0	23 854	26 884	12,7
		R'000	14 742	121 502	0	266 747	252 444	-5,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	496 809	570 479	425 083	3 180 946	3 043 043	-4,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	4 081	11 868	35 097	6 042	55 608	820,4
		R'000	46 210	130 548	386 067	62 387	590 088	845,9
	Shopping space	square metres	1 951	18 211	770	14 373	91 897	539,4
		R'000	16 933	150 590	5 776	132 358	718 856	443,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 728	30 285	22 266	69 448	125 397	80,6
		R'000	9 940	225 724	141 790	490 425	851 900	73,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	4 205	9 549	12 704	20 981	50 420	140,3
		R'000	42 107	88 882	110 541	220 390	515 443	133,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	115 190	595 744	644 174	905 560	2 676 287	195,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	21 315	19 029	19 681	145 320	122 240	-15,9
		R'000	224 250	188 344	202 005	1 583 499	1 230 361	-22,3
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	14 546	13 027	16 702	53 226	74 740	40,4
		R'000	163 502	159 328	194 128	669 109	940 963	40,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	387 752	347 672	396 133	2 252 608	2 171 324	-3,6
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	999 751	1 513 895	1 465 390	6 339 114	7 890 654	24,5

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

			Jun 2025	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jan – Jun 2025	Jan – Jun 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	54	1	27	164	507,4	
		square metres	147	2 219	73	1 576	7 942	403,9	
		R'000	990	10 464	521	10 574	47 060	345,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	53	40	94	232	289	24,6	
		square metres	17 824	10 472	23 848	61 408	79 858	30,0	
		R'000	130 006	80 628	177 540	458 470	615 031	34,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	19	38	42	139	133	-4,3	
		square metres	1 984	2 843	2 290	16 706	9 718	-41,8	
		R'000	13 741	23 267	15 190	125 085	74 583	-40,4	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	399	0	364	399	9,6	
		R'000	0	2 671	0	2 366	2 671	12,9	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	144 737	117 030	193 251	596 495	739 345	23,9
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 433	953	-33,5
R'000			0	0	0	9 731	6 380	-34,4	
Shopping space		square metres	1 192	7 726	0	14 969	25 738	71,9	
		R'000	8 183	52 250	0	101 469	172 142	69,6	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	5 747	344	0	32 317	19 023	-41,1	
		R'000	41 013	2 047	0	215 498	148 186	-31,2	
Other non-residential buildings ³		square metres	321	2 574	320	1 435	3 531	146,1	
		R'000	2 223	18 363	2 142	9 331	25 813	176,6	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	51 419	72 660	2 142	336 029	352 521	4,9	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 364	7 804	6 860	31 496	36 451	15,7	
		R'000	36 756	53 956	48 114	213 207	254 543	19,4	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	771	1 848	459	21 738	15 870	-27,0	
		R'000	32 360	29 864	5 359	358 663	185 749	-48,2	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	69 116	83 820	53 473	571 870	440 292	-23,0
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	265 272	273 510	248 866	1 504 394	1 532 158	1,8	

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

			Jun 2025	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jan – Jun 2025	Jan – Jun 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	116	225	371	1 274	2 053	61,1
		square metres	6 832	11 503	18 474	67 635	99 804	47,6
		R'000	54 880	83 186	133 559	488 740	673 778	37,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	198	176	166	1 174	1 060	-9,7
		square metres	60 818	58 433	54 449	369 065	318 852	-13,6
		R'000	603 885	583 567	561 417	3 608 686	3 221 108	-10,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	263	298	159	1 930	1 723	-10,7
		square metres	41 849	25 308	6 947	183 193	135 578	-26,0
		R'000	464 235	307 401	85 843	2 137 174	1 606 536	-24,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	5 606	96	3 011	8 091	37 539	364,0
		R'000	42 914	857	23 742	70 276	385 553	448,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 165 914	975 011	804 561	6 304 876	5 886 975	-6,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 286	250	0	33 287	1 022	-96,9
		R'000	17 607	3 526	0	419 256	14 412	-96,6
	Shopping space	square metres	725	990	23 007	31 798	83 992	164,1
		R'000	6 701	11 497	273 424	341 291	1 017 649	198,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	58 496	54 428	34 966	273 460	191 092	-30,1
		R'000	467 848	385 023	237 017	2 038 934	1 339 274	-34,3
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	2 556	6 820	11 032	9 530	24 585	158,0
		R'000	18 787	64 298	129 315	90 961	261 169	187,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	510 943	464 344	639 756	2 890 442	2 632 504	-8,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	46 046	48 258	48 182	260 667	247 115	-5,2
		R'000	475 835	491 064	507 060	2 645 447	2 576 426	-2,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	14 657	13 482	12 854	93 971	95 699	1,8
		R'000	112 464	122 114	121 140	830 027	882 413	6,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	588 299	613 178	628 200	3 475 474	3 458 839	-0,5
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 265 156	2 052 533	2 072 517	12 670 792	11 978 318	-5,5

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

			Jun 2025	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jan – Jun 2025	Jan – Jun 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	21	11	68	67	-1,5
		square metres	379	1 241	554	4 067	3 832	-5,8
		R'000	3 562	8 760	5 065	35 846	29 280	-18,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	69	70	94	315	409	29,8
		square metres	22 521	29 993	34 518	109 344	146 374	33,9
		R'000	177 285	247 234	284 489	857 160	1 193 014	39,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	30	2	29	75	121	61,3
		square metres	3 566	734	2 922	12 989	16 966	30,6
		R'000	23 442	5 023	19 998	85 974	115 682	34,6
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	4 312	584	5 271	14 361	172,5
		R'000	0	29 440	3 997	37 758	96 805	156,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	204 289	290 457	313 549	1 016 738	1 434 781	41,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	2 587	2 403	2 780	15,7
		R'000	0	0	17 705	15 963	19 573	22,6
	Shopping space	square metres	317	0	3 267	51 101	7 389	-85,5
		R'000	2 061	0	22 359	345 010	52 891	-84,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 806	2 756	63 746	63 383	81 538	28,6
		R'000	57 705	19 554	612 837	469 107	744 128	58,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	2 754	2 960	3 185	13 901	336,5
		R'000	0	18 438	20 258	21 151	106 337	402,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	59 766	37 992	673 159	851 231	922 929	8,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 482	13 256	8 561	75 343	62 949	-16,5
		R'000	98 892	94 807	62 860	542 927	454 990	-16,2
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	1 850	3 067	943	38 418	21 319	-44,5
		R'000	14 511	29 384	9 622	301 842	178 879	-40,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	113 403	124 191	72 482	844 769	633 869	-25,0
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	377 458	452 640	1 059 190	2 712 738	2 991 579	10,3

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

			Jun 2025	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jan – Jun 2025	Jan – Jun 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	3	0	23	11	-52,2
		square metres	119	199	0	1 378	723	-47,5
		R'000	823	1 481	0	10 209	5 218	-48,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	30	33	33	180	207	15,0
		square metres	10 524	10 571	11 681	66 076	68 300	3,4
		R'000	78 560	83 783	92 380	486 003	521 299	7,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1	25	16	30	243	710,0
		square metres	796	3 594	1 877	4 004	17 617	340,0
		R'000	4 630	26 739	13 965	26 482	129 710	389,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	1 010	1 499	11 110	641,2
		R'000	0	0	7 514	9 743	82 584	747,6
	Total residential buildings		R'000	84 013	112 003	113 859	532 437	738 811
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	759	6 003	690,9
		R'000	0	0	0	5 482	44 662	714,7
	Shopping space	square metres	8 248	1 051	845	9 572	38 439	301,6
		R'000	61 959	7 701	6 287	70 358	287 984	309,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 814	6 476	4 358	16 428	30 093	83,2
		R'000	13 102	48 181	32 423	119 409	214 801	79,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	5 597	1 941	0	22 996	3 813	-83,4
		R'000	42 537	11 620	0	162 068	24 188	-85,1
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	117 598	67 502	38 710	357 317	571 635
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 504	3 199	1 827	12 433	12 951	4,2
		R'000	25 355	24 421	13 645	88 454	96 942	9,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	216	1 876	2 501	12 674	9 209	-27,3
		R'000	7 145	14 958	23 761	100 910	79 170	-21,5
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	32 500	39 379	37 406	189 364	176 112
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	234 111	218 884	189 975	1 079 118	1 486 558	37,8

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

			Jun 2025	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jan – Jun 2025	Jan – Jun 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	314	490	419	2 219	2 894	30,4
		square metres	16 439	24 243	20 449	107 787	139 415	29,3
		R'000	121 822	179 122	139 521	784 014	1 029 542	31,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	551	530	602	3 021	3 226	6,8
		square metres	138 867	137 126	151 826	801 491	841 444	5,0
		R'000	1 236 174	1 228 562	1 360 957	7 053 029	7 431 357	5,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	606	578	1 314	5 472	6 203	13,4
		square metres	60 815	52 545	110 976	537 059	492 895	-8,2
		R'000	575 748	503 085	1 188 749	5 200 514	5 145 095	-1,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	15 633	3 156	3 309	56 159	27 383	-51,2
		R'000	143 049	26 218	27 960	484 108	300 469	-37,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 076 793	1 936 987	2 717 187	13 521 665	13 906 463	2,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	10 067	3 067	615	82 504	23 398	-71,6
		R'000	111 649	22 182	5 974	879 553	215 895	-75,5
	Shopping space	square metres	20 678	16 731	17 172	141 705	151 826	7,1
		R'000	194 576	142 364	163 414	1 093 257	1 445 089	32,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	104 783	29 585	38 739	432 484	205 547	-52,5
		R'000	734 458	227 607	274 412	3 012 141	1 618 372	-46,3
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	8 275	16 351	14 466	63 776	92 873	45,6
		R'000	56 110	127 195	154 107	519 659	966 611	86,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 096 793	519 348	597 907	5 504 610	4 245 967	-22,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	42 562	50 955	40 284	256 593	293 478	14,4
		R'000	384 531	439 090	353 870	2 268 775	2 596 136	14,4
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	17 119	23 935	23 408	159 783	160 042	0,2
		R'000	233 251	256 320	242 285	1 926 478	1 773 486	-7,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	617 782	695 410	596 155	4 195 253	4 369 622	4,2
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 791 368	3 151 745	3 911 249	23 221 528	22 522 052	-3,0

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

			Jun 2025	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jan – Jun 2025	Jan – Jun 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	80	252	152	423	1 373	224,6
		square metres	3 788	11 410	6 662	19 976	59 104	195,9
		R'000	22 477	77 870	51 651	129 212	423 155	227,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	226	191	295	1 168	1 524	30,5
		square metres	55 256	48 322	70 215	307 216	365 993	19,1
		R'000	435 561	371 494	538 703	2 365 737	2 832 629	19,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	217	204	289	2 605	2 610	0,2
		square metres	23 904	18 522	29 173	261 046	205 683	-21,2
		R'000	208 817	162 591	252 103	2 311 013	1 826 730	-21,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	15 478	2 298	3 309	44 930	13 355	-70,3
		R'000	142 041	19 453	27 960	387 894	120 801	-68,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	808 896	631 408	870 417	5 193 856	5 203 315	0,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	615	15 343	13 675	-10,9
		R'000	0	0	5 974	114 137	116 170	1,8
	Shopping space	square metres	781	7 027	8 758	1 567	24 071	1 436,1
		R'000	6 951	66 011	85 205	13 770	227 255	1 550,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	65 896	14 490	1 486	102 318	63 641	-37,8
		R'000	481 493	107 200	11 883	748 244	478 773	-36,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	5 340	5 174	4 980	20 690	18 977	-8,3
		R'000	35 452	36 261	37 171	153 627	134 860	-12,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	523 896	209 472	140 233	1 029 778	957 058	-7,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 338	18 038	15 123	83 019	116 250	40,0
		R'000	113 636	137 076	113 662	622 962	892 265	43,2
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	5 628	16 932	10 042	49 413	85 626	73,3
		R'000	105 736	154 814	110 913	664 752	881 790	32,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	219 372	291 890	224 575	1 287 714	1 774 055	37,8
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 552 164	1 132 770	1 235 225	7 511 348	7 934 428	5,6

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

			Jun 2025	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jan – Jun 2025	Jan – Jun 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	12	12	259	144	-44,4
		square metres	617	666	619	10 318	6 672	-35,3
		R'000	5 075	6 141	5 234	79 624	59 263	-25,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	25	25	12	110	140	27,3
		square metres	4 967	7 609	2 756	29 618	36 019	21,6
		R'000	42 357	71 224	24 453	256 917	327 021	27,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	3	1	12	22	35	59,1
		square metres	470	134	1 780	2 579	4 432	71,8
		R'000	4 073	1 196	15 890	23 048	38 749	68,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	4 731	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	41 726	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	51 505	78 561	45 577	401 315	425 033	5,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	708	0	0	1 670	2 072	24,1
		R'000	6 136	0	0	14 408	18 496	28,4
	Shopping space	square metres	204	596	2 014	13 028	3 072	-76,4
		R'000	1 768	5 320	17 979	109 207	27 423	-74,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	448	4 449	1 321	2 219	13 694	517,1
		R'000	3 882	40 985	11 793	19 231	123 768	543,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	1 565	0	3 582	7 943	121,7
		R'000	0	13 971	0	32 764	72 468	121,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	11 786	60 276	29 772	175 610	242 155	37,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 836	4 754	5 309	37 087	44 022	18,7
		R'000	32 513	41 671	46 983	315 650	394 612	25,0
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	728	571	2 900	25 278	17 811	-29,5
		R'000	17 232	6 794	27 380	237 056	160 216	-32,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	49 745	48 465	74 363	552 706	554 828	0,4
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	113 036	187 302	149 712	1 129 631	1 222 016	8,2

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

			Jun 2025	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jan – Jun 2025	Jan – Jun 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	0	0	2	0	-100,0
		square metres	123	0	0	123	0	-100,0
		R'000	1 217	0	0	1 217	0	-100,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	2	1	1	15	11	-26,7
		square metres	347	185	133	2 801	2 276	-18,7
		R'000	3 433	1 885	1 355	27 710	22 744	-17,9
	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	4 650	1 885	1 355	28 927	22 744	-21,4
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	0	4 502	0	5 758	..
		R'000	0	0	45 871	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	0	45 871	3 463	79 270	2 189,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	757	1 591	677	4 445	7 377	66,0
		R'000	6 279	16 211	6 898	42 765	75 164	75,8
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	264	0	0	1 076	1 340	24,5
		R'000	2 230	105	610	11 054	15 008	35,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	8 509	16 316	7 508	53 819	90 172	67,5
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	13 159	18 201	54 734	86 209	192 186	122,9

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

			Jun 2025	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jan – Jun 2025	Jan – Jun 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	9	77	6	125	1 983,3
		square metres	69	360	3 080	356	5 023	1 311,0
		R'000	698	1 620	13 860	3 600	26 133	625,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	2	9	4	38	31	-18,4
		square metres	360	2 405	491	8 623	6 596	-23,5
		R'000	3 233	20 840	3 953	78 685	57 118	-27,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	7	0	0	30	7	-76,7
		square metres	701	0	0	2 685	1 057	-60,6
		R'000	7 089	0	0	27 151	11 009	-59,5
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	11 020	22 460	17 813	109 436	94 260	-13,9
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	0	0	250	0	250	..
		R'000	0	0	1 835	0	1 835	..
	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	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	1 835	0	12 651	..
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	92	122	365	959	1 546	61,2
		R'000	763	1 086	2 717	6 584	13 061	98,4
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	0	0	0	169	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	1 458	..
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	763	1 086	2 717	6 584	14 519	120,5
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	11 783	23 546	22 365	116 020	121 430	4,7

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

			Jun 2025	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jan – Jun 2025	Jan – Jun 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	20	6	4	83	22	-73,5
		square metres	983	381	209	4 405	1 292	-70,7
		R'000	8 723	4 534	2 273	46 240	14 072	-69,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	55	39	70	321	265	-17,4
		square metres	19 060	17 196	22 232	101 630	89 085	-12,3
		R'000	214 961	181 929	248 046	1 176 181	966 737	-17,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	20	10	161	402	435	8,2
		square metres	2 281	2 190	22 222	54 228	56 052	3,4
		R'000	25 145	19 025	256 265	583 302	631 995	8,3
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	2 330	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	27 348	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	248 829	205 488	506 584	1 805 723	1 640 152	-9,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	833	0	16 649	1 374	-91,7
		R'000	0	6 664	0	183 139	10 960	-94,0
	Shopping space	square metres	14 802	2 100	130	32 010	12 108	-62,2
		R'000	142 468	18 703	1 144	324 539	117 379	-63,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	8 677	1 033	59 215	34 442	-41,8
		R'000	0	54 908	13 346	375 150	313 591	-16,4
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	7 536	7 150	8 559	19,7
		R'000	0	0	101 736	60 556	115 547	90,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	142 468	80 275	116 226	943 384	557 477	-40,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 071	8 710	5 226	43 732	37 737	-13,7
		R'000	88 888	92 002	59 022	491 734	423 313	-13,9
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	3 585	3 139	3 227	20 159	25 536	26,7
		R'000	40 597	53 449	42 356	234 546	403 125	71,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	129 485	145 451	101 378	726 280	826 438	13,8
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	520 782	431 214	724 188	3 475 387	3 024 067	-13,0

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

			Jun 2025	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jan – Jun 2025	Jan – Jun 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	20	14	8	83	60	-27,7
		square metres	1 156	840	473	4 779	3 583	-25,0
		R'000	6 849	5 000	2 944	28 283	22 033	-22,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	58	45	31	299	209	-30,1
		square metres	11 074	11 421	6 239	65 364	51 137	-21,8
		R'000	80 585	86 348	45 865	467 354	389 286	-16,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	38	35	9	71	68	-4,2
		square metres	2 242	5 413	867	6 973	7 851	12,6
		R'000	13 868	32 882	5 805	44 675	49 089	9,9
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	155	0	0	1 432	0	-100,0
		R'000	1 008	0	0	9 489	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	102 310	124 230	54 614	549 801	460 408	-16,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 004	0	2 112	1 159	-45,1
		R'000	0	6 367	0	12 737	7 405	-41,9
	Shopping space	square metres	2 344	3 595	239	57 694	9 430	-83,7
		R'000	16 126	25 418	1 705	380 828	61 058	-84,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	338	288	4 819	7 623	6 395	-16,1
		R'000	2 341	1 928	36 712	50 445	47 631	-5,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	749	0	1 304	13 032	4 025	-69,1
		R'000	4 869	0	6 520	101 123	23 858	-76,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	23 336	33 713	44 937	545 133	139 952	-74,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 256	4 358	2 878	25 400	17 715	-30,3
		R'000	34 339	29 229	19 180	165 762	118 731	-28,4
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	3 159	190	187	6 745	2 269	-66,4
		R'000	24 995	1 975	2 256	131 148	36 978	-71,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	59 334	31 204	21 436	296 910	155 709	-47,6
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	184 980	189 147	120 987	1 391 844	756 069	-45,7

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

			Jun 2025	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jan – Jun 2025	Jan – Jun 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	176	194	163	1 332	1 154	-13,4
		square metres	9 492	10 350	9 216	65 768	62 649	-4,7
		R'000	75 053	82 201	61 719	480 471	475 611	-1,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	149	193	141	872	813	-6,8
		square metres	39 755	46 345	35 599	225 773	224 818	-0,4
		R'000	392 156	465 199	378 942	2 213 983	2 299 198	3,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	315	321	819	2 252	2 902	28,9
		square metres	30 855	22 748	53 983	200 586	199 379	-0,6
		R'000	314 141	263 177	634 418	2 148 037	2 438 091	13,5
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	858	0	3 868	11 698	202,4
		R'000	0	6 765	0	37 212	152 320	309,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	781 350	817 342	1 075 079	4 879 703	5 365 220	9,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	9 359	0	0	45 739	3 603	-92,1
		R'000	105 513	0	0	547 974	50 809	-90,7
	Shopping space	square metres	1 690	3 413	358	27 541	52 373	90,2
		R'000	21 569	26 912	2 823	193 795	648 959	234,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	38 101	1 681	30 080	256 556	80 697	-68,5
		R'000	246 742	22 586	200 678	1 783 617	592 763	-66,8
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	2 186	909	646	19 263	44 666	131,9
		R'000	15 789	12 213	8 680	171 005	555 128	224,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	389 613	61 711	212 181	2 696 391	1 847 659	-31,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 755	7 965	8 442	53 023	53 361	0,6
		R'000	104 196	84 789	89 152	549 862	567 740	3,3
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	3 602	3 103	7 052	53 483	26 399	-50,6
		R'000	35 191	36 059	50 525	596 931	253 408	-57,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	139 387	120 848	139 677	1 146 793	821 148	-28,4
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 310 350	999 901	1 426 937	8 722 887	8 034 027	-7,9

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

			Jun 2025	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jan – Jun 2025	Jan – Jun 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	0	3	20	9	-55,0
		square metres	136	0	190	1 323	555	-58,0
		R'000	1 188	0	1 840	9 956	5 373	-46,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	18	6	22	86	117	36,0
		square metres	4 110	1 296	6 284	22 040	28 021	27,1
		R'000	36 569	12 181	60 835	192 419	258 200	34,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	7	22	7	112	1 500,0
		square metres	0	3 538	2 517	2 498	13 784	451,8
		R'000	0	24 214	21 039	16 598	114 784	591,6
	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	37 757	36 395	83 714	226 760	378 357	66,9
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	857	0	0	1 815	37 850	1 985,4
		R'000	5 694	0	0	11 921	259 774	2 079,1
	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	5 694	0	0	29 046	293 106	909,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	283	5 119	2 044	7 862	14 319	82,1
		R'000	2 660	34 809	14 619	65 758	102 687	56,2
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	120	0	0	3 467	692	-80,0
		R'000	7 032	624	7 745	46 503	16 515	-64,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	9 692	35 433	22 364	112 261	119 202	6,2
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	53 143	71 828	106 078	368 067	790 665	114,8

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

			Jun 2025	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jan – Jun 2025	Jan – Jun 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	3	0	11	7	-36,4
		square metres	75	236	0	739	537	-27,3
		R'000	542	1 756	0	5 411	3 902	-27,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	16	21	26	112	116	3,6
		square metres	3 938	2 347	7 877	38 426	37 499	-2,4
		R'000	27 319	17 462	58 805	274 043	278 424	1,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	6	0	2	83	34	-59,0
		square metres	362	0	434	6 464	4 657	-28,0
		R'000	2 615	0	3 229	46 690	34 648	-25,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	30 476	19 218	62 034	326 144	316 974	-2,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 230	0	991	1 230	24,1
		R'000	0	9 151	0	7 158	9 151	27,8
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	921	8 050	6 914	-14,1
		R'000	0	0	6 852	59 197	42 738	-27,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	2 440	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	15 450	0	-100,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	8 703	0	0	8 703	..
		R'000	0	64 750	0	0	64 750	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	73 901	6 852	81 805	116 639	42,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	174	298	220	1 066	1 151	8,0
		R'000	1 257	2 217	1 637	7 698	8 563	11,2
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	33	0	0	162	200	23,5
		R'000	238	2 500	500	4 488	4 988	11,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 495	4 717	2 137	12 186	13 551	11,2
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	31 971	97 836	71 023	420 135	447 164	6,4

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.

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 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 June 2026 was 85,5%. The collection rate for May 2026 was 90,0%.
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
Jun-26	Additional information from respondents	Jun-24 - May-26
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
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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