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#### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

# SELECTED BUILDING STATISTICS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR REGARDING BUILDING PLANS PASSED AT CURRENT PRICES

Table A – Selected key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices: January to March 2007 versus January to March 2008

Estimates at current prices	January to March 2007	January to March 2008 1/	Difference in value between January to March 2007 and January to March 2008	Percentage change between January to March 2007 and January to March 2008
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	10 334 580	10 290 900	-43 680	-0,4
-Dwelling-houses	6 856 739	5 945 641	-911 098	-13,3
-Flats and townhouses	3 259 188	3 988 909	729 721	22,4
-Other residential buildings	218 653	356 350	137 697	63,0
Non-residential buildings	3 348 763	3 974 979	626 216	18,7
Additions and alterations	4 546 738	5 290 568	743 830	16,4
Total	18 230 081	19 556 447	1 326 366	7,3

<sup>1/</sup> Mar. 2008 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 increased

As indicated in Table A, the value of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities (at current prices) during the first quarter of 2008 rose by 7,3% (R1 326,4 million) compared with the first quarter of 2007.

Two of the main categories of buildings contributed positively to the 7,3% year-on-year increase recorded for the first quarter of 2008, namely non-residential buildings (18,7% or R626,2 million) and additions and alterations (16,4% or R743,8 million). Residential buildings recorded a decrease of 0,4% (-R43,7 million) (see Table A).

Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level: January to March 2007 versus January to March 2008

Estimates at current prices	January to March 2007	January to March 2008 1/ R'000	Percentage contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to March 2007	Percentage change between January to March 2007 and January to March 2008	Contribution (percentage points) to the percentage change in the value of building plans passed between January to March 2007 and January to March 2008 2/	Difference in value between January to March 2007 and January to March 2008
Western Cape	4 213 883	4 248 891	23,1	0.8	0,2	35 008
Eastern Cape	916 914	828 957	5,0	-9,6	-0,5	-87 957
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Northern Cape	110 289	148 975	0,6	35,1	0,2	38 686
Free State	558 932	445 568	3,1	-20,3	-0,6	-113 364
KwaZulu-Natal	2 389 597	3 870 166	13,1	62,0	8,1	1 480 569
North West	934 711	581 547	5,1	-37,8	-1,9	-353 164
Gauteng	7 788 562	8 080 726	42,7	3,8	1,6	292 164
Mpumalanga	957 559	941 436	5,3	-1,7	-0,1	-16 123
Limpopo	359 634	410 181	2,0	14,1	0,3	50 547
Total	18 230 081	19 556 447	100,0	7,3	7,3	1 326 366

<sup>1/</sup> Mar. 2008 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Five provinces reported increases in the value of building plans passed (see Table B). The largest contributor to the increase of 7,3% was KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 8,1 percentage points or R1 480,6 million), followed by Gauteng (1,6 percentage points or R292,2 million) and Limpopo (0,3 of a percentage point or R50,5 million).

<sup>2/</sup> The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between Jan. to Mar. 2007 and Jan. to Mar. 2008 with the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during Jan. to Mar. 2007, divided by 100.

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# SELECTED BUILDING STATISTICS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR REGARDING BUILDING PLANS PASSED AT CONSTANT PRICES

Table C – Selected key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2000 prices: January to March 2007 versus January to March 2008

Estimates at constant 2000 prices	January to March 2007	January to March 2008 1/	Difference in value between January to March 2007 and January to March 2008	Percentage change between January to March 2007 and January to	
	R'000	R'000	R'000	March 2008	
Residential buildings	6 180 488	5 633 118	-547 370	-8,9	
Non-residential buildings	2 003 251	2 180 374	177 123	8,8	
Additions and alterations	2 719 397	2 901 295	181 898	6,7	
Total	10 903 136	10 714 787	-188 349	-1,7	

<sup>1/</sup> Mar. 2008 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

# Total real value of recorded building plans passed decreased

The real value of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities (at constant 2000 prices) during the first quarter of 2008 decreased by 1,7% (-R188,3 million) compared with the first quarter of 2007. This is lower than the increase reported for January to March 2007 compared to January to March 2006. The decrease recorded for residential buildings (-8,9% or -R547,4 million) was to a certain extent counteracted by increases reported for non-residential buildings (8,8% or R177,1 million) and additions and alterations (6,7% or R181,9 million) (see Table C).

Table D - Seasonally adjusted key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2000 prices: Current quarter versus previous quarter

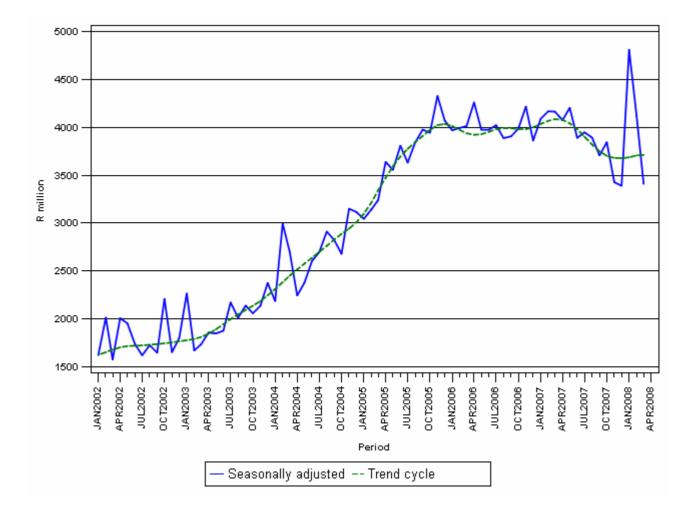
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2000 prices	October to December 2007	January to March 2008	Percentage change between October to December 200 and January to March 2008	
	R'000	R'000		
Residential buildings	5 582 304	6 444 773	15,5	
Non-residential buildings	2 095 264	2 486 832	18,7	
Additions and alterations	2 984 978	3 411 007	14,3	
Total	10 662 546	12 342 612	15,8	

### Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed increased

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities during the first quarter of 2008 increased by 15,8% compared with the previous quarter. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (18,7%), followed by residential buildings (15,5%) and additions and alterations (14,3%) (see Table D).

Figure 1 shows both the seasonally adjusted and the trend series for recorded building plans passed at constant 2000 prices between January 2002 and March 2008. The sharp increase in the seasonally adjusted value for January 2008 was mainly due to large projects passed for shopping space and additions to non-residential space.

Figure 1 - Real value of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2000 prices



# SELECTED BUILDING STATISTICS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR REGARDING BUILDINGS COMPLETED AT CURRENT PRICES

Table E – Selected key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices: January to March 2007 versus January to March 2008

Estimates at current prices	January to March 2007	January to March 2008 1/	Difference in value between January to March 2007 and January to March 2008	Percentage change between January to March 2007 and January to
	R'000	R'000	R'000	March 2008
Residential buildings	5 971 148	6 161 853	190 705	3,2
-Dwelling-houses	3 790 779	3 898 320	107 541	2,8
-Flats and townhouses	1 933 489	2 173 836	240 347	12,4
-Other residential buildings	246 880	89 697	-157 183	-63,7
Non-residential buildings	2 147 135	2 223 534	76 399	3,6
Additions and alterations	1 871 091	2 298 137	427 046	22,8
Total	9 989 374	10 683 524	694 150	6,9

<sup>1/</sup> Mar. 2008 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 increased

As indicated in Table E, the value of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities (at current prices) during the first quarter of 2008 increased by 6,9% (R694,2 million) compared with the first quarter of 2007.

Increases were reported for additions and alterations (22,8% or R427,0 million), non-residential buildings (3,6% or R76,4 million) and residential buildings (3,2% or R190,7 million) for the first quarter of 2008 compared to the first quarter of 2007.

Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level: January to March 2007 versus January to March 2008

Estimates at current prices	January to March 2007	January to March 2008	Percentage contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to March 2007	Percentage change between January to March 2007 and January to March 2008	Contribution (percentage points) to the percentage change in the value of buildings completed between January to March 2007 and January to March 2008 2/	Difference in value between January to March 2007 and January to March 2008
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	2 870 444	2 944 150	28,7	2,6	0,7	73 706
Eastern Cape	308 508	466 583	3,1	51,2	1,6	158 075
Northern Cape	85 599	77 548	0,9	-9,4	-0,1	-8 051
Free State	253 823	217 352	2,5	-14,4	-0,4	-36 471
KwaZulu-Natal	1 564 931	1 732 071	15,7	10,7	1,7	167 140
North West	474 375	422 129	4,7	-11,0	-0,5	-52 246
Gauteng	4 033 012	4 303 449	40,4	6,7	2,7	270 437
Mpumalanga	268 350	402 699	2,7	50,1	1,3	134 349
Limpopo	130 332	117 543	1,3	-9,8	-0,1	-12 789
Total	9 989 374	10 683 524	100,0	6,9	6,9	694 150

<sup>1/</sup> Mar. 2008 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Five provinces reported increases in the value of buildings completed. The largest contributor to the increase of 6,9% was Gauteng (2,7 percentage points or R270,4 million), followed by KwaZulu-Natal (1,7 percentage points or R167,1 million) and Eastern Cape (1,6 percentage points or R158,1 million) (see Table F).

<sup>2/</sup> The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between Jan. to Mar. 2007 and Jan. to Mar. 2008 with the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during Jan. to Mar. 2007, divided by 100.

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# SELECTED BUILDING STATISTICS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR REGARDING BUILDINGS COMPLETED AT CONSTANT PRICES

Table G – Selected key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2000 prices: January to March 2007 versus January to March 2008

Estimates at constant 2000 prices	January to March 2007	January to March 2008	Difference in value between January to March 2007 and January to March 2008	Percentage change between January to March 2007 and January to	
	R'000	R'000	R'000	March 2008	
Residential buildings	3 805 147	3 562 242	-242 905	-6,4	
Non-residential buildings	1 466 989	1 378 176	-88 813	-6,1	
Additions and alterations	1 250 453	1 374 615	124 162	9,9	
Total	6 522 589	6 315 033	-207 556	-3,2	

<sup>1/</sup> Mar. 2008 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

### Total real value of buildings reported as completed decreased

As indicated in Table G, the real value of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities (at constant 2000 prices) during the first quarter of 2008 decreased by 3,2% (-R207,6 million) compared with the first quarter of 2007. Decreases in the real value of buildings completed were reported for residential buildings (-6,4% or -R242,9 million) and non-residential buildings (-6,1% or -R88,8 million). However, an increase of 9,9% (R124,2 million) was reported for additions and alterations during the above-mentioned period.

Table H – Seasonally adjusted key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to large municipalities at constant 2000 prices: Current quarter versus previous quarter

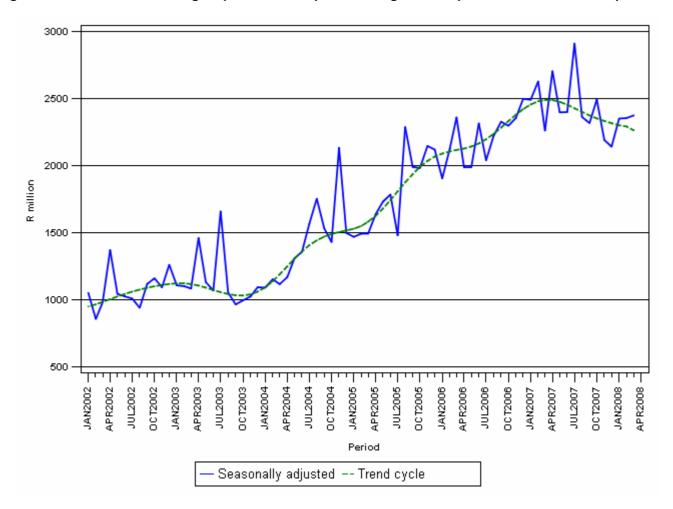
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2000 prices	October to December 2007	January to March 2008	Percentage change between October to December 200 and January to March 2008		
	R'000	R'000			
Residential buildings	4 124 308	4 297 845	4,2		
Non-residential buildings	1 485 294	1 354 337	-8,8		
Additions and alterations	1 218 413	1 428 651	17,3		
Total	6 828 015	7 080 833	3,7		

### Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities during the first quarter of 2008 increased by 3,7% compared with the fourth quarter 2007. The biggest increase was reported for additions and alterations (17,3%) followed by residential buildings (4,2%). A decrease was reported for non-residential buildings (-8,8%) (see Table H).

Figure 2 shows both the seasonally adjusted and trend series for buildings reported as completed to municipalities at constant 2000 prices between January 2002 and March 2008.

Figure 2 - Real value of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2000 prices



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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

Va	ar and month	Residenti	al buildings	Non-reside	ntial buildings	Additions and alterations		Total	
rear and month		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2007*	January	2 827 517	10,5	987 578	26,9	1 346 316	23,4	5 161 411	16,6
	February	3 522 549	10,4	1 365 860	44,9	1 623 501	12,4	6 511 910	16,8
	March	3 984 514	32,8	995 325	-19,8	1 576 921	1,2	6 556 760	13,0
	April	3 496 868	26,5	1 184 213	-29,6	1 583 440	14,3	6 264 521	7,4
	May	4 442 501	22,8	1 461 981	16,6	2 117 343	14,7	8 021 825	19,4
	June	3 919 860	2,5	1 427 671	45,2	1 729 470	4,2	7 077 001	9,4
	July	4 165 556	6,3	1 397 269	-3,2	2 230 946	20,9	7 793 771	8,1
	August	3 983 237	-0,9	1 707 558	15,5	2 197 822	30,0	7 888 617	9,7
	September	3 553 483	-5,5	1 494 949	36,5	1 696 134	-3,5	6 744 566	2,0
	October	4 001 808	2,6	1 524 115	-12,6	2 383 645	29,8	7 909 568	5,7
	November	3 508 017	-12,7	1 005 570	-27,2	1 863 343	0,9	6 376 930	-12,0
	December	2 436 011	-9,5	1 123 502	3,9	1 341 123	-6,8	4 900 636	-6,0
	Total	43 841 921	6,2	15 675 591	3,8	21 690 004	11,8	81 207 516	7,2
2008	January*	2 752 957	-2,6	1 785 056	80,8	2 090 042	55,2	6 628 055	28,4
	February	4 159 784	18,1	1 065 573	-22,0	1 823 239	12,3	7 048 596	8,2
	March	3 378 159	-15,2	1 124 350	13,0	1 377 287	-12,7	5 879 796	-10,3

<sup>1/</sup> The annual/monthly percentage change is the change in the values of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the relevant year/month compared with the values of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the comparable period of the previous year expressed as a percentage. 2/ Preliminary figures.
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Table 2 – Seasonally adjusted values and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building

	Voor and month	Residentia	al buildings	Non-reside	ential buildings	Additions and alterations		Total	
Year and month		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2007	January	3 769 483	7,7	1 265 476	-0,8	1 815 153	8,1	6 850 112	6,1
	February	3 762 266	-0,2	1 494 475	18,1	1 740 950	-4,1	6 997 691	2,2
	March	4 355 133	15,8	970 347	-35,1	1 658 986	-4,7	6 984 466	-0,2
	April	3 953 540	-9,2	1 251 575	29,0	1 777 747	7,2	6 982 862	-0,0
	May	3 939 024	-0,4	1 440 417	15,1	1 912 628	7,6	7 292 069	4,4
	June	3 667 262	-6,9	1 407 232	-2,3	1 702 183	-11,0	6 776 677	-7,1
	July	3 677 732	0,3	1 235 796	-12,2	1 989 372	16,9	6 902 900	1,9
	August	3 559 127	-3,2	1 314 496	6,4	1 957 299	-1,6	6 830 922	-1,0
	September	3 267 934	-8,2	1 590 521	21,0	1 675 970	-14,4	6 534 425	-4,3
	October	3 561 550	9,0	1 289 102	-19,0	1 979 833	18,1	6 830 485	4,5
	November	3 237 118	-9,1	1 092 890	-15,2	1 778 469	-10,2	6 108 477	-10,6
	December	3 177 329	-1,8	1 361 078	24,5	1 563 042	-12,1	6 101 449	-0,1
2008	January	3 643 077	14,7	2 268 390	66,7	2 808 802	79,7	8 720 269	42,9
	February	4 448 164	22,1	1 154 828	-49,1	1 966 921	-30,0	7 569 913	-13,2
	March	3 706 102	-16,7	1 129 319	-2,2	1 464 246	-25,6	6 299 667	-16,8
	Oct Dec.07	9 975 997		3 743 070		5 321 344		19 040 411	
	Jan Mar.08 2/	11 797 343	18,3	4 552 537	21,6	6 239 969	17,3	22 589 849	18,6

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

<sup>2/</sup> The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted values of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the current quarter compared with the seasonally adjusted values of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the previous quarter expressed as a percentage.

Table 3 – Values and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2000 prices by type of building

V	ear and month	Residentia	al buildings	Non-reside	ential buildings	Additions a	nd alterations	Т	otal
16	sar and month	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2007*	January	1 691 099	-1,5	590 657	13,1	805 213	10,0	3 086 969	3,9
	February	2 110 575	-0,9	818 370	30,1	972 739	0,9	3 901 684	4,8
	March	2 378 814	19,0	594 224	-28,2	941 445	-9,3	3 914 483	1,3
	April	2 052 153	12,5	694 961	-37,4	929 249	1,6	3 676 363	-4,5
	Мау	2 567 920	9,0	845 076	3,5	1 223 898	1,8	4 636 894	6,0
	June	2 247 626	-8,2	818 619	30,2	991 669	-6,6	4 057 914	-2,0
	July	2 374 889	-3,9	796 619	-12,5	1 271 919	9,3	4 443 427	-2,2
	August	2 251 689	-9,2	965 267	5,9	1 242 409	19,2	4 459 365	0,6
	September	2 008 752	-13,0	845 081	25,6	958 809	-11,2	3 812 642	-6,1
	October	2 246 944	-5,8	855 764	-19,7	1 338 375	19,1	4 441 083	-2,9
	November	1 967 480	-19,1	563 976	-32,6	1 045 061	-6,5	3 576 517	-18,5
	December	1 361 661	-16,0	628 006	-3,5	749 650	-13,5	2 739 317	-12,7
	Total	25 259 602	-3,5	9 016 620	-5,9	12 470 436	1,3	46 746 658	-2,7
2008	January*	1 521 811	-10,0	986 764	67,1	1 155 358	43,5	3 663 933	18,7
	February	2 279 334	8,0	583 876	-28,7	999 035	2,7	3 862 245	-1,0
	March	1 831 973	-23,0	609 734	2,6	746 902	-20,7	3 188 609	-18,5

<sup>1/</sup> The annual/monthly percentage change is the change in the values of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the relevant year/month compared with the values of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the comparable period of the previous year expressed as a percentage. 2/ Preliminary figures.
\*Revised.

Table 4 – Seasonally adjusted values and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2000 prices by type of building

	Year and month	Resident	tial buildings	Non-reside	ntial buildings	Additions a	and alterations	T	otal
	rear and month	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2007	January	2 249 735	7,7	754 981	-1,2	1 084 539	7,6	4 089 255	5,9
	February	2 238 387	-0,5	890 487	17,9	1 039 162	-4,2	4 168 036	1,9
	March	2 607 018	16,5	575 510	-35,4	982 151	-5,5	4 164 679	-0,1
	April	2 304 811	-11,6	735 144	27,7	1 035 826	5,5	4 075 781	-2,1
	May	2 271 352	-1,5	830 767	13,0	1 102 490	6,4	4 204 609	3,2
	June	2 104 397	-7,4	807 626	-2,8	978 149	-11,3	3 890 172	-7,5
	July	2 102 054	-0,1	707 017	-12,5	1 139 839	16,5	3 948 910	1,5
	August	2 028 200	-3,5	749 035	5,9	1 116 695	-2,0	3 893 930	-1,4
	September	1 856 356	-8,5	902 213	20,5	949 370	-15,0	3 707 939	-4,8
	October	2 005 326	8,0	725 095	-19,6	1 115 092	17,5	3 845 513	3,7
	November	1 816 210	-9,4	612 658	-15,5	998 197	-10,5	3 427 065	-10,9
	December	1 760 768	-3,1	757 511	23,6	871 689	-12,7	3 389 968	-1,1
2008	January	2 009 631	14,1	1 250 580	65,1	1 551 219	78,0	4 811 430	41,9
	February	2 418 398	20,3	628 753	-49,7	1 072 985	-30,8	4 120 136	-14,4
	March	2 016 744	-16,6	607 499	-3,4	786 803	-26,7	3 411 046	-17,2
	Oct Dec.07	5 582 304		2 095 264		2 984 978		10 662 546	
	Jan Mar.08 2/	6 444 773	15,5	2 486 832	18,7	3 411 007	14,3	12 342 612	15,8

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

<sup>2/</sup> The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted values of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the current quarter compared with the seasonally adjusted values of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the previous quarter expressed as a percentage.

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

Ve	ear and month	Residenti	al buildings	Non-reside	ential buildings	Additions	and alterations	To	otal
16	ar and month	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2007*	January	1 643 461	30,6	483 947	52,8	637 592	56,7	2 765 000	39,5
	February	2 220 763	25,3	884 589	116,4	564 618	2,1	3 669 970	34,2
	March	2 106 924	-0,3	778 599	18,7	668 881	13,5	3 554 404	5,8
	April	2 349 465	34,4	628 306	134,1	555 935	23,4	3 533 706	43,2
	Мау	2 684 077	34,9	713 817	40,0	587 834	2,1	3 985 728	29,6
	June	2 576 642	11,6	580 714	19,5	659 194	16,2	3 816 550	13,5
	July	2 781 646	22,6	1 108 133	232,1	720 746	29,9	4 610 525	46,1
	August	2 668 958	12,2	560 927	13,9	782 187	40,3	4 012 072	17,0
	September	2 340 305	-7,9	943 457	133,0	677 900	1,8	3 961 662	9,7
	October	2 524 579	6,5	1 216 247	58,3	844 411	40,0	4 585 237	22,5
	November	2 705 875	2,2	698 089	7,2	897 925	5,2	4 301 889	3,6
	December	2 516 899	-5,9	624 843	15,3	440 298	-19,3	3 582 040	-4,8
	Total	29 119 594	11,7	9 221 668	57,9	8 037 521	16,1	46 378 783	19,4
2008	January*	1 605 221	-2,3	673 686	39,2	606 948	-4,8	2 885 855	4,4
	February	2 127 174	-4,2	620 965	-29,8	905 697	60,4	3 653 836	-0,4
	March 2/	2 429 458	15,3	928 883	19,3	785 492	17,4	4 143 833	16,6

<sup>1/</sup> The annual/monthly percentage change is the change in the values of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the relevant year/month compared with the values of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the comparable period of the previous year expressed as a percentage. 2/ Preliminary figures.
\* Revised.

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

	Year and month	Resident	ial buildings	Non-reside	ntial buildings	Additions	and alterations	T	otal
	rear and month	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2007	January	2 401 387	-2,7	570 217	-11,1	724 608	15,4	3 696 212	-1,1
	February	2 532 769	5,5	906 956	59,1	585 360	-19,2	4 025 085	8,9
	March	2 242 764	-11,5	624 751	-31,1	652 767	11,5	3 520 282	-12,5
	April	2 637 140	17,6	890 368	42,5	663 328	1,6	4 190 836	19,0
	May	2 603 911	-1,3	620 756	-30,3	559 082	-15,7	3 783 749	-9,7
	June	2 572 005	-1,2	591 808	-4,7	660 208	18,1	3 824 021	1,1
	July	2 557 257	-0,6	1 366 274	130,9	712 218	7,9	4 635 749	21,2
	August	2 467 147	-3,5	624 905	-54,3	764 378	7,3	3 856 430	-16,8
	September	2 209 772	-10,4	866 158	38,6	662 175	-13,4	3 738 105	-3,1
	October	2 429 447	9,9	850 769	-1,8	773 549	16,8	4 053 765	8,4
	November	2 218 002	-8,7	672 533	-20,9	731 005	-5,5	3 621 540	-10,7
	December	2 304 053	3,9	757 635	12,7	504 836	-30,9	3 566 524	-1,5
2008	January	2 365 837	2,7	809 900	6,9	693 803	37,4	3 869 540	8,5
	February	2 420 757	2,3	630 208	-22,2	945 013	36,2	3 995 978	3,3
	March	2 583 482	6,7	726 507	15,3	758 928	-19,7	4 068 917	1,8
	Oct Dec.07	6 951 502		2 280 937	-	2 009 390	_	11 241 829	_
	Jan Mar.08 2/	7 370 076	6,0	2 166 615	-5,0	2 397 744	19,3	11 934 435	6,2

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

<sup>2/</sup> The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted values of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the current quarter compared with the seasonally adjusted values of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the previous quarter expressed as a percentage.

Table 7 – Values and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2000 prices by type of building

Vo	ar and month	Residentia	al buildings	Non-reside	ential buildings	Additions	and alterations	Т	otal
16	ar and month	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2007*	January	1 061 053	21,2	332 381	43,0	427 914	48,2	1 821 348	30,4
	February	1 412 524	15,0	604 227	102,6	376 915	-3,8	2 393 666	24,8
	March	1 331 570	-8,7	530 381	11,1	445 624	7,5	2 307 575	-1,8
	April	1 485 694	23,7	427 128	119,9	366 954	16,7	2 279 776	33,4
	May	1 670 485	22,7	483 616	31,8	382 704	-4,6	2 536 805	19,2
	June	1 598 013	1,2	392 640	12,4	421 749	7,0	2 412 402	3,9
	July	1 701 322	10,9	743 713	214,1	454 443	19,3	2 899 478	34,7
	August	1 613 224	0,6	374 451	7,3	482 236	26,6	2 469 911	5,9
	September	1 413 750	-17,2	628 552	120,6	416 400	-8,2	2 458 702	0,5
	October	1 503 001	-5,0	802 803	49,8	516 459	26,0	2 822 263	11,6
	November	1 591 397	-9,1	454 485	0,1	543 538	-6,0	2 589 420	-7,0
	December	1 467 797	-16,2	399 772	6,2	265 080	-28,2	2 132 649	-14,6
	Total	17 849 830	1,2	6 174 149	48,6	5 100 016	6,8	29 123 995	9,6
2008	January*	931 131	-12,2	424 770	27,8	363 007	-15,2	1 718 908	-5,6
	February	1 227 414	-13,1	382 839	-36,6	542 658	44,0	2 152 911	-10,1
	March 2/	1 403 697	5,4	570 567	7,6	468 950	5,2	2 443 214	5,9

<sup>1/</sup> The annual/monthly percentage change is the change in the values of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the relevant year/month compared with the values of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the comparable period of the previous year expressed as a percentage. 2/ Preliminary figures. \*Revised.

Table 8 – Seasonally adjusted values and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2000 prices by type of building

	Year and month	Residenti	al buildings	Non-reside	ential buildings	Additions	and alterations	7	Γotal
	real and month	R'000	%change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2007	January	1 613 037	-1,0	393 591	-11,9	485 465	14,7	2 492 093	-0,3
	February	1 613 395	-0,0	625 283	58,9	390 115	-19,6	2 628 793	5,5
	March	1 403 175	-13,0	427 361	-31,7	431 816	10,7	2 262 352	-13,9
	April	1 663 458	18,5	604 305	41,4	437 550	1,3	2 705 313	19,6
	May	1 614 786	-2,9	418 774	-30,7	364 654	-16,7	2 398 214	-11,4
	June	1 580 885	-2,1	396 892	-5,2	422 323	15,8	2 400 100	0,1
	July	1 547 187	-2,1	914 459	130,4	450 078	6,6	2 911 724	21,3
	August	1 471 485	-4,9	416 810	-54,4	474 881	5,5	2 363 176	-18,8
	September	1 335 108	-9,3	574 822	37,9	408 105	-14,1	2 318 035	-1,9
	October	1 459 471	9,3	561 203	-2,4	473 456	16,0	2 494 130	7,6
	November	1 311 983	-10,1	438 024	-21,9	441 885	-6,7	2 191 892	-12,1
	December	1 352 854	3,1	486 067	11,0	303 072	-31,4	2 141 993	-2,3
2008	January	1 423 655	5,2	513 471	5,6	414 178	36,7	2 351 304	9,8
	February	1 398 105	-1,8	392 455	-23,6	564 928	36,4	2 355 488	0,2
	March	1 476 085	5,6	448 411	14,3	449 545	-20,4	2 374 041	0,8
	Oct Dec.07	4 124 308		1 485 294		1 218 413	_	6 828 015	
	Jan Mar.08 2/	4 297 845	4,2	1 354 337	-8,8	1 428 651	17,3	7 080 833	3,7

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

<sup>2/</sup> The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted values of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the current quarter compared with the seasonally adjusted values of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the previous quarter expressed as a percentage.

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

			Mar. 2007*	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Jan Mar. 2007	Jan Mar. 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2 399	1 741	3 108	8 498	5 862	-31,0
		square metres	106 175	86 003	142 789	368 977	279 736	-24,2
		R'000	225 467	206 871	288 291	757 964	604 153	-20,3
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	3 087	1 993	2 045	7 751	5 729	-26,1
		square metres	731 460	511 238	534 897	1 908 481	1 476 389	-22,6
		R'000	2 325 865	1 854 616	1 938 140	6 098 775	5 341 488	-12,4
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	3 120	4 021	2 560	7 917	8 479	7,1
		square metres	400 775	437 093	275 504	958 641	966 101	0,8
		R'000	1 379 295	1 839 335	1 127 616	3 259 188	3 988 909	22,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	18 653	68 695	6 816	65 683	87 772	33,6
		R'000	53 887	258 962	24 112	218 653	356 350	63,0
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	3 984 514	4 159 784	3 378 159	10 334 580	10 290 900	-0,4
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	102 156	55 261	80 509	217 294	168 759	-22,3
		R'000	371 519	218 220	363 319	836 393	733 602	-12,3
	2. Shopping space	square metres	42 880	53 504	87 618	232 681	403 952	73,6
		R'000	134 169	181 905	330 191	751 842	1 730 036	130,1
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	163 363	197 917	153 719	502 216	467 190	-7,0
		R'000	447 730	618 485	404 231	1 461 513	1 385 608	-5,2
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	14 721	16 394	8 623	84 630	40 372	-52,3
		R'000	41 907	46 963	26 609	299 015	125 733	-58,0
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	995 325	1 065 573	1 124 350	3 348 763	3 974 979	18,7
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	440 536	341 446	322 762	1 181 140	985 239	-16,6
		R'000	1 331 874	1 169 831	1 074 759	3 549 096	3 339 421	-5,9
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	60 088	149 367	79 596	246 953	456 140	84,7
		R'000	245 047	653 408	302 528	997 642	1 951 147	95,6
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 576 921	1 823 239	1 377 287	4 546 738	5 290 568	16,4
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	6 556 760	7 048 596	5 879 796	18 230 081	19 556 447	7,3

<sup>1/</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2007 and 2008.

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

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

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

<sup>\*</sup>Revised.

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

			Mar. 2007*	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Jan Mar. 2007	Jan Mar. 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	228	197	297	794	909	14,5
		square metres	9 832	10 190	14 620	36 368	794 909	21,3
		R'000	17 742	23 086	35 048	75 119	84 262	12,2
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	720	486	446	1 769	1 384	-21,8
		square metres	163 399	119 445	127 281	414 850	355 571	-14,3
		R'000	554 970	460 559	461 930	1 372 526	1 326 812	-3,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	583	1 526	385	1 493	2 286	53,1
		square metres	66 225	164 969	33 422	163 246	240 924	47,6
		R'000	265 633	598 211	121 741	598 539	877 749	46,6
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	282	445	4 652	34 782	5 097	-85,3
		R'000	1 096	1 689	17 217	126 057	18 906	-85,0
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	839 441	1 083 545	635 936	2 172 241	2 307 729	6,2
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	57 432	11 481	14 904	90 532	30 074	-66,8
		R'000	190 676	43 433	58 254	299 655	84 262           769         1 384           350         355 571           526         1 326 812           493         2 286           246         240 924           539         877 749           782         5 097           357         18 906           241         2 307 729           332         30 074           355         115 619           433         45 206           203         175 717           513         151 374           360         479 955           363         13 427           453         31 913           371         803 204           3841         818 003           367         68 138	-61,4
	2. Shopping space	square metres	6 059	13 775	31 431	26 433	45 206	71,0
		R'000	17 747	54 575	121 142	83 203	175 717	111,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	22 621	58 110	42 875	106 513	151 374	42,1
		R'000	64 673	201 935	104 728	328 660	479 955	46,0
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 550	6 885	3 436	27 363	13 427	-50,9
		R'000	8 529	14 480	9 713	85 453	31 913	-62,7
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	281 625	314 423	293 837	796 971	803 204	0,8
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	122 460	91 385	90 308	335 300	254 378	-24,1
		R'000	344 186	291 999	290 787	956 341	818 003	-14,5
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	12 062	21 067	9 631	63 697	68 138	7,0
		R'000	71 383	119 666	47 583	288 330	319 955	11,0
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	415 569	411 665	338 370	1 244 671	1 137 958	-8,6
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 536 635	1 809 633	1 268 143	4 213 883	4 248 891	0,8

<sup>1/</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2007 and 2008.

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

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

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

<sup>\*</sup>Revised.

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

			Mar. 2007*	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Jan Mar. 2007	Jan Mar. 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	145	45	116	280	205	-26,8
		square metres	6 380	2 002	4 893	12 388	9 004	-27,3
		R'000	9 475	3 751	5 608	15 551	13 559	-12,8
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	145	83	100	440	251	-43,0
		square metres	38 682	27 053	24 197	112 479	71 740	-36,2
		R'000	109 958	86 554	68 212	304 707	236 765	-22,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	84	0	4	128	4	-96,9
		square metres	14 545	0	498	21 666	498	-97,7
		R'000	32 422	0	1 263	50 153	1 263	-97,5
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 240	0	1 169	2 661	1 169	-56,1
		R'000	4 502	0	3 372	5 610	3 372	-39,9
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	156 357	90 305	78 455	376 021	254 959	-32,2
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	3 918	0	3 435	5 047	3 435	-31,9
		R'000	11 006	0	8 389	13 892	8 389	-39,6
	2. Shopping space	square metres	9 846	1 936	0	75 785	85 499	12,8
		R'000	18 608	4 353	0	191 713	362 125	88,9
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	37	7 686	2 720	13 959	13 755	-1,5
		R'000	100	16 756	6 558	38 634	31 793	-17,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	276	255	1 584	1 780	2 222	24,8
		R'000	602	612	5 069	4 418	6 752	52,8
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	30 316	21 721	20 016	248 657	409 059	64,5
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	36 282	16 351	21 647	99 325	52 794	-46,8
		R'000	105 636	41 078	56 071	262 281	135 555	-48,3
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 164	850	3 280	10 165	9 662	-4,9
		R'000	6 931	7 586	6 989	29 955	29 384	-1,9
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	112 567	48 664	63 060	292 236	164 939	-43,6
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	299 240	160 690	161 531	916 914	828 957	-9,6

<sup>1/</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2007 and 2008.

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

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

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

<sup>\*</sup>Revised.

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

			Mar. 2007*	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Jan Mar. 2007	Jan Mar. 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	0	0	26	7	-73,1
		square metres	507	0	0	1 354	278	-79,5
		R'000	1 587	0	0	4 375	469	-89,3
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	89	23	12	147	59	-59,9
		square metres	9 977	5 053	2 812	22 577	12 668	-43,9
		R'000	22 921	15 335	9 131	57 815	40 172	-30,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	2	1	99	8	112	1 300,0
		square metres	218	148	5 609	1 431	7 642	434,0
		R'000	786	414	14 514	4 148	20 206	387,1
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	931	0	0	2 167	
		R'000	0	3 259	0	0	7 585	
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	25 294	19 008	23 645	66 338	68 432	3,2
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	2 587	1 411	1 078	4 561	323,1
		R'000	0	7 736	3 723	2 587	13 113	406,9
	2. Shopping space	square metres	260	2 623	0	4 850	2 623	-45,9
		R'000	572	8 516	0	8 500	8 516	0,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	239	898	509	1 075	2 359	119,4
		R'000	220	2 514	1 120	1 892	6 195	227,4
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	253	276	139	853	513,7
		R'000	0	708	607	273	2 222	713,9
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	792	19 474	5 450	13 252	30 046	126,7
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 934	6 450	4 882	13 281	14 478	9,0
		R'000	15 557	19 293	14 922	26 525	43 583	64,3
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	612	842	1 455	1 191	2 369	98,9
		R'000	1 526	2 358	4 154	4 174	6 914	65,6
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	17 083	21 651	19 076	30 699	50 497	64,5
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	43 169	60 133	48 171	110 289	148 975	35,1

<sup>1/</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2007 and 2008.

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

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

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

<sup>\*</sup>Revised.

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

			Mar. 2007*	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Jan Mar. 2007	Jan Mar. 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	28	15	12	94	35	-62,8
		square metres	1 598	1 004	802	4 931	2 269	-54,0
		R'000	3 202	2 150	1 882	8 003	5 202	-35,0
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	115	132	95	372	303	-18,5
		square metres	26 685	31 480	24 472	80 352	75 582	-5,9
		R'000	65 584	87 722	74 330	199 039	217 518	9,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	142	38	8	397	110	-72,3
		square metres	21 025	4 950	933	42 584	12 431	-70,8
		R'000	58 448	13 591	2 619	112 667	34 604	-69,3
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	11 242	58	220	11 633	278	-97,6
		R'000	37 471	128	792	38 079	920	-97,6
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	164 705	103 591	79 623	357 788	258 244	-27,8
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 018	3 649	5 055	4 667	-7,7
		R'000	0	2 461	12 609	18 198	15 070	-17,2
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	820	162	1 680	1 156	-31,2
		R'000	0	2 460	486	6 048	3 642	-39,8
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 415	2 072	967	11 128	3 039	-72,7
		R'000	7 929	5 375	2 722	19 559	8 097	-58,6
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	2 606	0	1 306	4 072	211,8
		R'000	0	7 892	0	3 246	13 015	301,0
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	7 929	18 188	15 817	47 051	39 824	-15,4
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 722	18 191	14 065	48 918	43 366	-11,3
		R'000	33 852	44 223	34 961	115 283	106 201	-7,9
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 325	4 485	1 998	10 030	8 346	-16,8
		R'000	10 005	13 327	10 333	38 810	41 299	6,4
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	43 857	57 550	45 294	154 093	147 500	-4,3
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	216 491	179 329	140 734	558 932	445 568	-20,3

<sup>1/</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2007 and 2008.

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

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

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

<sup>\*</sup>Revised.

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

			Mar. 2007*	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Jan Mar. 2007	Jan Mar. 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	113	83	69	273	213	-22,0
		square metres	6 034	4 569	3 938	15 354	11 973	-22,0
		R'000	17 256	18 443	12 579	48 804	46 033	-5,7
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	249	193	193	616	576	-6,5
		square metres	52 059	54 015	60 001	141 050	169 138	19,9
		R'000	178 472	241 443	274 607	502 681	765 173	52,2
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	748	1 145	237	1 748	1 581	-9,6
		square metres	68 508	116 066	39 854	180 466	192 186	6,5
		R'000	247 365	616 501	153 051	646 461	980 319	51,6
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	205	0	1 672	1 586	-5,1
		R'000	0	750	0	6 310	7 750	22,8
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	443 093	877 137	440 237	1 204 256	1 799 275	49,4
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	7 558	18 048	17 509	16 759	42 644	154,5
		R'000	25 908	90 470	82 063	69 585	198 777	185,7
	2. Shopping space	square metres	7 795	18 768	1 151	18 924	105 057	455,2
		R'000	23 652	66 226	3 485	74 147	530 814	615,9
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	26 258	63 509	43 469	75 052	125 390	67,1
		R'000	74 904	183 527	109 887	211 567	352 682	66,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 518	805	1 670	19 173	6 149	-67,9
		R'000	9 104	3 623	5 981	71 601	26 474	-63,0
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	133 568	343 846	201 416	426 900	1 108 747	159,7
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	61 665	58 471	39 512	151 650	153 493	1,2
		R'000	213 516	251 140	163 515	530 874	637 510	20,1
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	12 470	45 514	10 569	54 896	77 856	41,8
		R'000	36 360	181 433	48 435	227 567	324 634	42,7
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	249 876	432 573	211 950	758 441	962 144	26,9
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	826 537	1 653 556	853 603	2 389 597	3 870 166	62,0

<sup>1/</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2007 and 2008.

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

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

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

<sup>\*</sup>Revised.

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

			Mar. 2007*	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Jan Mar. 2007	Jan Mar. 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	299	48	31	1 419	147	-89,6
		square metres	11 333	2 767	1 696	54 103	9 313	-82,8
		R'000	12 277	7 043	3 675	63 932	18 047	-71,8
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	273	198	180	670	505	-24,6
		square metres	62 570	34 327	39 265	148 469	102 563	-30,9
		R'000	169 845	87 430	114 043	410 172	271 811	-33,7
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	118	74	146	608	345	-43,3
		square metres	12 141	6 585	18 883	81 926	38 920	-52,5
		R'000	38 222	19 592	61 022	210 288	113 760	-45,9
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	367	0	3 081	506	-83,6
		R'000	0	733	0	9 985	1 081	-89,2
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	220 344	114 798	178 740	694 377	404 699	-41,7
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	1 141	11 436	2 193	5 666	13 629	140,5
		R'000	3 084	32 021	5 745	17 769	37 766	112,5
	2. Shopping space	square metres	4 336	9 858	517	20 932	14 696	-29,8
		R'000	14 031	28 093	500	64 168	36 630	-42,9
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 307	4 062	1 300	14 489	5 362	-63,0
		R'000	12 197	5 479	4 550	31 247	10 029	-67,9
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 364	0	1 372	8 018	1 372	-82,9
		R'000	7 921	0	3 962	22 778	3 962	-82,6
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	37 233	65 593	14 757	135 962	88 387	-35,0
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 270	11 970	8 656	38 734	29 364	-24,2
		R'000	28 997	25 979	18 354	84 905	64 181	-24,4
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 304	4 134	3 335	5 758	9 356	62,5
		R'000	6 669	9 053	11 930	19 467	24 280	24,7
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	35 666	35 032	30 284	104 372	88 461	-15,2
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	293 243	215 423	223 781	934 711	581 547	-37,8

<sup>1/</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2007 and 2008.

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

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

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

<sup>\*</sup>Revised.

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

			Mar. 2007*	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Jan Mar. 2007	Jan Mar. 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 504	1 286	2 377	5 056	4 030	-20,3
		square metres	66 061	61 547	106 596	219 634	185 769	-15,4
		R'000	152 015	143 303	211 358	493 418	401 726	-18,6
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 208	645	823	2 850	2 058	-27,8
		square metres	307 894	187 449	209 037	779 099	549 997	-29,4
		R'000	1 044 812	720 727	801 439	2 655 955	2 070 448	-22,0
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	1 263	1 084	1 483	2 949	3 637	23,3
		square metres	196 751	130 967	150 713	405 551	428 158	5,6
		R'000	684 007	551 678	709 303	1 468 435	1 837 992	25,2
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	61 742	31	1 700	70 824	4 066,1
		R'000	0	240 297	124	7 212	301 063	4 074,5
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	1 880 834	1 656 005	1 722 224	4 625 020	4 611 229	-0,3
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	30 293	4 546	28 692	82 133	50 922	-38,0
		R'000	134 133	26 621	162 262	383 970	283 252	-26,2
	2. Shopping space	square metres	10 804	5 724	30 194	70 751	56 376	-20,3
		R'000	48 764	17 682	145 754	294 092	238 534	-18,9
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	99 400	56 407	57 416	241 808	143 488	-40,7
		R'000	271 331	189 966	162 676	675 896	436 606	-35,4
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 337	1 504	156	23 468	2 654	-88,7
		R'000	11 735	5 758	827	102 306	10 131	-90,1
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	465 963	240 027	471 519	1 456 264	968 523	-33,5
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	153 821	112 840	118 555	405 982	367 222	-9,5
		R'000	517 753	424 822	430 548	1 360 056	1 343 121	-1,2
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	18 609	66 545	45 968	85 321	267 573	213,6
		R'000	86 037	297 369	162 180	347 222	1 157 853	233,5
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	603 790	722 191	592 728	1 707 278	2 500 974	46,5
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	2 950 587	2 618 223	2 786 471	7 788 562	8 080 726	3,8

<sup>1/</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2007 and 2008.

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

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

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

<sup>\*</sup>Revised.

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

			Mar. 2007*	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Jan Mar. 2007	Jan Mar. 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit			•			
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	36	49	196	421	270	-35,9
		square metres	2 039	2 784	9 578	16 291	14 049	-13,8
		R'000	5 754	6 104	16 079	26 449	27 262	3,1
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	205	150	115	624	375	-39,9
		square metres	52 107	36 341	30 115	154 359	92 647	-40,0
		R'000	129 502	105 098	82 069	449 973	270 465	-39,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	130	106	25	389	148	-62,0
		square metres	16 686	6 609	4 577	40 168	14 161	-64,7
		R'000	40 216	20 283	11 565	115 489	39 628	-65,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	78	0	744	3 889	744	-80,9
		R'000	234	0	2 607	10 918	2 607	-76,1
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	175 706	131 485	112 320	602 829	339 962	-43,6
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	1 100	1 680	5 886	9 207	11 532	25,3
		R'000	4 800	4 315	24 615	26 067	44 794	71,8
	2. Shopping space	square metres	3 780	0	14 163	4 674	73 333	1 469,0
		R'000	10 795	0	36 824	14 173	329 667	2 226,0
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 729	387	2 797	31 506	15 703	-50,2
		R'000	10 629	968	7 604	137 488	43 230	-68,6
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	349	398	129	1 546	2 367	53,1
		R'000	1 048	800	450	4 442	8 030	80,8
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	27 272	6 083	69 493	182 170	425 721	133,7
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	21 087	17 065	18 148	56 216	47 854	-14,9
		R'000	50 242	49 121	47 595	137 163	134 639	-1,8
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	8 292	5 328	2 445	12 812	10 269	-19,8
		R'000	23 184	21 336	9 088	35 397	41 114	16,2
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	73 426	70 457	56 683	172 560	175 753	1,9
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	276 404	208 025	238 496	957 559	941 436	-1,7

<sup>1/</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2007 and 2008.

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

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

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

<sup>\*</sup>Revised.

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

			Mar. 2007	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Jan Mar. 2007	Jan Mar. 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit					-	
1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	36	18	10	135	46	-65,9
		square metres	2 391	1 140	666	8 554	2 971	-65,3
		R'000	6 159	2 991	2 062	22 313	7 593	-66,0
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	83	83	81	263	218	-17,1
		square metres	18 087	16 075	17 717	55 246	46 483	-15,9
		R'000	49 801	49 748	52 379	145 907	142 324	-2,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	50	47	173	197	256	29,9
		square metres	4 676	6 799	21 015	21 603	31 181	44,3
		R'000	12 196	19 065	52 538	53 008	83 388	57,3
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	4 811	4 947	0	6 265	5 401	-13,8
		R'000	10 584	12 106	0	14 482	13 066	-9,8
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	78 740	83 910	106 979	235 710	246 371	4,5
2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	1. Office and banking space	square metres	714	4 465	2 830	1 817	7 295	301,5
		R'000	1 912	11 163	5 659	4 670	16 822	260,2
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	0	10 000	8 652	20 006	131,2
		R'000	0	0	22 000	15 798	44 391	181,0
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 357	4 786	1 666	6 686	6 720	0,5
		R'000	5 747	11 965	4 386	16 570	17 021	2,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 327	3 688	0	1 837	7 256	295,0
		R'000	2 968	13 090	0	4 498	23 234	416,5
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	10 627	36 218	32 045	41 536	101 468	144,3
3. Flats and townhouses	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 295	8 723	6 989	31 734	22 290	-29,8
		R'000	22 135	22 176	18 006	75 668	56 628	-25,2
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 250	602	915	3 083	2 571	-16,6
		R'000	2 952	1 280	1 836	6 720	5 714	-15,0
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	25 087	23 456	19 842	82 388	62 342	-24,3
4. Other residential buildings 2/	1. Total at current prices	R'000	114 454	143 584	158 866	359 634	410 181	14,1

<sup>1/</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2007 and 2008.

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

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

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

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

			Mar. 2007*	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Jan Mar. 2007	Jan Mar. 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2 249	1 949	2 246	6 864	4 968	-27,6
		square metres	92 350	84 367	95 444	277 689	218 026	-21,5
		R'000	172 759	183 066	150 830	487 406	426 822	-12,4
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 719	1 788	1 979	4 770	5 064	6,2
		square metres	393 568	379 845	428 726	1 086 217	1 098 840	1,2
		R'000	1 214 708	1 207 720	1 322 063	3 303 373	3 471 498	5,1
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	1 972	1 847	2 339	5 573	5 472	-1,8
		square metres	212 725	190 904	253 507	619 298	586 116	-5,4
		R'000	699 627	709 012	926 737	1 933 489	2 173 836	12,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	3 477	5 703	11 502	34 465	26 775	-22,3
		R'000	19 830	27 376	29 828	246 880	89 697	-63,7
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	2 106 924	2 127 174	2 429 458	5 971 148	6 161 853	3,2
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	89 269	66 687	161 401	162 960	247 663	52,0
		R'000	246 234	261 898	578 450	519 727	929 085	78,8
	2. Shopping space	square metres	75 713	29 836	25 090	163 798	133 657	-18,4
		R'000	182 546	91 917	90 822	509 693	485 061	-4,8
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	135 597	87 549	83 656	344 103	262 569	-23,7
		R'000	320 917	233 532	231 179	931 171	712 787	-23,5
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	12 733	10 612	10 494	58 689	32 759	-44,2
		R'000	28 902	33 618	28 432	186 544	96 601	-48,2
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	778 599	620 965	928 883	2 147 135	2 223 534	3,6
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	173 759	154 772	171 034	512 018	476 304	-7,0
		R'000	481 665	467 746	517 842	1 409 934	1 446 351	2,6
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	66 061	127 740	66 576	156 789	234 792	49,8
		R'000	187 216	437 951	267 650	461 157	851 786	84,7
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	668 881	905 697	785 492	1 871 091	2 298 137	22,8
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	3 554 404	3 653 836	4 143 833	9 989 374	10 683 524	6,9

<sup>1/</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2007 and 2008.

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

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

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

<sup>\*</sup> Revised.

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

			Mar. 2007*	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Jan Mar. 2007	Jan Mar. 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	860	272	128	2 428	463	-80,9
		square metres	30 760	11 736	5 405	85 590	20 268	-76,3
		R'000	42 585	21 146	10 371	111 201	39 727	-64,3
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	435	527	516	1 267	1 371	8,2
		square metres	108 468	113 348	107 427	286 798	303 627	5,9
		R'000	324 800	356 562	337 240	840 539	965 062	14,8
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	538	629	795	1 811	1 603	-11,5
		square metres	57 767	52 989	72 112	173 063	146 286	-15,5
		R'000	178 426	207 065	227 749	548 096	507 900	-7,3
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	3 177	0	2 256	16 382	2 256	-86,2
		R'000	18 930	0	7 743	64 418	7 743	-88,0
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	564 741	584 773	583 103	1 564 254	1 520 432	-2,8
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	63 079	27 371	17 333	74 792	45 217	-39,5
		R'000	168 231	89 489	56 334	201 855	147 516	-26,9
	2. Shopping space	square metres	3 969	1 050	1 652	9 101	31 836	249,8
		R'000	13 691	3 771	4 130	25 435	113 748	347,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	50 698	57 489	27 337	125 966	114 153	-9,4
		R'000	130 486	141 637	89 387	355 650	308 729	-13,2
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	8 220	1 136	3 686	19 297	8 919	-53,8
		R'000	18 223	4 332	11 281	51 189	22 386	-56,3
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	330 631	239 229	161 132	634 129	592 379	-6,6
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	60 888	62 518	58 991	180 087	184 553	2,5
		R'000	158 363	162 982	171 599	469 589	517 485	10,2
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	35 842	38 512	15 147	74 966	76 886	2,6
		R'000	85 269	158 217	79 811	202 472	313 854	55,0
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	243 632	321 199	251 410	672 061	831 339	23,7
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 139 004	1 145 201	995 645	2 870 444	2 944 150	2,6

<sup>1/</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2007 and 2008.

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

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

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

<sup>\*</sup>Revised.

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

			Mar. 2007*	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Jan Mar. 2007	Jan Mar. 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building								
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	87	43	110	250	215	-14,0
Non-residential buildings  Additions and alterations		square metres	3 959	2 120	4 618	10 754	9 319	-13,3
		4 260	6 580	19 693	14 303	-27,4		
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	94	80	109	277	275	-0,7
		square metres	12 352	16 583	24 021	40 214	61 167	52,1
		R'000	30 212	42 527	68 178	101 884	171 050	67,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	0	44	73	83	188	126,5
		square metres	0	5 380	7 365	11 032	18 834	70,7
		R'000	0	17 563	22 321	25 579	56 956	122,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	936	0	0	936	
		R'000	0	1 920	0	0	1 920	
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	38 042	66 270	97 079	147 156	244 229	66,0
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	1 254	69	680	1 254	749	-40,3
		R'000	3 163	158	2 380	3 163	2 538	-19,8
	2. Shopping space	square metres	285	2 591	1 414	1 612	27 364	1 597,5
		R'000	627	7 101	3 587	3 838	88 647	2 209,7
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	552	15 884	15 144	17 394	14,9
		R'000	0	1 063	28 543	39 146	30 894	-21,1
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 488	46	36	2 195	221	-89,9
		R'000	2 976	100	78	4 795	516	-89,2
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	6 766	8 422	34 588	50 942	122 595	140,7
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	16 121	8 215	13 373	36 707	28 757	-21,7
		R'000	32 969	17 972	30 326	72 026	62 250	-13,6
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	8 050	9 340	7 704	16 712	17 740	6,2
		R'000	19 438	21 199	15 572	38 384	37 509	-2,3
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	52 407	39 171	45 898	110 410	99 759	-9,6
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	97 215	113 863	177 565	308 508	466 583	51,2

<sup>1/</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2007 and 2008.

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

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

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

<sup>\*</sup>Revised.

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

			Mar. 2007*	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Jan Mar. 2007	Jan Mar. 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	0	2	14	3	-78,6
		square metres	204	0	132	743	172	-76,9
		R'000	441	0	396	1 201	508	-57,7
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	28	15	7	57	42	-26,3
		square metres	4 853	2 477	1 147	10 076	6 648	-34,0
		R'000	10 912	7 418	3 386	23 244	19 335	-16,8
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	35	6	32	54	59	9,3
		square metres	4 633	688	3 159	7 320	6 599	-9,8
		R'000	12 642	2 064	8 672	17 572	18 442	5,0
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	915	0	0	915	
		R'000	0	2 562	0	0	2 562	
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	23 995	12 044	12 454	42 017	40 847	-2,8
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	5 682	153	-97,3
		R'000	0	0	0	14 000	428	-96,9
	2. Shopping space	square metres	1 532	659	0	3 688	835	-77,4
		R'000	3 677	2 372	0	7 854	3 006	-61,7
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	591	0	0	1 073	302	-71,9
		R'000	1 418	0	0	2 818	664	-76,4
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	324	0	324	
		R'000	0	0	907	0	907	
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	5 095	2 372	907	24 672	5 005	-79,7
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 595	2 915	2 893	8 370	8 943	6,8
		R'000	6 005	8 587	8 153	18 213	27 018	48,3
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	223	510	912	257	1 947	657,6
		R'000	535	1 428	2 110	697	4 678	571,2
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	6 540	10 015	10 263	18 910	31 696	67,6
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	35 630	24 431	23 624	85 599	77 548	-9,4

<sup>1/</sup> The percentage change between January 2007 and January 2008.

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

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

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

<sup>\*</sup>Revised.

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

			Mar. 2007*	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Jan Mar. 2007	Jan Mar. 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit					<del>-</del>	
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	23	85	319	117	-63,3
		square metres	897	1 396	4 355	14 330	6 244	-56,4
		R'000	1 890	2 840	6 003	16 558	9 884	-40,3
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	44	58	91	204	198	-2,9
		square metres	9 387	9 640	15 886	39 136	34 048	-13,0
		R'000	19 286	23 767	36 631	81 387	83 705	2,8
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	29	37	7	76	57	-25,0
		square metres	2 856	5 005	305	8 785	7 096	-19,2
		R'000	7 119	12 674	793	26 020	16 807	-35,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	8 970	4 987	9 183	84,1
		R'000	0	0	21 395	79 092	21 864	-72,4
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	28 295	39 281	64 822	203 057	132 260	-34,9
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	1 254	0	6 252	1 254	6 252	398,6
		R'000	4 514	0	21 848	4 514	21 848	384,0
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	2 280	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	8 971	0	-100,0
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	775	1 307	2 800	839	4 107	389,5
		R'000	1 799	2 875	7 600	1 940	10 475	439,9
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	819	191	819	328,8
		R'000	0	0	1 802	529	1 802	240,6
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	6 313	2 875	31 250	15 954	34 125	113,9
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 165	7 069	7 075	13 559	19 424	43,3
		R'000	11 007	15 354	16 345	25 540	45 452	78,0
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 793	121	717	3 552	1 035	-70,9
		R'000	6 131	977	2 972	9 272	5 515	-40,5
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	17 138	16 331	19 317	34 812	50 967	46,4
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	51 746	58 487	115 389	253 823	217 352	-14,4

<sup>1/</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2007 and 2008.

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

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

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

<sup>\*</sup>Revised.

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

			Mar. 2007*	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Jan Mar. 2007	Jan Mar. 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	151	146	211	379	427	12,7
		square metres	6 100	6 295	8 091	16 025	17 948	12,0
		R'000	14 918	19 466	18 963	40 778	51 726	26,8
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	140	136	147	392	398	1,5
		square metres	30 200	28 509	37 767	90 918	92 882	2,2
		R'000	109 601	118 286	160 218	338 814	393 349	16,1
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	346	138	283	594	541	-8,9
		square metres	41 885	20 701	47 484	98 339	89 988	-8,5
		R'000	160 645	88 683	181 731	295 247	346 348	17,3
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	12 606	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	101 900	0	-100,0
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	285 164	226 435	360 912	776 739	791 423	1,9
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	3 227	18 279	2 651	11 735	30 452	159,5
		R'000	8 675	86 187	13 255	33 801	148 713	340,0
	2. Shopping space	square metres	833	2 993	2 290	34 439	5 283	-84,7
		R'000	2 857	11 104	6 300	117 733	17 404	-85,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	41 696	1 775	19 694	103 322	47 545	-54,0
		R'000	68 572	4 965	50 544	253 599	139 532	-45,0
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	573	3 842	0	5 922	6 458	9,1
		R'000	1 514	14 658	0	23 523	27 738	17,9
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	81 618	116 914	70 099	428 656	333 387	-22,2
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	26 671	23 838	23 869	75 044	73 685	-1,8
		R'000	96 647	110 011	101 095	268 847	327 926	22,0
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	6 225	67 700	13 159	29 022	84 212	190,2
		R'000	26 053	217 968	43 583	90 689	279 335	208,0
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	122 700	327 979	144 678	359 536	607 261	68,9
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	489 482	671 328	575 689	1 564 931	1 732 071	10,7

<sup>1/</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2007 and 2008.

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

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

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

<sup>\*</sup>Revised.

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

			Mar. 2007*	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Jan Mar. 2007	Jan Mar. 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	184	364	32	620	442	-28,7
		square metres	8 414	11 970	1 705	23 711	16 373	-30,9
		R'000	8 051	20 958	3 368	21 895	30 688	40,2
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	185	153	149	397	431	8,6
		square metres	41 981	27 440	39 624	94 904	91 471	-3,6
		R'000	122 517	76 404	84 044	275 089	223 509	-18,8
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	193	153	83	433	395	-8,8
		square metres	17 430	13 280	9 090	31 933	35 060	9,8
		R'000	42 408	38 050	26 392	77 966	107 300	37,6
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	276	0	276	
		R'000	0	0	690	0	690	
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	172 976	135 412	114 494	374 950	362 187	-3,4
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	1 509	2 237	2 705	2 795	5 723	104,8
		R'000	3 319	5 400	8 700	6 148	16 226	163,9
	2. Shopping space	square metres	3 720	3 955	512	19 889	4 467	-77,5
		R'000	9 300	8 176	1 126	59 299	9 302	-84,3
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	921	1 265	0	2 186	
		R'000	0	1 400	3 100	0	4 500	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	979	2 459	602	1 623	3 282	102,2
		R'000	2 197	6 960	1 143	3 738	8 183	118,9
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	14 816	21 936	14 069	69 185	38 211	-44,8
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 574	4 257	2 289	10 803	12 559	16,3
		R'000	8 011	8 163	3 905	22 727	20 426	-10,1
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 771	421	0	1 771	701	-60,4
		R'000	7 393	463	0	7 513	1 305	-82,6
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	15 404	8 626	3 905	30 240	21 731	-28,1
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	203 196	165 974	132 468	474 375	422 129	-11,0

<sup>1/</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2007 and 2008.

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

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

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

<sup>\*</sup>Revised.

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

			Mar. 2007*	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Jan Mar. 2007	Jan Mar. 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit		•				
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	910	854	1 543	2 650	2 770	4,5
		square metres	39 647	39 137	64 414	114 453	121 679	6,3
		R'000	91 139	101 432	96 673	251 258	248 999	-0,9
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	677	664	728	1 788	1 859	4,0
		square metres	163 981	145 119	147 851	449 561	397 658	-11,5
		R'000	538 728	489 595	473 253	1 456 193	1 310 351	-10,0
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	757	779	964	2 298	2 413	5,0
		square metres	79 766	87 585	106 359	263 676	263 660	-0,0
		R'000	275 530	327 092	434 476	878 934	1 062 071	20,8
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	3 852	0	0	13 209	
		R'000	0	22 894	0	0	54 918	
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	905 397	941 013	1 004 402	2 586 385	2 676 339	3,5
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	15 391	18 731	130 618	57 892	157 955	172,8
		R'000	45 546	80 664	472 933	230 160	588 816	155,8
	2. Shopping space	square metres	59 600	14 378	19 222	85 856	58 870	-31,4
		R'000	136 639	49 421	75 679	268 501	241 240	-10,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	39 489	23 540	12 426	87 807	70 667	-19,5
		R'000	113 643	76 674	39 347	256 202	200 417	-21,8
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 056	1 922	4 797	28 241	9 682	-65,7
		R'000	2 991	5 368	12 186	99 552	27 306	-72,6
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	298 819	212 127	600 145	854 415	1 057 779	23,8
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	52 657	37 739	50 812	165 547	119 008	-28,1
		R'000	157 917	123 836	159 375	486 693	374 806	-23,0
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	10 494	9 384	27 371	28 684	47 310	64,9
		R'000	39 485	33 901	118 007	105 519	194 525	84,4
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	197 402	157 737	277 382	592 212	569 331	-3,9
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 401 618	1 310 877	1 881 929	4 033 012	4 303 449	6,7

<sup>1/</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2007 and 2008.

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

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

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

<sup>\*</sup>Revised.

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

			Mar. 2007*	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Jan Mar. 2007	Jan Mar. 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	16	224	120	124	484	290,3
		square metres	972	10 214	5 771	7 037	22 948	226,1
		R'000	2 546	9 075	5 448	11 998	22 407	86,8
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	70	111	181	247	377	52,6
		square metres	14 311	24 951	47 318	47 019	88 710	88,7
		R'000	35 066	64 115	129 744	116 464	237 986	104,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	26	61	7	146	121	-17,1
		square metres	3 877	5 276	512	16 433	11 472	-30,2
		R'000	9 324	15 821	1 868	42 291	35 277	-16,6
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	300	0	0	490	0	-100,0
		R'000	900	0	0	1 470	0	-100,0
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	47 836	89 011	137 060	172 223	295 670	71,7
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	2 379	0	1 162	6 380	1 162	-81,8
		R'000	9 258	0	3 000	22 558	3 000	-86,7
	2. Shopping space	square metres	4 017	1 547	0	4 460	1 547	-65,3
		R'000	10 044	4 297	0	11 153	4 297	-61,5
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 348	1 965	4 250	7 453	6 215	-16,6
		R'000	4 999	4 918	12 658	16 635	17 576	5,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	417	489	230	1 220	719	-41,1
		R'000	1 001	620	1 035	3 218	1 655	-48,6
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	25 302	9 835	16 693	53 564	26 528	-50,5
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 206	7 373	11 154	17 537	27 280	55,6
		R'000	8 695	18 583	25 604	36 614	65 601	79,2
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	663	1 752	1 491	1 529	4 886	219,6
		R'000	2 912	3 798	5 430	5 949	14 900	150,5
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	11 607	22 381	31 034	42 563	80 501	89,1
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	84 745	121 227	184 787	268 350	402 699	50,1

<sup>1/</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2007 and 2008.

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

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

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

<sup>\*</sup>Revised.

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

			Mar. 2007*	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Jan Mar. 2007	Jan Mar. 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit		-			,	
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	23	23	15	80	47	-41,3
		square metres	1 397	1 499	953	5 046	3 075	-39,1
		R'000	3 359	3 889	3 028	12 824	8 580	-33,1
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	46	44	51	141	113	-19,9
		square metres	8 035	11 778	7 685	27 591	22 629	-18,0
		R'000	23 586	29 046	29 369	69 759	67 151	-3,7
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	48	0	95	78	95	21,8
		square metres	4 511	0	7 121	8 717	7 121	-18,3
		R'000	13 533	0	22 735	21 784	22 735	4,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	40 478	32 935	55 132	104 367	98 466	-5,7
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	1 176	0	0	1 176	0	-100,0
		R'000	3 528	0	0	3 528	0	-100,0
	2. Shopping space	square metres	1 757	2 663	0	2 473	3 455	39,7
		R'000	5 711	5 675	0	6 909	7 417	7,4
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	2 499	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	5 181	0	-100,0
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	718	0	0	2 335	
		R'000	0	1 580	0	0	6 108	
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	9 239	7 255	0	15 618	13 525	-13,4
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	882	848	578	4 364	2 095	-52,0
		R'000	2 051	2 258	1 440	9 685	5 387	-44,4
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	75	296	75	-74,7
		R'000	0	0	165	662	165	-75,1
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 051	2 258	1 605	10 347	5 552	-46,3
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	51 768	42 448	56 737	130 332	117 543	-9,8

<sup>1/</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2007 and 2008.

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

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

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

<sup>\*</sup>Revised.

Table 29 – Subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses completed and in process of completion 1/

Province	Year	Number	Square metres 2/	Value R'000 2/
	2002	19 534	531 116	168 852
Western Cape	2003	16 926	507 780	247 187
·	2004	12 751	382 530	211 424
	2002	46 700	1 575 675	473 806
Eastern Cape	2003	35 005	1 050 150	511 213
	2004	34 923	1 047 690	579 058
	2002	5 189	164 906	68 078
Northern Cape	2003	4 354	130 620	63 586
	2004	3 645	109 350	60 438
	2002	8 617	348 492	154 121
Free State	2003	14 848	445 440	216 840
	2004	16 522	495 660	273 951
	2002	21 958	831 349	234 041
KwaZulu-Natal	2003	31 372	941 160	458 157
	2004	35 968	1 079 040	596 385
	2002	21 309	630 115	210 439
North West	2003	13 809	414 270	201 667
	2004	10 149	304 470	168 281
	2002	29 939	991 571	321 943
Gauteng	2003	42 862	1 285 860	625 957
	2004	33 260	997 800	551 484
	2002	19 883	660 505	253 931
Mpumalanga	2003	21 336	640 080	246 079
-	2004	18 808	564 240	311 855
	2002	15 382	605 877	183 769
Limpopo	2003	15 596	467 880	227 764
	2004	16 338	490 140	270 900
	2002	188 511	6 339 606	2 068 980
South Africa	2003	196 108	5 883 240	2 798 450
	2004	182 364	5 470 920	3 023 777

Table 30 – Subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses completed: 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006

Province	Number	Square metres 2/	Value R'000 2/
Western Cape	2 040	61 200	52 877
Eastern Cape	16 874	506 220	437 374
Northern Cape	5 293	158 790	137 195
Free State	17 635	529 050	457 099
KwaZulu-Natal	21 601	648 030	559 898
North West	14 445	433 350	374 414
Gauteng	23 409	702 270	606 761
Mpumalanga	14 389	431 670	372 963
Limpopo	21 973	659 190	569 540
South Africa	137 659	4 129 770	3 568 121

Table 31 – Subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses completed and in process of completion 1/: 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007

Province	Number	Square metres 2/	R'000 2/
Western Cape	34 585	1 037 550	768 200
Eastern Cape	16 526	495 780	637 700
Northern Cape	3 880	116 400	104 800
Free State	19 662	589 860	528 400
KwaZulu-Natal	38 290	1 148 700	1 074 500
North West	46 972	1 409 160	696 500
Gauteng	77 044	2 311 320	1 748 300
Mpumalanga	10 651	319 530	329 900
Limpopo	23 609	708 270	646 700
South Africa	271 219	8 136 570	6 535 000

Source: Housing Subsidy System and Provincial Housing Departments co-ordinated by the National Department of Housing

<sup>1/</sup> Includes all top structures completed and sites serviced in respect of the reporting period.

<sup>2/</sup> Estimates by the National Department of Housing.

# **Explanatory notes**

#### Introduction

- 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. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses, supplied by the Housing Subsidy System and Provincial Housing Departments and coordinated by the National Department of Housing, are shown in table 29 to table 31 (page 37).
- 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

- This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding -
  - · passing of building plans; and
  - final inspection of completed buildings.

#### Classification

Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities, (SIC) Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.

#### Response rate

6 The preliminary response rate for the survey on building statistics for March 2008 was 95,7 %. Improved response rate for February 2008 was 95,7%.

#### 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

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 90 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.

According to the municipalities, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses, supplied by the provincial governments and co-ordinated by the National Department of Housing, are shown in table 29 to table 31 (page 37).

#### **Constant prices**

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 2000. 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: *JBCC Contract Price Adjustment Provisions Work Group Indices*. In order to be applicable, these indices (base February 1991=100) are converted to the base year 2000=100.

The value of buildings completed at constant prices is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with the price index which is used to calculate building plans passed at constant prices (see paragraph 8). Since the completion of buildings may extend over a few months to a few years, the current value of buildings completed is deflated by price indices which prevailed at the time the plans were passed. Therefore, the duration of the completion of different types of buildings are taken into account in ascertaining the deflators e.g. the value of dwelling-houses completed at constant prices at January 2007 is obtained by deflating the current value of dwelling-houses completed for January 2007 with the price index of a month six months prior to January 2007. Furthermore, the value of other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and additions and alterations at constant prices is obtained by deflating the current values with price indices of 12 months, 18 months and 12 months prior to the relevant month, respectively.

#### Seasonal adjustment

- 11 Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-11 Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by US Bureau of the Census Economic Research and Analyses Division, 1968.
- 12 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.

#### **Trend cycle**

13 The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-11 Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.

### **Revised figures**

- 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 month are therefore preliminary. Data are edited at municipal level.
- Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3 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 for 2007 where applicable.

#### Related publications

- 16 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.
  - Bulletin of Statistics issued quarterly.
  - South African Statistics issued annually.
  - Report 50-11-01 issued annually.

# Rounding-off of figures

17 The figures in the tables have, where necessary, been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.

#### Pre-release policy

18 Stats SA's pre-release policy may be inspected at its website, www.statssa.gov.za

# Symbols and abbreviations

19 .. no meaningful percentage change between two specified periods

available since either one or both of the totals are nil

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

JBCC Joint Building Contracts Committee

CD Compact Disc US United States

SARB South African Reserve Bank
DTI Department of Trade and Industry

### 2010 World Cup note

Information relating to the 2010 Soccer World Cup new stadia and renovations, as well as other public sector infrastructure spending e.g. Eskom expansions and the Gautrain project, will not be included in the private sector building data series, as these are partially public sector funded.

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### **Glossary**

**Additions and alterations** 

They include 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** 

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

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

Municipality that shares municipal executive and legislative authority in its area with a district municipality within whose area it falls, that is described in section 155(1) of the constitution as a category B municipality.

Non-residential buildings

Comprise factories, 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

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.

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.

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.

**Reference period** One calendar month.

**Residential buildings** Comprise dwelling-houses, flats, townhouses and other residential buildings.

**Townhouses**Multiple, medium-density dwelling-units and include 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 excludes blocks

of flats.

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