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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 2008 versus January to March 2009

Estimates at current prices	January to March 2008	January to March 2009 1/	Difference in value between January to March 2008 and January to March 2009	Percentage change between January to March 2008 and January to March 2009
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	10 653 167	5 743 570	-4 909 597	-46,1
-Dwelling-houses	6 236 030	4 028 681	-2 207 349	-35,4
-Flats and townhouses	4 043 059	1 462 813	-2 580 246	-63,8
-Other residential buildings	374 078	252 076	-122 002	-32,6
Non-residential buildings	4 340 976	3 743 550	-597 426	-13,8
Additions and alterations	5 506 803	3 923 795	-1 583 008	-28,7
Total	20 500 946	13 410 915	-7 090 031	-34,6

1/ Mar. 2009 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 decreased

The value of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities (at current prices) during the first quarter of 2009 decreased by 34,6% (-R7 090,0 million) compared with the first quarter of 2008 (see Table A).

The largest decrease was reported for residential buildings (-46,1% or -R4 909,6 million), followed by additions and alterations (-28,7% or -R1 583,0 million) and non-residential buildings (-13,8% or -R597,4 million).

Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level: January to March 2008 versus January to March 2009

Estimates at current prices	January to March 2008	January to March 2009 1/	Percentage contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to March 2008	Percentage change between January to March 2008 and January to March 2009	Contribution (percentage points) to the percentage change in the value of building plans passed between January to March 2008 and January to March 2009 2/	Difference in value between January to March 2008 and January to March 2009
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	4 309 507	2 703 859	21,0	-37,3	-7,8	-1 605 648
Eastern Cape	880 406	646 229	4,3	-26,6	-1,1	-234 177
Northern Cape	151 994	87 096	0,7	-42,7	-0,3	-64 898
Free State	445 319	462 570	2,2	3,9	0,1	17 251
KwaZulu-Natal	4 013 035	2 405 353	19,6	-40,1	-7,8	-1 607 682
North West	618 937	744 246	3,0	20,2	0,6	125 309
Gauteng	8 579 934	5 497 292	41,9	-35,9	-15,0	-3 082 642
Mpumalanga	1 003 896	567 022	4,9	-43,5	-2,1	-436 874
Limpopo	497 918	297 248	2,4	-40,3	-1,0	-200 670
Total	20 500 946	13 410 915	100,0	-34,6	-34,6	-7 090 031

1/ Mar. 2009 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between Jan. to Mar. 2008 and Jan. to Mar. 2009 with the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during Jan. to Mar. 2008, divided by 100.

Seven provinces reported decreases in the value of building plans passed during the first quarter of 2009. The biggest contributor to the decrease of 34,6% was Gauteng (contributing -15,0 percentage points or -R3 082,6 million), followed by KwaZulu-Natal (-7,8 percentage points or -R1 607,7 million) and Western Cape (-7,8 percentage points or -R1 605,6 million) (see Table B).

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 2005 prices: January to March 2008 versus January to March 2009

Estimates at constant 2005 prices	January to March 2008	January to March 2009 1/	Difference in value between January to March 2008 and January to March 2009	Percentage change between January to March 2008 and January to March 2009
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 376 221	4 160 624	-4 215 597	-50,3
Non-residential buildings	3 422 731	2 709 432	-713 299	-20,8
Additions and alterations	4 345 761	2 841 094	-1 504 667	-34,6
Total	16 144 713	9 711 150	-6 433 563	-39,8

1/ Mar. 2009 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 2005 prices) during the first quarter of 2009 decreased by 39,8% (-R6 433,6 million) compared with the first quarter of 2008. The biggest decrease for the first quarter of 2009 was reported for residential buildings (-50,3% or -R4 215,6 million), followed by additions and alterations (-34,6% or -R1 504,7 million) and non-residential buildings (-20,8% or -R713,3 million).

Table D – Seasonally adjusted key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices: current quarter versus previous quarter

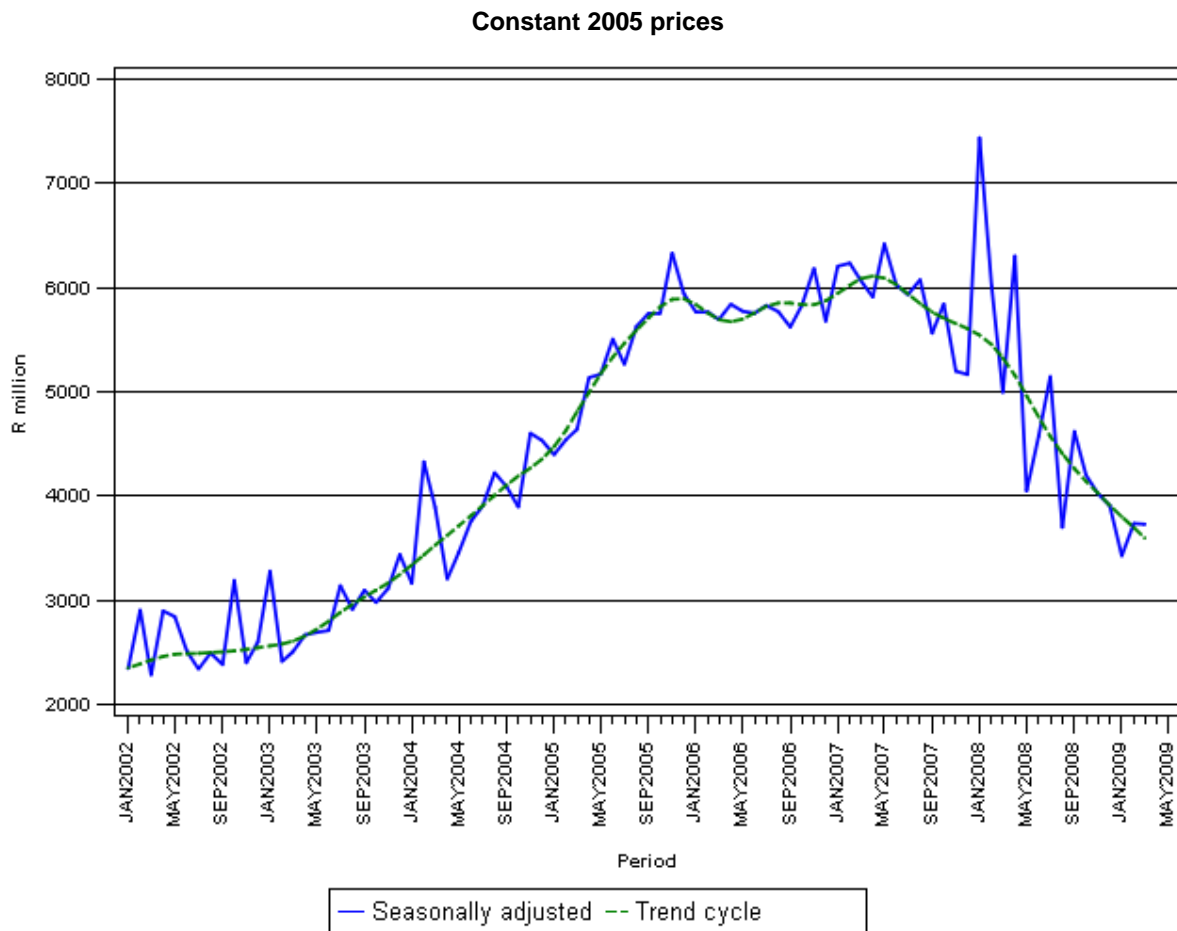
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2005 prices	October to December 2008	January to March 2009	Percentage change between October to December 2008 and January to March 2009
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 404 934	4 562 855	-15,6
Non-residential buildings	3 061 640	3 128 702	2,2
Additions and alterations	3 664 166	3 200 344	-12,7
Total	12 130 740	10 891 901	-10,2

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed decreased

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities during the first quarter of 2009 decreased by 10,2% compared with the previous quarter. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-15,6%) and additions and alterations (-12,7%). However, non-residential buildings increased by 2,2% (see Table D).

Figure 1 shows both the seasonally adjusted and the trend series for recorded building plans passed at constant 2005 prices between January 2002 and March 2009.

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



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 2008 versus January to March 2009

Estimates at current prices	January to March 2008	January to March 2009 1/	Difference in value between January to March 2008 and January to March 2009	Percentage change between January to March 2008 and January to March 2009
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 523 303	6 714 080	190 777	2,9
-Dwelling-houses	4 193 441	4 011 250	-182 191	-4,3
-Flats and townhouses	2 221 105	2 455 967	234 862	10,6
-Other residential buildings	108 757	246 863	138 106	127,0
Non-residential buildings	2 510 185	3 039 991	529 806	21,1
Additions and alterations	2 393 154	3 691 359	1 298 205	54,2
Total	11 426 642	13 445 430	2 018 788	17,7

1/ Mar. 2009 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 2009 increased by 17,7% (R2 018,8 million) compared with the first quarter of 2008.

The largest increase was reported for additions and alterations (54,2% or R1 298,2 million), followed by non-residential buildings (21,1% or R529,8 million) and residential buildings (2,9% or R190,8 million).

Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level: January to March 2008 versus January to March 2009

Estimates at current prices	January to March 2008	January to March 2009 1/	Percentage contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to March 2008	Percentage change between January to March 2008 and January to March 2009	Contribution (percentage points) to the percentage change in the value of buildings completed between January to March 2008 and January to March 2009 2/	Difference in value between January to March 2008 and January to March 2009
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	2 945 882	3 742 376	25,8	27,0	7,0	796 494
Eastern Cape	467 043	439 055	4,1	-6,0	-0,2	-27 988
Northern Cape	78 700	89 787	0,7	14,1	0,1	11 087
Free State	217 352	430 900	1,9	98,2	1,9	213 548
KwaZulu-Natal	1 766 758	2 300 242	15,5	30,2	4,7	533 484
North West	463 462	405 047	4,1	-12,6	-0,5	-58 415
Gauteng	4 927 636	5 455 245	43,1	10,7	4,6	527 609
Mpumalanga	423 567	418 072	3,7	-1,3	0,0	-5 495
Limpopo	136 242	164 706	1,2	20,9	0,2	28 464
Total	11 426 642	13 445 430	100,0	17,7	17,7	2 018 788

1/ Mar. 2009 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between Jan. to Mar. 2008 and Jan. to Mar. 2009 with the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during Jan. to Mar. 2008, divided by 100.

Six provinces reported increases in the value of buildings completed. The largest contributor to the increase of 17,7% was Western Cape (7,0 percentage points or R796,5 million), followed by KwaZulu-Natal (4,7 percentage points or R533,5 million) and Gauteng (4,6 percentage points or R527,6 million) (see Table F).

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 2005 prices: January to March 2008 versus January to March 2009

Estimates at constant 2005 prices	January to March 2008	January to March 2009 1/	Difference in value between January to March 2008 and January to March 2009	Percentage change between January to March 2008 and January to March 2009
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 457 533	4 926 757	-530 776	-9,7
Non-residential buildings	2 249 383	2 495 178	245 795	10,9
Additions and alterations	2 069 945	2 894 093	824 148	39,8
Total	9 776 861	10 316 028	539 167	5,5

1/ Mar. 2009 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total real value of buildings reported as completed increased

As indicated in Table G, the real value of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities (at constant 2005 prices) during the first quarter of 2009 increased by 5,5% (R539,2 million) compared with the first quarter of 2008. Increases in the real value of buildings completed were reported for additions and alterations (39,8% or R824,1 million) and non-residential buildings (10,9% or R245,8 million). However, residential buildings decreased by 9,7% (-R530,8 million).

Table H – Seasonally adjusted key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices: current quarter versus previous quarter

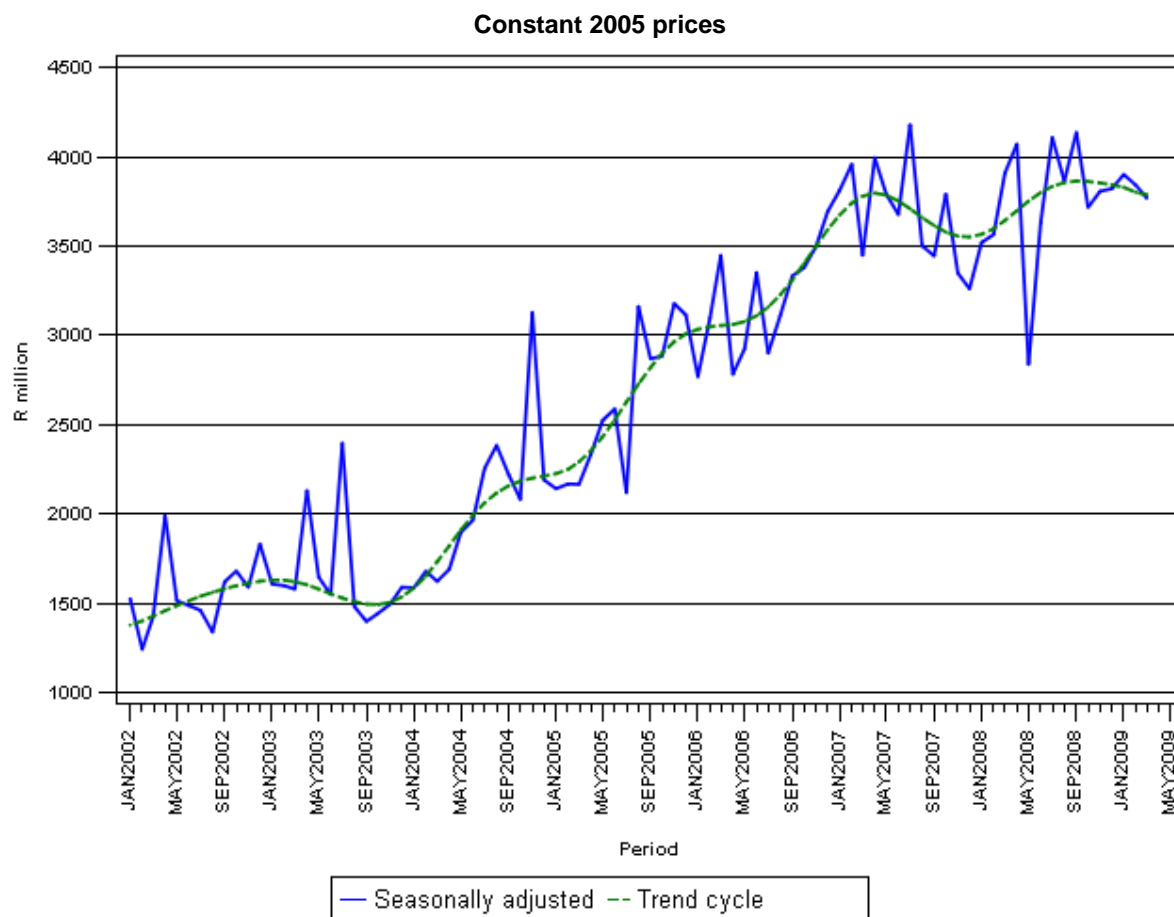
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2005 prices	October to December 2008	January to March 2009	Percentage change between October to December 2008 and January to March 2009
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 143 262	5 995 663	-2,4
Non-residential buildings	2 904 233	2 562 299	-11,8
Additions and alterations	2 294 409	2 950 720	28,6
Total	11 341 904	11 508 682	1,5

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 2009 increased by 1,5% compared with the previous quarter, mainly due to an increase reported for additions and alterations (28,6%). However, decreases reported for non-residential buildings (-11,8%) and residential buildings (-2,4%) counteracted the increase in additions and alterations to a certain extent (see Table H).

Figure 2 shows both the seasonally adjusted and trend series for buildings reported as completed to municipalities at constant 2005 prices between January 2002 and March 2009.

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



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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2008*	January	2 892 141	-1,8	1 828 127	81,3	2 188 261	56,9	6 908 529	29,2
	February	4 264 074	15,9	1 139 581	-19,7	1 880 843	11,7	7 284 498	7,4
	March	3 496 952	-16,8	1 373 268	36,6	1 437 699	-12,2	6 307 919	-7,8
	April	3 946 121	6,0	2 590 224	108,5	1 791 029	9,9	8 327 374	26,2
	May	2 947 192	-36,5	1 468 612	-1,5	1 758 866	-24,6	6 174 670	-27,0
	June	3 413 668	-20,1	1 189 164	-17,2	1 963 226	9,5	6 566 058	-12,5
	July	4 268 688	-1,9	1 732 443	20,5	2 225 901	-3,2	8 227 032	1,7
	August	2 912 595	-29,8	1 106 661	-35,7	1 774 338	-22,4	5 793 594	-29,0
	September	2 969 508	-20,7	1 742 698	13,1	2 187 909	22,4	6 900 115	-2,4
	October	2 954 133	-29,2	1 704 012	11,2	2 297 767	-9,1	6 955 912	-15,5
	November	2 490 812	-31,2	1 510 386	47,5	1 757 400	-7,6	5 758 598	-12,0
	December	1 942 865	-23,2	999 601	-12,1	1 328 000	-3,2	4 270 466	-15,3
	Total	38 498 749	-16,4	18 384 777	14,9	22 591 239	-0,2	79 474 765	-6,1
2009	January*	1 607 703	-44,4	917 084	-49,8	986 940	-54,9	3 511 727	-49,2
	February	2 212 458	-48,1	1 197 589	5,1	1 460 695	-22,3	4 870 742	-33,1
	March 2/	1 923 409	-45,0	1 628 877	18,6	1 476 160	2,7	5 028 446	-20,3

1/ 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 2 – Seasonally adjusted values and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2008	January	3 855 028	18,9	2 491 265	68,5	2 981 629	79,0	9 327 922	46,1
	February	4 371 392	13,4	1 301 126	-47,8	2 009 840	-32,6	7 682 358	-17,6
	March	3 601 926	-17,6	1 362 983	4,8	1 525 744	-24,1	6 490 653	-15,5
	April	4 395 861	22,0	2 279 851	67,3	1 981 845	29,9	8 657 557	33,4
	May	2 577 436	-41,4	1 407 440	-38,3	1 617 438	-18,4	5 602 314	-35,3
	June	3 129 356	21,4	1 274 995	-9,4	1 941 978	20,1	6 346 329	13,3
	July	3 780 938	20,8	1 514 395	18,8	1 935 158	-0,4	7 230 491	13,9
	August	2 698 999	-28,6	909 159	-40,0	1 664 510	-14,0	5 272 668	-27,1
	September	2 822 788	4,6	1 753 675	92,9	2 029 825	21,9	6 606 288	25,3
	October	2 690 455	-4,7	1 429 644	-18,5	1 857 938	-8,5	5 978 037	-9,5
	November	2 430 457	-9,7	1 558 904	9,0	1 702 069	-8,4	5 691 430	-4,8
	December	2 499 086	2,8	1 314 707	-15,7	1 620 501	-4,8	5 434 294	-4,5
2009	January	2 133 598	-14,6	1 254 287	-4,6	1 342 281	-17,2	4 730 166	-13,0
	February	2 254 139	5,6	1 361 923	8,6	1 557 590	16,0	5 173 652	9,4
	March	1 965 551	-12,8	1 655 703	21,6	1 573 119	1,0	5 194 373	0,4
	Oct. - Dec.08	7 619 998		4 303 255		5 180 508		17 103 761	
	Jan - Mar.09 2/	6 353 288	-16,6	4 271 913	-0,7	4 472 990	-13,7	15 098 191	-11,7

1/ 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.

2/ 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 – Value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2008*	January	2 319 279	-9,1	1 466 020	67,8	1 754 820	45,2	5 540 119	19,5
	February	3 362 834	5,6	898 723	-26,9	1 483 315	1,7	5 744 872	-2,2
	March	2 694 108	-25,7	1 057 988	22,0	1 107 626	-21,6	4 859 722	-17,7
	April	2 938 288	-7,0	1 928 685	83,0	1 333 603	-3,5	6 200 576	10,8
	May	2 127 936	-45,1	1 060 370	-14,9	1 269 939	-34,8	4 458 245	-36,9
	June	2 443 571	-31,1	851 227	-28,5	1 405 316	-5,5	4 700 114	-24,5
	July	3 008 237	-16,3	1 220 890	2,8	1 568 641	-17,4	5 797 768	-13,2
	August	2 021 232	-40,5	767 981	-45,5	1 231 324	-34,3	4 020 537	-39,8
	September	2 069 344	-32,6	1 214 424	-3,8	1 524 675	4,1	4 808 443	-17,0
	October	2 065 827	-39,2	1 191 617	-4,5	1 606 830	-21,9	4 864 274	-27,4
	November	1 764 031	-40,1	1 069 678	28,5	1 244 618	-19,5	4 078 327	-23,4
	December	1 398 751	-31,7	719 655	-21,8	956 084	-13,9	3 074 490	-24,7
	Total	28 213 438	-26,5	13 447 258	0,9	16 486 791	-12,5	58 147 487	-17,6
2009	January*	1 172 650	-49,4	668 916	-54,4	719 869	-59,0	2 561 435	-53,8
	February	1 603 230	-52,3	867 818	-3,4	1 058 475	-28,6	3 529 523	-38,6
	March 2/	1 384 744	-48,6	1 172 698	10,8	1 062 750	-4,1	3 620 192	-25,5

1/ 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 2005 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2008	January	3 047 687	15,8	1 988 239	66,5	2 403 946	79,3	7 439 872	44,0
	February	3 401 354	11,6	1 058 712	-46,8	1 554 666	-35,3	6 014 732	-19,2
	March	2 785 678	-18,1	1 054 592	-0,4	1 154 246	-25,8	4 994 516	-17,0
	April	3 244 578	16,5	1 588 789	50,7	1 472 105	27,5	6 305 472	26,2
	May	1 856 983	-42,8	1 030 428	-35,1	1 160 908	-21,1	4 048 319	-35,8
	June	2 248 938	21,1	924 911	-10,2	1 399 556	20,6	4 573 405	13,0
	July	2 679 813	19,2	1 088 977	17,7	1 378 139	-1,5	5 146 929	12,5
	August	1 898 425	-29,2	627 230	-42,4	1 173 314	-14,9	3 698 969	-28,1
	September	1 978 915	4,2	1 213 595	93,5	1 428 667	21,8	4 621 177	24,9
	October	1 884 685	-4,8	1 012 493	-16,6	1 303 780	-8,7	4 200 958	-9,1
	November	1 714 845	-9,0	1 105 160	9,2	1 200 883	-7,9	4 020 888	-4,3
	December	1 805 404	5,3	943 987	-14,6	1 159 503	-3,4	3 908 894	-2,8
2009	January	1 531 538	-15,2	909 104	-3,7	985 046	-15,0	3 425 688	-12,4
	February	1 609 753	5,1	1 021 907	12,4	1 104 866	12,2	3 736 526	9,1
	March	1 421 564	-11,7	1 197 691	17,2	1 110 432	0,5	3 729 687	-0,2
	Oct. - Dec.08	5 404 934		3 061 640		3 664 166		12 130 740	
	Jan - Mar.09 2/	4 562 855	-15,6	3 128 702	2,2	3 200 344	-12,7	10 891 901	-10,2

1/ 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.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2008*	January	1 672 765	-2,3	682 572	30,5	619 658	-9,7	2 974 995	1,9
	February	2 236 930	-3,4	647 316	-27,7	932 253	60,4	3 816 499	0,7
	March	2 613 608	18,4	1 180 297	50,1	841 243	20,0	4 635 148	25,5
	April	2 659 212	3,4	877 997	33,5	778 173	33,2	4 315 382	13,2
	May	1 890 393	-33,3	758 103	1,0	782 703	24,9	3 431 199	-18,6
	June	2 632 489	-4,0	926 051	51,8	835 780	20,2	4 394 320	8,6
	July	2 641 774	-10,3	1 610 436	37,7	1 006 436	31,1	5 258 646	7,7
	August	2 828 886	-0,6	1 180 478	109,2	974 027	19,4	4 983 391	17,9
	September	3 154 406	30,2	1 281 359	27,1	1 021 988	46,7	5 457 753	32,2
	October	3 196 479	20,6	1 067 950	-13,1	926 921	4,0	5 191 350	8,8
	November	2 744 135	-1,3	1 460 078	109,1	1 285 733	40,0	5 489 946	24,9
	December	2 829 547	8,2	1 048 490	67,2	755 947	68,8	4 633 984	25,6
	Total	31 100 624	1,5	12 721 127	33,6	10 760 862	27,9	54 582 613	12,4
2009	January*	2 058 515	23,1	686 831	0,6	964 252	55,6	3 709 598	24,7
	February	2 361 117	5,6	1 193 413	84,4	1 087 881	16,7	4 642 411	21,6
	March 2/	2 294 448	-12,2	1 159 747	-1,7	1 639 226	94,9	5 093 421	9,9

1/ 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		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2008	January	2 406 259	-1,7	919 971	18,8	706 586	28,4	4 032 816	6,9
	February	2 520 291	4,7	663 120	-27,9	974 045	37,9	4 157 456	3,1
	March	2 783 242	10,4	990 436	49,4	792 835	-18,6	4 566 513	9,8
	April	2 832 742	1,8	1 129 880	14,1	891 025	12,4	4 853 647	6,3
	May	1 858 094	-34,4	749 193	-33,7	788 823	-11,5	3 396 110	-30,0
	June	2 560 178	37,8	965 611	28,9	846 125	7,3	4 371 914	28,7
	July	2 503 292	-2,2	1 493 887	54,7	965 221	14,1	4 962 400	13,5
	August	2 622 455	4,8	1 162 129	-22,2	944 046	-2,2	4 728 630	-4,7
	September	2 913 611	11,1	1 221 358	5,1	980 215	3,8	5 115 184	8,2
	October	2 987 664	2,5	821 176	-32,8	867 014	-11,5	4 675 854	-8,6
	November	2 426 614	-18,8	1 350 679	64,5	1 024 314	18,1	4 801 607	2,7
	December	2 635 782	8,6	1 298 081	-3,9	936 864	-8,5	4 870 727	1,4
2009	January	2 959 534	12,3	938 814	-27,7	1 096 736	17,1	4 995 084	2,6
	February	2 654 832	-10,3	1 184 616	26,2	1 139 339	3,9	4 978 787	-0,3
	March	2 452 535	-7,6	978 879	-17,4	1 529 501	34,2	4 960 915	-0,4
	Oct. - Dec.08	8 050 060		3 469 936		2 828 192		14 348 188	
	Jan - Mar.09 2/	8 066 901	0,2	3 102 309	-10,6	3 765 576	33,1	14 934 786	4,1

1/ 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.

2/ 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 – Value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2008*	January	1 405 211	-12,1	622 785	19,8	536 965	-19,4	2 564 961	-7,9
	February	1 867 106	-12,3	577 445	-34,7	807 145	43,7	3 251 696	-9,1
	March	2 185 216	8,3	1 049 153	35,4	725 835	7,4	3 960 204	14,2
	April	2 201 390	-6,5	776 988	20,0	660 028	18,3	3 638 406	2,2
	May	1 548 776	-39,3	663 838	-9,8	653 887	10,8	2 866 501	-26,0
	June	2 154 745	-12,4	806 665	35,2	693 593	7,8	3 655 003	-1,2
	July	2 139 469	-17,9	1 395 525	22,9	831 078	18,7	4 366 072	-1,7
	August	2 265 574	-8,9	1 022 059	87,5	797 729	9,7	4 085 362	8,7
	September	2 494 760	17,9	1 105 573	13,7	837 695	35,3	4 438 028	19,7
	October	2 482 458	8,8	905 810	-22,8	754 822	-4,3	4 143 090	-2,4
	November	2 058 264	-12,9	1 219 781	85,5	1 045 311	30,0	4 323 356	13,0
	December	2 129 284	-3,5	870 116	49,8	612 103	56,9	3 611 503	13,7
	Total	24 932 253	-8,2	11 015 738	19,4	8 956 191	15,9	44 904 182	1,8
2009	January*	1 535 648	9,3	567 160	-8,9	773 257	44,0	2 876 065	12,1
	February	1 724 385	-7,6	977 406	69,3	857 950	6,3	3 559 741	9,5
	March 2/	1 666 724	-23,7	950 612	-9,4	1 262 886	74,0	3 880 222	-2,0

1/ 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 2005 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	%change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2008	January	2 057 722	-0,4	842 958	17,3	618 190	29,8	3 518 870	7,9
	February	2 122 855	3,2	595 991	-29,3	844 935	36,7	3 563 781	1,3
	March	2 349 370	10,7	883 484	48,2	674 915	-20,1	3 907 769	9,7
	April	2 317 874	-1,3	1 000 043	13,2	752 528	11,5	4 070 445	4,2
	May	1 522 369	-34,3	655 267	-34,5	659 422	-12,4	2 837 058	-30,3
	June	2 089 905	37,3	836 936	27,7	702 033	6,5	3 628 874	27,9
	July	2 012 691	-3,7	1 297 770	55,1	796 927	13,5	4 107 388	13,2
	August	2 082 918	3,5	1 001 141	-22,9	778 924	-2,3	3 862 983	-6,0
	September	2 284 002	9,7	1 046 283	4,5	805 438	3,4	4 135 723	7,1
	October	2 309 254	1,1	694 938	-33,6	711 458	-11,7	3 715 650	-10,2
	November	1 846 644	-20,0	1 129 713	62,6	829 438	16,6	3 805 795	2,4
	December	1 987 364	7,6	1 079 582	-4,4	753 513	-9,2	3 820 459	0,4
2009	January	2 232 382	12,3	778 687	-27,9	889 047	18,0	3 900 116	2,1
	February	1 962 024	-12,1	978 009	25,6	900 015	1,2	3 840 048	-1,5
	March	1 801 257	-8,2	805 603	-17,6	1 161 658	29,1	3 768 518	-1,9
	Oct. - Dec.08	6 143 262		2 904 233		2 294 409		11 341 904	
	Jan - Mar.09 2/	5 995 663	-2,4	2 562 299	-11,8	2 950 720	28,6	11 508 682	1,5

1/ 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.

2/ 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. 2008*	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Jan. - Mar. 2008	Jan. - Mar. 2009	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3 351	1 640	1 871	6 757	6 924	2,5
		square metres	150 499	73 045	77 564	308 611	300 258	-2,7
		R'000	316 295	139 430	166 103	672 406	517 832	-23,0
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	2 065	1 217	1 267	5 788	3 487	-39,8
		square metres	541 032	317 152	322 826	1 486 177	891 422	-40,0
		R'000	2 032 873	1 245 679	1 283 772	5 563 624	3 510 849	-36,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	2 593	1 327	1 007	8 541	3 453	-59,6
		square metres	282 997	138 904	98 032	977 198	342 893	-64,9
		R'000	1 109 768	620 509	436 275	4 043 059	1 462 813	-63,8
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	8 568	46 111	8 923	89 615	57 113	-36,3
		R'000	38 016	206 840	37 259	374 078	252 076	-32,6
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	3 496 952	2 212 458	1 923 409	10 653 167	5 743 570	-46,1
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	125 409	73 040	58 426	213 659	181 771	-14,9
		R'000	573 594	386 853	249 096	963 532	907 361	-5,8
	2. Shopping space	square metres	87 618	80 514	144 347	429 556	263 171	-38,7
		R'000	351 686	353 755	671 854	1 832 370	1 175 112	-35,9
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	155 833	121 961	171 899	472 832	406 947	-13,9
		R'000	421 180	350 126	518 871	1 418 519	1 178 332	-16,9
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	8 732	25 166	39 744	40 604	105 359	159,5
		R'000	26 808	106 855	189 056	126 555	482 745	281,5
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 373 268	1 197 589	1 628 877	4 340 976	3 743 550	-13,8
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	324 684	270 071	301 105	987 036	761 680
R'000			1 134 177	1 003 007	1 131 906	3 544 049	2 827 655	-20,2
2. Other buildings 4/		square metres	79 449	99 734	78 114	457 117	254 017	-44,4
		R'000	303 522	457 688	344 254	1 962 754	1 096 140	-44,2
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	1 437 699	1 460 695	1 476 160	5 506 803	3 923 795	-28,7
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	6 307 919	4 870 742	5 028 446	20 500 946	13 410 915	-34,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ 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.

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

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

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Mar. 2008*	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Jan. - Mar. 2008	Jan. - Mar. 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	347	130	153	1 071	1 075	0,4
		square metres	16 720	6 148	7 115	51 338	45 752	-10,9
		R'000	36 686	17 216	16 793	91 378	78 888	-13,7
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	463	192	238	1 406	612	-56,5
		square metres	134 541	56 870	70 079	363 306	171 380	-52,8
		R'000	499 402	231 044	282 045	1 355 614	688 465	-49,2
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	388	297	313	2 289	716	-68,7
		square metres	33 814	21 610	33 155	241 316	73 863	-69,4
		R'000	122 611	85 376	141 327	878 619	292 134	-66,8
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	4 652	14 250	652	5 097	15 824	210,5
		R'000	17 217	71 108	2 745	18 906	77 927	312,2
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	675 916	404 744	442 910	2 344 517	1 137 414	-51,5
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	14 904	435	34 003	30 074	45 420	51,0
		R'000	58 254	1 740	148 675	115 619	195 611	69,2
	2. Shopping space	square metres	31 431	15 513	5 181	45 206	24 750	-45,3
		R'000	121 142	67 326	23 778	175 717	106 008	-39,7
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	44 189	11 646	24 311	156 216	38 845	-75,1
		R'000	106 886	25 221	93 727	490 313	130 655	-73,4
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 436	6 648	4 731	13 427	15 377	14,5
		R'000	9 713	26 547	18 928	31 913	57 686	80,8
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	295 995	120 834	285 108	813 562	489 960	-39,8
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	91 734	71 747	87 763	254 698	208 709	-18,1
		R'000	299 013	247 352	327 604	827 438	746 220	-9,8
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	9 631	25 128	22 057	69 231	58 247	-15,9
		R'000	47 618	160 767	118 233	323 990	330 265	1,9
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	346 631	408 119	445 837	1 151 428	1 076 485	-6,5
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 318 542	933 697	1 173 855	4 309 507	2 703 859	-37,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ 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.

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

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

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Mar. 2008	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Jan. - Mar. 2008	Jan. - Mar. 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	116	733	100	206	1 252	507,8
		square metres	4 893	29 979	4 329	8 989	51 068	468,1
		R'000	5 608	23 314	10 074	13 532	56 784	319,6
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	96	96	58	249	232	-6,8
		square metres	23 827	19 845	12 957	71 654	50 329	-29,8
		R'000	67 776	69 619	45 331	236 858	173 879	-26,6
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	4	95	49	4	163	3 975,0
		square metres	498	9 139	3 555	498	14 691	2 850,0
		R'000	1 263	30 075	7 760	1 263	43 595	3 351,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 455	0	0	1 577	0	..
		R'000	3 927	0	0	4 189	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	78 574	123 008	63 165	255 842	274 258	7,2
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	3 435	1 723	1 665	3 435	6 752	96,6
		R'000	8 389	5 730	4 648	8 389	20 679	146,5
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	0	3 498	107 749	6 712	-93,8
		R'000	0	0	9 115	409 963	19 199	-95,3
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 720	7 073	24 908	13 755	32 188	134,0
		R'000	6 558	15 974	54 996	31 793	71 447	124,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 693	3 671	1 720	2 331	5 841	150,6
		R'000	5 268	12 944	4 786	6 951	19 068	174,3
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	20 215	34 648	73 545	457 096	130 393	-71,5
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	22 103	22 165	28 126	54 189	67 851	25,2
		R'000	56 854	63 782	86 626	138 084	200 918	45,5
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 280	3 747	5 654	9 662	14 251	47,5
		R'000	6 989	11 705	15 139	29 384	40 660	38,4
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	63 843	75 487	101 765	167 468	241 578	44,3
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	162 632	233 143	238 475	880 406	646 229	-26,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ 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.

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

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

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

			Mar. 2008*	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Jan. - Mar. 2008	Jan. - Mar. 2009	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	1	7	1	-85,7
		square metres	0	0	42	278	42	-84,9
		R'000	0	0	188	488	188	-61,5
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	12	9	13	59	38	-35,6
		square metres	2 812	2 505	2 751	12 668	7 811	-38,3
		R'000	9 710	9 117	9 347	42 127	28 654	-32,0
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	99	0	7	112	7	-93,8
		square metres	5 609	0	798	7 642	798	-89,6
		R'000	14 514	0	3 040	20 206	3 040	-85,0
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	328	0	2 167	328	-84,9
		R'000	0	1 246	0	7 585	1 246	-83,6
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	24 224	10 363	12 575	70 406	33 128	-52,9
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	1 411	0	0	4 561	0	..
		R'000	3 723	0	0	13 152	0	..
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	0	600	2 623	600	-77,1
		R'000	0	0	2 700	8 994	2 700	-70,0
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	509	1 638	0	2 359	1 638	-30,6
		R'000	1 120	5 569	0	6 195	5 569	-10,1
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	276	2 300	0	853	2 300	169,6
		R'000	607	7 850	0	2 222	7 850	253,3
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	5 450	13 419	2 700	30 563	16 119	-47,3
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 882	4 198	4 204	14 478	9 599	-33,7
		R'000	15 293	13 589	14 061	44 111	31 465	-28,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 455	1 077	463	2 369	1 655	-30,1
		R'000	4 154	4 369	1 485	6 914	6 384	-7,7
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	19 447	17 958	15 546	51 025	37 849	-25,8
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	49 121	41 740	30 821	151 994	87 096	-42,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ 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.

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

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

* Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Mar. 2008	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Jan. - Mar. 2008	Jan. - Mar. 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	12	91	231	35	482	1 277,1
		square metres	802	3 738	9 746	2 269	20 042	783,3
		R'000	1 882	5 107	14 457	5 202	28 405	446,0
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	95	64	72	303	225	-25,7
		square metres	24 472	13 855	16 180	75 582	49 603	-34,4
		R'000	74 330	43 936	52 803	217 518	162 822	-25,1
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	8	22	21	110	66	-40,0
		square metres	933	2 037	3 550	12 431	9 153	-26,4
		R'000	2 619	7 720	12 185	34 604	33 451	-3,3
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	220	0	0	278	0	..
		R'000	792	0	0	920	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	79 623	56 763	79 445	258 244	224 678	-13,0
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	3 649	0	0	4 667	896	-80,8
		R'000	12 609	0	0	15 070	4 032	-73,2
	2. Shopping space	square metres	162	0	376	1 156	17 522	1 415,7
		R'000	486	0	1 692	3 642	77 128	2 017,7
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	967	2 064	9 445	3 039	12 336	305,9
		R'000	2 722	6 058	20 399	8 097	28 331	249,9
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	940	4 072	2 345	-42,4
		R'000	0	0	4 230	13 015	7 269	-44,1
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	15 817	6 058	26 321	39 824	116 760	193,2
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 065	11 783	11 067	43 295	34 384	-20,6
		R'000	34 961	35 595	33 172	105 952	103 320	-2,5
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 998	198	1 808	8 346	2 824	-66,2
		R'000	10 333	2 318	10 719	41 299	17 812	-56,9
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	45 294	37 913	43 891	147 251	121 132	-17,7
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	140 734	100 734	149 657	445 319	462 570	3,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ 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.

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

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

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Mar. 2008*	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Jan. - Mar. 2008	Jan. - Mar. 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	296	45	42	1 010	139	-86,2
		square metres	10 748	2 453	2 313	35 883	7 818	-78,2
		R'000	24 057	9 923	8 567	87 974	30 244	-65,6
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	185	149	131	568	380	-33,1
		square metres	58 046	35 065	34 851	167 183	98 612	-41,0
		R'000	264 583	166 458	181 154	764 730	499 898	-34,6
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	267	168	338	1 611	571	-64,6
		square metres	46 955	40 319	32 555	199 287	85 188	-57,3
		R'000	188 988	196 496	164 657	1 028 044	422 699	-58,9
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 497	0	593	3 083	593	-80,8
		R'000	13 473	0	2 965	21 223	2 965	-86,0
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	491 101	372 877	357 343	1 901 971	955 806	-49,7
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	17 509	32 520	14 831	42 644	49 042	15,0
		R'000	86 367	162 600	52 625	203 081	221 851	9,2
	2. Shopping space	square metres	1 151	14 633	408	105 057	23 324	-77,8
		R'000	4 106	67 564	1 200	538 008	93 758	-82,6
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	44 269	20 437	20 955	126 190	58 593	-53,6
		R'000	119 269	68 369	64 352	365 246	190 461	-47,9
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 670	3 883	2 274	6 149	37 110	503,5
		R'000	5 981	16 627	8 877	26 518	179 032	575,1
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	215 723	315 160	127 054	1 132 853	685 102	-39,5
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	39 552	38 367	33 860	153 533	103 653	-32,5
		R'000	168 931	171 938	155 174	651 137	466 127	-28,4
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	10 391	37 586	15 151	77 678	71 013	-8,6
		R'000	47 432	126 224	77 405	327 074	298 318	-8,8
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	216 363	298 162	232 579	978 211	764 445	-21,9
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	923 187	986 199	716 976	4 013 035	2 405 353	-40,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ 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.

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

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

*Revised.

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

			Mar. 2008*	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Jan. - Mar. 2008	Jan. - Mar. 2009	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	31	99	232	147	1 867	1 170,1
		square metres	1 696	5 803	11 856	9 313	87 272	837,1
		R'000	4 950	19 586	40 623	19 794	135 103	582,5
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	180	128	133	505	378	-25,1
		square metres	39 265	23 304	22 914	102 563	68 579	-33,1
		R'000	118 855	77 549	75 543	296 447	229 842	-22,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	146	54	15	345	155	-55,1
		square metres	18 883	3 752	1 489	38 920	13 638	-65,0
		R'000	61 263	14 043	4 318	119 822	51 949	-56,6
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 547	1 411	506	3 465	584,8
		R'000	0	6 033	3 600	1 081	11 066	923,7
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	185 068	117 211	124 084	437 144	427 960	-2,1
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	2 193	6 328	569	13 629	8 325	-38,9
		R'000	5 745	25 300	2 227	37 766	33 171	-12,2
	2. Shopping space	square metres	517	0	34 187	14 696	34 187	132,6
		R'000	931	0	136 740	37 861	136 740	261,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 300	0	806	5 362	1 106	-79,4
		R'000	4 662	0	1 932	10 141	3 132	-69,1
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 372	456	410	1 372	1 027	-25,1
		R'000	3 962	1 733	1 311	3 962	3 673	-7,3
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	15 300	27 033	142 210	89 730	176 716	96,9
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 656	11 674	15 458	29 364	38 040	29,5
		R'000	18 854	34 960	47 503	67 173	114 103	69,9
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 335	3 464	3 068	9 356	8 356	-10,7
		R'000	11 930	11 297	8 726	24 890	25 467	2,3
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	30 784	46 257	56 229	92 063	139 570	51,6
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	231 152	190 501	322 523	618 937	744 246	20,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ 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.

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

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

*Revised.

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

			Mar. 2008*	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Jan. - Mar. 2008	Jan. - Mar. 2009	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2 343	527	1 006	3 962	1 968	-50,3
		square metres	105 396	23 935	36 665	183 369	80 602	-56,0
		R'000	224 653	60 744	64 136	416 272	169 549	-59,3
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	838	406	453	2 088	1 147	-45,1
		square metres	210 237	121 174	126 438	552 397	330 403	-40,2
		R'000	861 174	498 078	508 828	2 208 261	1 338 001	-39,4
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	1 483	605	218	3 637	1 593	-56,2
		square metres	150 713	53 760	19 026	428 158	127 159	-70,3
		R'000	630 459	254 222	87 489	1 793 991	543 442	-69,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	26 014	5 760	70 762	31 774	-55,1
		R'000	0	117 063	25 921	300 815	142 984	-52,5
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	1 716 286	930 107	686 374	4 719 339	2 193 976	-53,5	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	73 592	27 462	5 643	95 822	63 240	-34,0
		R'000	368 233	171 593	35 387	504 141	400 174	-20,6
	2. Shopping space	square metres	30 194	49 190	94 931	56 376	147 488	161,6
		R'000	153 067	215 066	484 021	246 123	714 350	190,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	57 416	72 411	86 468	143 488	246 121	71,5
		R'000	166 881	206 725	267 883	440 945	696 037	57,9
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	156	4 552	26 568	2 654	32 360	1 119,3
		R'000	827	26 947	140 330	10 131	174 366	1 621,1
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	689 008	620 331	927 621	1 201 340	1 984 927	65,2
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	118 555	90 308	95 745	367 222	242 048	-34,1
		R'000	466 316	362 662	380 899	1 497 413	962 311	-35,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	45 999	27 008	26 270	267 635	91 625	-65,8
		R'000	164 081	134 275	101 359	1 161 842	356 078	-69,4
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	630 397	496 937	482 258	2 659 255	1 318 389	-50,4
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	3 035 691	2 047 375	2 096 253	8 579 934	5 497 292	-35,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ 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.

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

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

*Revised.

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

			Mar. 2008*	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Jan. - Mar. 2008	Jan. - Mar. 2009	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	196	3	91	273	103	-62,3
		square metres	9 578	216	4 573	14 201	5 288	-62,8
		R'000	16 419	864	7 835	28 893	10 026	-65,3
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	115	116	121	392	319	-18,6
		square metres	30 115	31 550	26 018	94 341	79 297	-15,9
		R'000	85 274	104 887	90 028	289 573	265 048	-8,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	25	58	38	177	131	-26,0
		square metres	4 577	5 432	3 319	17 765	12 859	-27,6
		R'000	14 225	21 728	13 276	59 764	51 436	-13,9
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	744	288	507	744	795	6,9
		R'000	2 607	720	2 028	2 607	2 748	5,4
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	118 525	128 199	113 167	380 837	329 258	-13,5
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	5 886	4 572	1 051	11 532	6 428	-44,3
		R'000	24 615	19 890	4 204	45 175	26 694	-40,9
	2. Shopping space	square metres	14 163	1 178	0	76 687	3 057	-96,0
		R'000	36 824	3 799	0	343 083	11 234	-96,7
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 797	2 800	2 647	15 703	6 905	-56,0
		R'000	7 604	8 380	6 618	43 048	18 643	-56,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	129	2 724	1 097	2 490	6 063	143,5
		R'000	450	11 411	2 992	8 609	23 403	171,8
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	69 493	43 480	13 814	439 915	79 974	-81,8
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	18 148	15 266	18 789	47 967	41 929	-12,6
		R'000	51 884	56 126	65 658	141 910	148 417	4,6
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 445	1 078	1 038	10 269	2 208	-78,5
		R'000	9 088	4 661	4 439	41 234	9 373	-77,3
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	60 972	60 787	70 097	183 144	157 790	-13,8
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	248 990	232 466	197 078	1 003 896	567 022	-43,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ 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.

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

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

* Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Mar. 2008*	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Jan. - Mar. 2008	Jan. - Mar. 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	12	15	46	37	-19,6
		square metres	666	773	925	2 971	2 374	-20,1
		R'000	2 040	2 676	3 430	8 873	8 645	-2,6
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	81	57	48	218	156	-28,4
		square metres	17 717	12 984	10 638	46 483	35 408	-23,8
		R'000	51 769	44 991	38 693	152 496	124 240	-18,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	173	28	8	256	51	-80,1
		square metres	21 015	2 855	585	31 181	5 544	-82,2
		R'000	73 826	10 849	2 223	106 746	21 067	-80,3
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	3 684	0	5 401	4 334	-19,8
		R'000	0	10 670	0	16 752	13 140	-21,6
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	127 635	69 186	44 346	284 867	167 092	-41,3
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	2 830	0	664	7 295	1 668	-77,1
		R'000	5 659	0	1 330	21 139	5 149	-75,6
	2. Shopping space	square metres	10 000	0	5 166	20 006	5 531	-72,4
		R'000	35 130	0	12 608	68 979	13 995	-79,7
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 666	3 892	2 359	6 720	9 215	37,1
		R'000	5 478	13 830	8 964	22 741	34 057	49,8
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	932	2 004	7 256	2 936	-59,5
		R'000	0	2 796	7 602	23 234	10 398	-55,2
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	46 267	16 626	30 504	136 093	63 599	-53,3
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 989	4 563	6 093	22 290	15 467	-30,6
		R'000	22 071	17 003	21 209	70 831	54 774	-22,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	915	448	2 605	2 571	3 838	49,3
		R'000	1 897	2 072	6 749	6 127	11 783	92,3
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	23 968	19 075	27 958	76 958	66 557	-13,5
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	197 870	104 887	102 808	497 918	297 248	-40,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ 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.

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

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

* Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Mar. 2008*	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Jan. - Mar. 2008	Jan. - Mar. 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2 573	1 767	1 932	5 386	5 374	-0,2
		square metres	107 557	72 674	83 742	233 494	235 134	0,7
		R'000	176 417	151 132	172 057	453 121	438 013	-3,3
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 966	1 363	1 302	5 057	3 769	-25,5
		square metres	424 108	348 702	324 123	1 095 009	964 232	-11,9
		R'000	1 442 428	1 303 165	1 200 519	3 740 320	3 573 237	-4,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	2 354	1 658	1 539	5 471	5 180	-5,3
		square metres	256 357	189 676	192 213	588 102	606 499	3,1
		R'000	960 892	827 742	756 402	2 221 105	2 455 967	10,6
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	12 694	18 114	36 734	29 225	55 652	90,4
		R'000	33 871	79 078	165 470	108 757	246 863	127,0
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	2 613 608	2 361 117	2 294 448	6 523 303	6 714 080	2,9
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	165 160	85 044	82 444	251 422	224 374	-10,8
		R'000	803 042	389 893	383 216	1 173 663	1 008 471	-14,1
	2. Shopping space	square metres	25 090	50 364	45 847	133 174	135 065	1,4
		R'000	114 105	212 670	157 860	524 790	531 316	1,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	84 523	191 637	176 267	263 436	435 715	65,4
		R'000	234 313	565 242	568 507	713 755	1 333 646	86,8
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	10 519	9 042	18 007	32 784	56 263	71,6
		R'000	28 837	25 608	50 164	97 977	166 558	70,0
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 180 297	1 193 413	1 159 747	2 510 185	3 039 991	21,1
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	170 242	248 855	219 197	475 122	656 138	38,1
		R'000	562 841	891 329	735 046	1 528 611	2 274 969	48,8
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	65 614	55 304	216 569	233 390	353 717	51,6
		R'000	278 402	196 552	904 180	864 543	1 416 390	63,8
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	841 243	1 087 881	1 639 226	2 393 154	3 691 359	54,2
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	4 635 148	4 642 411	5 093 421	11 426 642	13 445 430	17,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ 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.

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

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

* Revised.

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

			Mar. 2008	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Jan. - Mar. 2008	Jan. - Mar. 2009	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	171	366	604	546	1 319	141,6
		square metres	7 257	16 343	24 580	23 915	59 948	150,7
		R'000	11 978	26 177	35 795	43 372	87 362	101,4
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	511	345	355	1 366	993	-27,3
		square metres	105 290	87 421	94 963	301 490	261 369	-13,3
		R'000	331 856	298 409	333 764	959 678	906 539	-5,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	795	482	660	1 603	1 598	-0,3
		square metres	72 112	51 043	96 168	146 286	185 685	26,9
		R'000	228 370	172 390	363 584	508 521	680 280	33,8
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	3 448	0	0	3 448	258	-92,5
		R'000	11 524	0	0	11 524	774	-93,3
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	583 728	496 976	733 143	1 523 095	1 674 955	10,0
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	17 333	38 611	21 805	45 217	86 118	90,5
		R'000	56 334	176 905	86 862	147 516	353 059	139,3
	2. Shopping space	square metres	1 652	23 174	20 068	31 836	46 896	47,3
		R'000	4 130	88 743	65 948	113 748	163 393	43,6
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	27 616	52 142	48 179	114 432	121 146	5,9
		R'000	89 792	173 984	149 757	309 134	395 201	27,8
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 686	3 807	4 250	8 919	12 924	44,9
		R'000	11 281	8 352	13 584	22 386	37 247	66,4
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	161 537	447 984	316 151	592 784	948 900	60,1
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	58 179	93 608	99 719	183 069	271 468	48,3
		R'000	171 914	272 986	289 727	515 851	782 495	51,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	15 147	35 464	16 516	76 886	86 407	12,4
		R'000	80 109	118 125	83 289	314 152	336 026	7,0
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	252 023	391 111	373 016	830 003	1 118 521	34,8
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	997 288	1 336 071	1 422 310	2 945 882	3 742 376	27,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ 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.

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

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

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

			Mar. 2008	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Jan. - Mar. 2008	Jan. - Mar. 2009	% Change 1/
Category of building								
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	110	16	325	215	387	80,0
		square metres	4 618	775	13 200	9 319	15 912	70,7
		R'000	6 580	1 854	19 018	14 303	23 124	61,7
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	109	89	81	274	243	-11,3
		square metres	24 021	26 738	16 846	61 024	57 886	-5,1
		R'000	68 178	88 495	50 996	170 784	178 396	4,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	77	6	27	192	60	-68,8
		square metres	7 895	1 317	3 106	19 364	9 121	-52,9
		R'000	23 309	3 387	7 947	57 944	24 459	-57,8
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	147	0	936	147	-84,3
		R'000	0	397	0	1 920	397	-79,3
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	98 067	94 133	77 961	244 951	226 376	-7,6
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	680	0	6 340	749	6 477	764,8
		R'000	2 380	0	16 941	2 538	17 310	582,0
	2. Shopping space	square metres	1 414	560	729	27 364	2 602	-90,5
		R'000	3 587	2 688	1 897	88 295	8 204	-90,7
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	15 884	5 938	806	17 394	13 156	-24,4
		R'000	28 543	14 282	1 588	30 894	29 907	-3,2
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	36	0	11 059	221	11 958	5 310,9
		R'000	78	0	25 644	516	27 677	5 263,8
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	34 588	16 970	46 070	122 243	83 098	-32,0
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 419	13 615	12 107	28 803	37 932	31,7
		R'000	30 416	32 532	28 144	62 340	88 568	42,1
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	7 704	8 338	1 911	17 740	15 396	-13,2
		R'000	15 572	21 990	5 357	37 509	41 013	9,3
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	45 988	54 522	33 501	99 849	129 581	29,8
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	178 643	165 625	157 532	467 043	439 055	-6,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ 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.

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

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

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

			Mar. 2008*	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Jan. - Mar. 2008	Jan. - Mar. 2009	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	19	2	3	26	766,7
		square metres	132	751	123	172	1 105	542,4
		R'000	396	1 021	391	508	2 197	332,5
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	7	7	8	42	24	-42,9
		square metres	1 147	1 810	1 460	6 648	4 846	-27,1
		R'000	3 386	6 099	5 231	19 388	16 440	-15,2
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	32	8	0	59	19	-67,8
		square metres	3 159	1 141	0	6 599	2 525	-61,7
		R'000	8 672	3 855	0	18 442	9 372	-49,2
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	450	0	915	450	-50,8
		R'000	0	1 665	0	2 562	1 665	-35,0
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	12 454	12 640	5 622	40 900	29 674	-27,4
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	659	3 083	0	812	3 083
R'000			2 688	9 249	0	3 116	9 249	196,8
2. Shopping space		square metres	0	0	2 844	352	2 844	708,0
		R'000	0	0	10 829	1 417	10 829	664,2
3. Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	0	126	892	302	1 018	237,1
		R'000	0	340	3 347	664	3 687	455,3
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	324	475	0	324	475	46,6
		R'000	907	1 283	0	907	1 283	41,5
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	3 595	10 872	14 176	6 104	25 048	310,4
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 893	3 378	2 104	8 943	7 107	-20,5
		R'000	8 153	10 342	6 223	27 018	21 671	-19,8
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	912	127	3 837	1 947	3 964	103,6
		R'000	2 110	335	13 059	4 678	13 394	186,3
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	10 263	10 677	19 282	31 696	35 065	10,6
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	26 312	34 189	39 080	78 700	89 787	14,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ 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.

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

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

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

			Mar. 2008	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Jan. - Mar. 2008	Jan. - Mar. 2009	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	85	15	21	117	38	-67,5
		square metres	4 355	972	1 395	6 244	2 526	-59,5
		R'000	6 003	1 783	3 183	9 884	5 221	-47,2
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	91	92	90	198	252	27,3
		square metres	15 886	22 384	12 815	34 048	53 468	57,0
		R'000	36 631	54 267	31 341	83 705	129 212	54,4
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	7	42	1	57	257	350,9
		square metres	305	4 284	98	7 096	31 584	345,1
		R'000	793	11 874	492	16 807	90 904	440,9
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	8 970	0	7 684	9 183	7 684	-16,3
		R'000	21 395	0	34 745	21 864	34 745	58,9
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	64 822	67 924	69 761	132 260	260 082	96,6
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	6 252	0	0	6 252	0	..
		R'000	21 848	0	0	21 848	0	..
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	1 200	4 225	0	5 425	..
		R'000	0	6 000	12 675	0	18 675	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 800	11 800	731	4 107	12 633	207,6
		R'000	7 600	35 194	1 462	10 475	36 860	251,9
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	819	1 356	473	819	4 100	400,6
		R'000	1 802	2 071	946	1 802	8 832	390,1
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	31 250	43 265	15 083	34 125	64 367	88,6
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 075	8 210	9 760	19 424	31 009
R'000			16 345	15 058	19 675	45 452	67 986	49,6
2. Other buildings 4/		square metres	717	0	802	1 035	14 001	1 252,8
		R'000	2 972	2 498	3 833	5 515	38 465	597,5
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	19 317	17 556	23 508	50 967	106 451	108,9
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	115 389	128 745	108 352	217 352	430 900	98,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ 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.

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

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

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Mar. 2008*	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Jan. - Mar. 2008	Jan. - Mar. 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	212	279	208	428	574	34,1
		square metres	8 164	9 494	8 140	18 021	21 412	18,8
		R'000	19 532	25 359	24 442	52 394	62 702	19,7
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	139	98	132	390	329	-15,6
		square metres	35 286	23 716	31 393	90 401	78 585	-13,1
		R'000	157 245	113 997	150 279	391 409	374 470	-4,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	294	270	414	552	843	52,7
		square metres	49 804	38 060	54 815	92 308	120 725	30,8
		R'000	202 226	205 967	239 385	369 940	573 400	55,0
	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	379 003	345 323	414 106	813 743	1 010 572	24,2
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	5 751	8 391	12 882	33 552	39 122	16,6
		R'000	25 655	21 173	60 937	161 113	165 127	2,5
	2. Shopping space	square metres	2 290	4 212	310	5 283	26 590	403,3
		R'000	6 300	18 533	1 550	17 404	109 582	529,6
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	19 694	20 332	95 297	47 545	122 027	156,7
		R'000	50 681	65 794	320 388	139 852	402 286	187,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	498	6 458	15 506	140,1
		R'000	0	0	2 736	27 738	57 199	106,2
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	82 636	105 500	385 611	346 107	734 194	112,1
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	23 843	30 024	31 100	73 659	86 922	18,0
		R'000	101 826	145 126	150 999	329 884	421 965	27,9
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	12 197	4 311	26 475	83 250	37 190	-55,3
		R'000	41 178	22 007	82 555	277 024	133 511	-51,8
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	143 004	167 133	233 554	606 908	555 476	-8,5
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	604 643	617 956	1 033 271	1 766 758	2 300 242	30,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ 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.

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

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

*Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Mar. 2008*	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Jan. - Mar. 2008	Jan. - Mar. 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	32	60	72	493	135	-72,6
		square metres	1 705	3 621	4 140	17 933	7 925	-55,8
		R'000	3 368	12 453	14 529	26 937	27 425	1,8
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	149	102	55	431	312	-27,6
		square metres	39 624	22 613	12 751	91 471	64 686	-29,3
		R'000	121 200	72 643	43 576	264 883	209 902	-20,8
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	83	72	60	395	297	-24,8
		square metres	9 090	6 533	5 664	35 060	26 392	-24,7
		R'000	26 392	19 540	18 881	108 097	87 124	-19,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	276	0	0	276	0	..
		R'000	952	0	0	952	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	151 912	104 636	76 986	400 869	324 451	-19,1
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	2 705	1 140	0	5 723	1 248	-78,2
		R'000	8 700	2 508	0	16 809	2 848	-83,1
	2. Shopping space	square metres	512	4 294	358	4 467	6 858	53,5
		R'000	1 126	17 176	716	10 820	24 384	125,4
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 265	818	0	2 186	8 179	274,2
		R'000	3 100	3 000	0	4 500	22 200	393,3
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	602	893	0	3 282	893	-72,8
		R'000	1 143	3 572	0	8 027	3 572	-55,5
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	14 069	26 256	716	40 156	53 004	32,0
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 289	3 713	3 578	12 559	9 829	-21,7
		R'000	4 016	9 458	11 587	21 132	26 583	25,8
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	185	51	701	265	-62,2
		R'000	0	713	180	1 305	1 009	-22,7
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	4 016	10 171	11 767	22 437	27 592	23,0
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	169 997	141 063	89 469	463 462	405 047	-12,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ 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.

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

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

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Mar. 2008*	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Jan. - Mar. 2008	Jan. - Mar. 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 826	984	656	3 053	2 046	-33,0
		square metres	74 602	38 933	29 585	131 867	86 848	-34,1
		R'000	119 939	76 137	66 986	273 030	181 775	-33,4
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	728	513	457	1 859	1 299	-30,1
		square metres	147 851	143 021	127 034	397 658	378 437	-4,8
		R'000	558 066	596 427	501 199	1 518 824	1 548 477	2,0
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	964	720	377	2 413	2 034	-15,7
		square metres	106 359	83 623	32 362	263 660	225 237	-14,6
		R'000	446 485	396 764	126 113	1 085 500	971 145	-10,5
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	16 563	29 050	13 209	45 613	245,3
		R'000	0	74 536	130 725	66 413	205 261	209,1
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	1 124 490	1 143 864	825 023	2 943 767	2 906 658	-1,3
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	130 618	32 445	24 225	157 955	64 957	-58,9
		R'000	681 615	174 837	155 767	816 901	373 736	-54,2
	2. Shopping space	square metres	19 222	16 924	13 988	58 870	40 525	-31,2
		R'000	98 962	79 530	52 028	278 216	184 032	-33,9
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	12 426	100 481	16 981	70 667	142 395	101,5
		R'000	40 248	272 648	44 356	198 969	391 279	96,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	4 797	1 585	1 424	9 682	8 352	-13,7
		R'000	12 519	7 552	6 496	27 857	24 734	-11,2
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	833 344	534 567	258 647	1 321 943	973 781	-26,3
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	50 812	80 389	40 176	119 008	173 863	46,1
		R'000	200 700	343 528	154 643	451 489	725 475	60,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	27 371	6 424	166 372	47 310	195 434	313,1
		R'000	130 768	29 374	713 976	210 437	849 331	303,6
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	331 468	372 902	868 619	661 926	1 574 806	137,9
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	2 289 302	2 051 333	1 952 289	4 927 636	5 455 245	10,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ 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.

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

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

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Mar. 2008*	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Jan. - Mar. 2008	Jan. - Mar. 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	120	19	33	484	60	-87,6
		square metres	5 771	1 134	1 826	22 948	3 419	-85,1
		R'000	5 448	4 046	4 962	22 722	10 335	-54,5
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	181	102	101	383	267	-30,3
		square metres	47 318	16 693	22 002	89 490	52 886	-40,9
		R'000	136 728	57 136	65 698	257 232	165 053	-35,8
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	7	0	0	105	14	-86,7
		square metres	512	0	0	10 608	1 555	-85,3
		R'000	1 868	0	0	33 077	5 318	-83,9
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	196	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	491	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	144 044	61 182	70 660	313 031	181 197	-42,1
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	1 162	0	4 134	1 162	8 937	669,1
		R'000	3 822	0	13 089	3 822	32 301	745,1
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	0	3 325	1 547	3 325	114,9
		R'000	0	0	12 217	4 297	12 217	184,3
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 250	0	13 381	6 215	15 161	143,9
		R'000	12 658	0	47 609	17 576	52 226	197,1
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	230	0	303	719	303	-57,9
		R'000	1 035	0	758	1 655	758	-54,2
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	17 515	0	73 673	27 350	97 502	256,5
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 154	15 393	20 145	27 538	36 606	32,9
		R'000	27 937	60 601	72 242	69 526	135 732	95,2
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 491	455	605	4 446	1 060	-76,2
		R'000	5 430	1 510	1 931	13 660	3 641	-73,3
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	33 367	62 111	74 173	83 186	139 373	67,5
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	194 926	123 293	218 506	423 567	418 072	-1,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ 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.

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

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

*Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Mar. 2008*	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Jan. - Mar. 2008	Jan. - Mar. 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	9	11	47	789	1 578,7
		square metres	953	651	753	3 075	36 039	1 072,0
		R'000	3 173	2 302	2 751	9 971	37 872	279,8
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	51	15	23	114	50	-56,1
		square metres	7 685	4 306	4 859	22 779	12 069	-47,0
		R'000	29 138	15 692	18 435	74 417	44 748	-39,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	95	58	0	95	58	-38,9
		square metres	7 121	3 675	0	7 121	3 675	-48,4
		R'000	22 777	13 965	0	22 777	13 965	-38,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	954	0	1 258	1 304	3,7
		R'000	0	2 480	0	3 522	3 530	0,2
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	55 088	34 439	21 186	110 687	100 115	-9,6
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 374	13 058	0	14 432	..
		R'000	0	5 221	49 620	0	54 841	..
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	3 455	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	10 593	0	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	588	0	0	588	0	..
		R'000	1 691	0	0	1 691	0	..
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	25	926	0	2 360	1 752	-25,8
		R'000	72	2 778	0	7 089	5 256	-25,9
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 763	7 999	49 620	19 373	60 097	210,2
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	578	525	508	2 119	1 402	-33,8
		R'000	1 534	1 698	1 806	5 919	4 494	-24,1
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	75	0	0	75	0	..
		R'000	263	0	0	263	0	..
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 797	1 698	1 806	6 182	4 494	-27,3
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	58 648	44 136	72 612	136 242	164 706	20,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ 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.

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

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

*Revised.

Table 29 – Subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses completed and in process of completion: 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007

Province	Number 1/	R'000 2/ 3/
Eastern Cape	16 526	637 700
Free State	19 662	528 400
Gauteng	77 044	1 748 300
KwaZulu-Natal	38 290	1 074 500
Limpopo	23 609	646 700
Mpumalanga	10 651	329 900
North West	46 972	696 500
Northern Cape	3 880	104 800
Western Cape	34 585	768 200
South Africa	271 219	6 535 000

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

1/ All top structures completed and sites serviced in respect of the reporting period.

2/ Expenditure by the Provincial Housing Departments in respect of subsidies for the financial year 2006/07.

3/ Subsidies not yet fully paid out in all cases.

Table 30 – Subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses completed and in the process of completion: 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008

Province	Number 1/	R'000 2/ 3/
Eastern Cape	12 684	397 248
Free State	12 482	473 160
Gauteng	90 886	2 612 566
KwaZulu-Natal	34 471	1 311 040
Limpopo	18 970	635 351
Mpumalanga	16 569	652 190
North West	19 945	785 510
Northern Cape	8 686	231 021
Western Cape	34 517	1 121 708
South Africa	248 850	8 219 794

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

1/ All top structures completed and sites serviced in respect of the reporting period.

2/ Expenditure by the Provincial Housing Departments in respect of subsidies for the financial year 2007/08.

3/ Subsidies not yet fully paid out in all cases.

Explanatory notes

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| Introduction | 1 | Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and therefore do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses, supplied by the Housing Subsidy System and Provincial Housing Departments and co-ordinated by the National Department of Housing, are shown in tables 29 and 30 (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 | 4 | This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings. |
| Classification | 5 | Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities, (SIC) Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02</i> . The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC)</i> with suitable adaptations for local conditions. |
| Response rate | 6 | The preliminary response rate for the survey on building statistics for March 2009 was 94,7%. Improved response rate for February 2009 was 98,2%. |
| Statistical unit | 7 | The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities. |
| Survey methodology and design | 8 | Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 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 tables 29 and 30 (page 37). |
| Constant prices | 9 | The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2005. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: <i>JBCC Contract Price Adjustment Provisions Work Group Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base February 1991=100) are converted to the base year 2005=100. |

- 10** 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 9). 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 2008 is obtained by deflating the current value of dwelling-houses completed for January 2008 with the price index of a month six months prior to January 2008. 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** **14** 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.
- 15** 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

20	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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Change in base year of constant prices from 2000 to 2005

21	Following international practice, the base year of the price index ("lump sum domestic buildings" as published in statistical release P0151 –JBCC Contract Price Adjustment Provision Work Group Indices), which is used to deflate the current prices of building plans passed and buildings completed to constant prices, has been converted to 2005=100 with effect from January 2009. Previously the value of building plans passed and buildings completed was published at constant 2000 prices. Please note that the change does not in any way affect the trends.
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Glossary

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

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

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