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Key findings for January to March 2025

Building plans passed at current prices

Table A – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building

Type of building	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2024 and Jan – Mar 2025	% change between Jan – Mar 2024 and Jan – Mar 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	11 172 087	10 067 258	-1 104 829	-9,9
-Dwelling-houses	6 761 920	6 827 541	65 621	1,0
-Flats and townhouses	4 330 990	2 789 121	-1 541 869	-35,6
-Other residential buildings	79 177	450 596	371 419	469,1
Non-residential buildings	3 976 502	4 928 817	952 315	23,9
Additions and alterations	6 349 215	6 774 637	425 422	6,7
Total	21 497 804	21 770 712	272 908	1,3

The value of building plans passed (at current prices) increased by 1,3% (R272,9 million) in the first quarter of 2025 compared with the first quarter of 2024. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (R952,3 million) and additions and alterations (R425,4 million). A decrease was reported for residential buildings (-R1 104,8 million) – see Table A.

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

Province	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	Weight Jan – Mar 2024	% change between Jan – Mar 2024 and Jan – Mar 2025	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Mar 2024 and Jan – Mar 2025 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2024 and Jan – Mar 2025
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	6 475 743	7 644 465	30,1	18,0	5,4	1 168 722
Eastern Cape	1 291 526	1 534 965	6,0	18,8	1,1	243 439
Northern Cape	235 905	180 789	1,1	-23,4	-0,3	-55 116
Free State	715 514	773 281	3,3	8,1	0,3	57 767
KwaZulu-Natal	2 985 708	3 102 093	13,9	3,9	0,5	116 385
North West	982 399	753 361	4,6	-23,3	-1,1	-229 038
Gauteng	7 209 155	5 657 831	33,5	-21,5	-7,2	-1 551 324
Mpumalanga	965 951	1 584 028	4,5	64,0	2,9	618 077
Limpopo	635 903	539 899	3,0	-15,1	-0,4	-96 004
Total	21 497 804	21 770 712	100,0	1,3	1,3	272 908

¹ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change by its weight, divided by 100, where the weight is the percentage contribution of each province to the cumulative total building plans passed during the previous year.

The largest positive contributors to the total increase of 1,3% (R272,9 million) were Western Cape (contributing 5,4 percentage points or R1 168,7 million), Mpumalanga (contributing 2,9 percentage points or R618,1 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing 1,1 percentage points or R243,4 million).

The largest negative contributor was Gauteng (contributing -7,2 percentage points or -R1 551,3 million) – see Table B.

Building plans passed at constant 2019 prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2024 and Jan – Mar 2025	% change between Jan – Mar 2024 and Jan – Mar 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 247 666	7 244 160	-1 003 506	-12,2
Non-residential buildings	2 933 166	3 545 561	612 395	20,9
Additions and alterations	4 684 465	4 872 846	188 381	4,0
Total	15 865 297	15 662 567	-202 730	-1,3

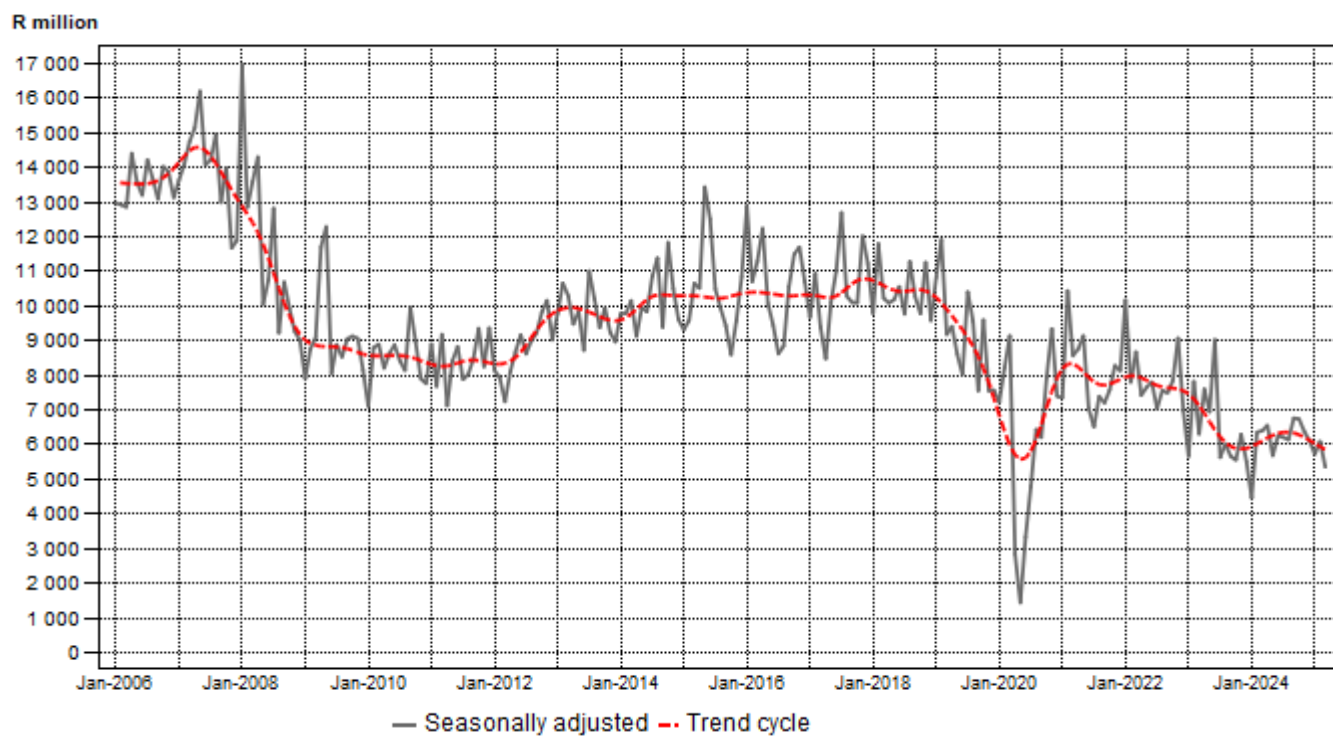
The real value of building plans passed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 1,3% (-R202,7 million) in the first quarter of 2025 compared with the first quarter of 2024. A decrease was reported for residential buildings (-R1 003,5 million). Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (R612,4 million) and additions and alterations (R188,4 million) – see Table C.

Table D – Seasonally adjusted building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

Type of building	Oct – Dec 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	% change between Oct – Dec 2024 and Jan – Mar 2025
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 928 369	8 207 836	-8,1
Non-residential buildings ¹	4 831 742	3 545 561	-26,6
Additions and alterations	5 460 841	5 414 221	-0,9
Total	19 220 952	17 167 618	-10,7

¹ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 on page 38.

The seasonally adjusted real value of building plans passed decreased by 10,7% in the first quarter of 2025 compared with the fourth quarter of 2024. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-26,6%), residential buildings (-8,1%) and additions and alterations (-0,9%) – see Table D.

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

Buildings reported as completed at current prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2024 and Jan – Mar 2025	% change between Jan – Mar 2024 and Jan – Mar 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 081 791	6 202 343	120 552	2,0
-Dwelling-houses	3 830 081	3 969 510	139 429	3,6
-Flats and townhouses	2 157 881	1 934 374	-223 507	-10,4
-Other residential buildings	93 829	298 459	204 630	218,1
Non-residential buildings	1 595 532	2 283 282	687 750	43,1
Additions and alterations	2 507 042	1 793 107	-713 935	-28,5
Total	10 184 365	10 278 732	94 367	0,9

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 0,9% (R94,4 million) in the first quarter of 2025 compared with the first quarter of 2024. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (R687,8 million) and residential buildings (R120,6 million). A decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-R713,9 million) – see Table E.

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

Province	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	Weight Jan – Mar 2024	% change between Jan – Mar 2024 and Jan – Mar 2025	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Mar 2024 and Jan – Mar 2025 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2024 and Jan – Mar 2025
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	2 992 372	3 325 390	29,4	11,1	3,3	333 018
Eastern Cape	937 192	535 623	9,2	-42,8	-3,9	-401 569
Northern Cape	81 620	40 615	0,8	-50,2	-0,4	-41 005
Free State	125 040	97 965	1,2	-21,7	-0,3	-27 075
KwaZulu-Natal	1 489 612	1 713 475	14,6	15,0	2,2	223 863
North West	407 883	573 901	4,0	40,7	1,6	166 018
Gauteng	3 668 578	3 562 263	36,0	-2,9	-1,0	-106 315
Mpumalanga	300 731	234 316	3,0	-22,1	-0,7	-66 415
Limpopo	181 337	195 184	1,8	7,6	0,1	13 847
Total	10 184 365	10 278 732	100,0	0,9	0,9	94 367

¹ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change by its weight, divided by 100, where the weight is the percentage contribution of each province to the cumulative total buildings reported as completed during the previous year.

Four out of the nine provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed in the first quarter of 2025, of which Western Cape (contributing 3,3 percentage points or R333,0 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 2,2 percentage points or R223,9 million) and North West (contributing 1,6 percentage points or R166,0 million) were the largest positive contributors.

The largest negative contributors were Eastern Cape (contributing -3,9 percentage points or -R401,6 million) and Gauteng (contributing -1,0 percentage point or -R106,3 million) – see Table F.

Buildings reported as completed at constant 2019 prices

Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building

Type of building	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2024 and Jan – Mar 2025	% change between Jan – Mar 2024 and Jan – Mar 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	4 489 723	4 455 335	-34 388	-0,8
Non-residential buildings	1 179 168	1 646 050	466 882	39,6
Additions and alterations	1 850 441	1 288 254	-562 187	-30,4
Total	7 519 332	7 389 639	-129 693	-1,7

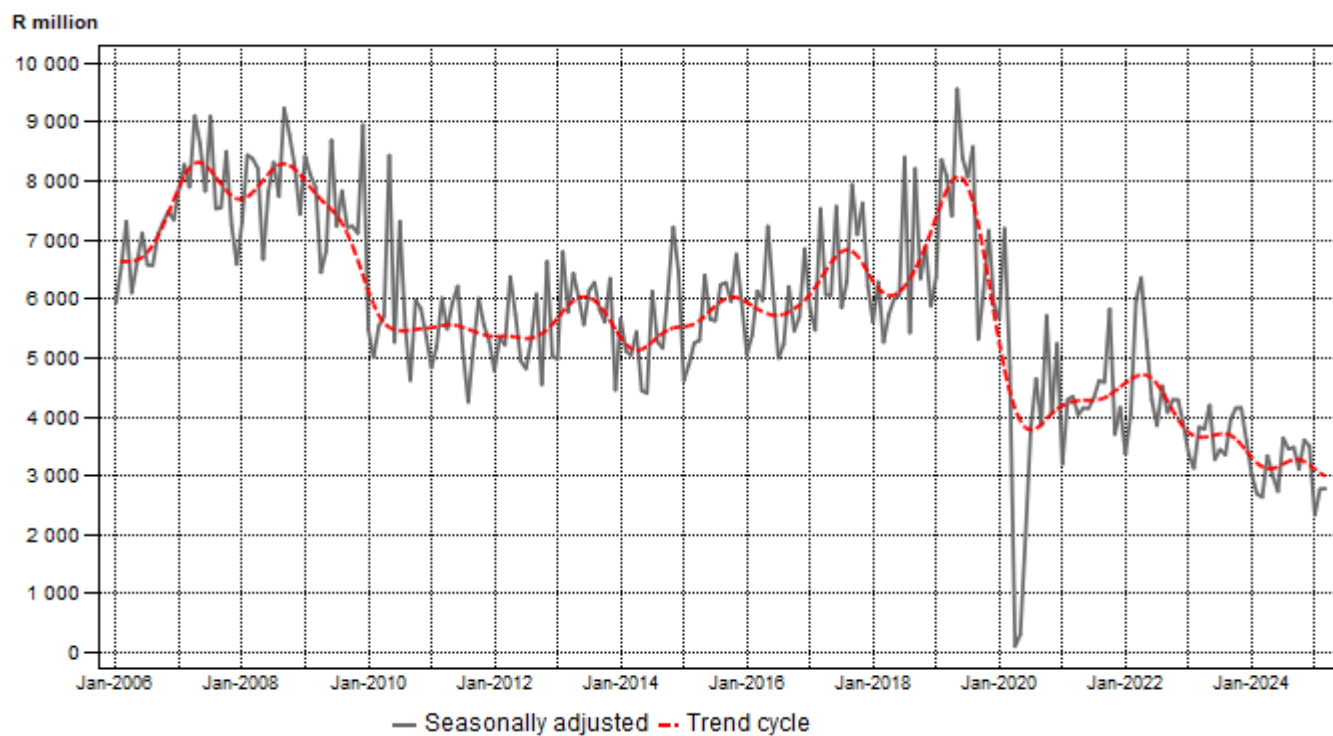
The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 1,7% (-R129,7 million) in the first quarter of 2025 compared with the first quarter of 2024. Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-R562,2 million) and residential buildings (-R34,4 million). Non-residential buildings rose by R466,9 million – see Table G.

Table H – Seasonally adjusted buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

Type of building	Oct – Dec 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	% change between Oct – Dec 2024 and Jan – Mar 2025
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 183 074	4 964 648	-4,2
Non-residential buildings ¹	3 157 597	1 646 050	-47,9
Additions and alterations	1 875 193	1 271 668	-32,2
Total	10 215 864	7 882 366	-22,8

¹ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 on page 38.

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased by 22,8% in the first quarter of 2025 compared with the fourth quarter of 2024. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-47,9%), additions and alterations (-32,2%) and residential buildings (-4,2%) – see Table H.

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


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Tables

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	2 641 211	-4,4	646 429	-10,4	1 392 946	-27,7	4 680 586	-13,5
	February	4 987 654	-6,0	1 655 142	-10,9	2 359 384	-10,6	9 002 180	-8,2
	March	3 543 222	-23,9	1 674 931	-1,3	2 596 885	20,7	7 815 038	-8,1
	April	4 241 995	-8,1	2 658 595	24,4	2 282 122	0,5	9 182 712	1,8
	May	4 138 159	-6,8	2 040 668	-0,9	1 955 538	-33,9	8 134 365	-14,0
	June	3 769 542	-20,2	2 538 847	-47,3	2 334 452	-15,7	8 642 841	-29,8
	July	3 978 787	-7,4	2 652 065	138,7	2 835 702	15,6	9 466 554	20,4
	August	4 294 462	9,3	2 005 025	-6,1	2 578 344	1,1	8 877 831	3,1
	September	4 892 901	9,2	2 070 383	102,1	2 661 175	11,6	9 624 459	22,0
	October	4 650 594	15,7	2 891 035	162,5	2 743 048	-8,3	10 284 677	26,8
	November	4 465 712	0,0	1 910 056	14,8	2 557 544	-8,0	8 933 312	0,2
	December	2 945 291	10,3	1 798 704	15,0	2 256 261	24,3	7 000 256	15,7
	Total	48 549 530	-3,6	24 541 880	12,1	28 553 401	-3,8	101 644 811	-0,3
2025	January	3 162 501	19,7	1 187 529	83,7	1 884 891	35,3	6 234 921	33,2
	February	3 387 362	-32,1	2 355 974	42,3	2 500 048	6,0	8 243 384	-8,4
	March	3 517 395	-0,7	1 385 314	-17,3	2 389 698	-8,0	7 292 407	-6,7

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	3 607 758	-0,7	646 429	-58,7	1 833 200	-19,8	6 087 387	-18,7
	February	4 547 851	26,1	1 655 142	156,0	2 377 573	29,7	8 580 566	41,0
	March	4 063 662	-10,6	1 674 931	1,2	2 978 276	25,3	8 716 869	1,6
	April	4 022 419	-1,0	2 658 595	58,7	2 248 004	-24,5	8 929 018	2,4
	May	3 860 879	-4,0	2 040 668	-23,2	1 889 844	-15,9	7 791 391	-12,7
	June	3 620 283	-6,2	2 538 847	24,4	2 408 384	27,4	8 567 514	10,0
	July	3 503 257	-3,2	2 652 065	4,5	2 386 080	-0,9	8 541 402	-0,3
	August	3 987 864	13,8	2 005 025	-24,4	2 422 079	1,5	8 414 968	-1,5
	September	4 760 189	19,4	2 070 383	3,3	2 452 033	1,2	9 282 605	10,3
	October	3 931 407	-17,4	2 891 035	39,6	2 363 617	-3,6	9 186 059	-1,0
	November	4 472 647	13,8	1 910 056	-33,9	2 392 688	1,2	8 775 391	-4,5
	December	3 905 267	-12,7	1 798 704	-5,8	2 728 939	14,1	8 432 910	-3,9
2025	January	4 234 696	8,4	1 187 529	-34,0	2 515 328	-7,8	7 937 553	-5,9
	February	3 584 334	-15,4	2 355 974	98,4	2 539 721	1,0	8 480 029	6,8
	March	3 624 566	1,1	1 385 314	-41,2	2 482 768	-2,2	7 492 648	-11,6
	Oct – Dec 24	12 309 321		6 599 795		7 485 244		26 394 360	
	Jan – Mar 25 ²	11 443 596	-7,0	4 928 817	-25,3	7 537 817	0,7	23 910 230	-9,4

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

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

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

Table 3 – Value and percentage change of building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	1 957 903	-9,7	479 191	-15,4	1 032 577	-31,7	3 469 671	-18,3
	February	3 686 367	-10,2	1 223 313	-14,8	1 743 817	-14,6	6 653 497	-12,2
	March	2 603 396	-27,1	1 230 662	-5,4	1 908 071	15,7	5 742 129	-11,9
	April	3 098 608	-12,4	1 941 998	18,6	1 666 999	-4,2	6 707 605	-3,0
	May	3 005 199	-11,2	1 481 967	-5,7	1 420 144	-37,1	5 907 310	-18,1
	June	2 747 480	-23,9	1 850 472	-49,7	1 701 496	-19,6	6 299 448	-33,1
	July	2 883 179	-11,7	1 921 786	127,6	2 054 857	10,2	6 859 822	14,8
	August	3 118 709	4,9	1 456 082	-9,9	1 872 436	-3,0	6 447 227	-1,1
	September	3 555 887	5,5	1 504 639	95,2	1 933 993	7,8	6 994 519	17,9
	October	3 414 533	13,2	2 122 640	156,7	2 013 985	-10,3	7 551 158	24,0
	November	3 262 025	-2,4	1 395 220	12,1	1 868 184	-10,2	6 525 429	-2,1
	December	2 151 418	8,2	1 313 882	12,9	1 648 109	22,1	5 113 409	13,6
	Total	35 484 704	-7,4	17 921 852	7,6	20 864 668	-7,6	74 271 224	-4,3
2025	January	2 298 329	17,4	863 030	80,1	1 369 834	32,7	4 531 193	30,6
	February	2 435 199	-33,9	1 693 727	38,5	1 797 303	3,1	5 926 229	-10,9
	March	2 510 632	-3,6	988 804	-19,7	1 705 709	-10,6	5 205 145	-9,4

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	2 631 529	-0,8	479 191	-58,8	1 350 981	-20,2	4 461 701	-19,0
	February	3 377 631	28,4	1 223 313	155,3	1 755 106	29,9	6 356 050	42,5
	March	2 979 388	-11,8	1 230 662	0,6	2 186 078	24,6	6 396 128	0,6
	April	2 961 162	-0,6	1 941 998	57,8	1 647 194	-24,7	6 550 354	2,4
	May	2 818 523	-4,8	1 481 967	-23,7	1 376 734	-16,4	5 677 224	-13,3
	June	2 642 206	-6,3	1 850 472	24,9	1 755 211	27,5	6 247 889	10,1
	July	2 552 366	-3,4	1 921 786	3,9	1 735 042	-1,1	6 209 194	-0,6
	August	2 920 451	14,4	1 456 082	-24,2	1 760 201	1,5	6 136 734	-1,2
	September	3 465 524	18,7	1 504 639	3,3	1 790 119	1,7	6 760 282	10,2
	October	2 884 970	-16,8	2 122 640	41,1	1 731 608	-3,3	6 739 218	-0,3
	November	3 235 985	12,2	1 395 220	-34,3	1 744 147	0,7	6 375 352	-5,4
	December	2 807 414	-13,2	1 313 882	-5,8	1 985 086	13,8	6 106 382	-4,2
2025	January	3 040 166	8,3	863 030	-34,3	1 818 409	-8,4	5 721 605	-6,3
	February	2 575 328	-15,3	1 693 727	96,3	1 822 629	0,2	6 091 684	6,5
	March	2 592 342	0,7	988 804	-41,6	1 773 183	-2,7	5 354 329	-12,1
	Oct – Dec 24	8 928 369		4 831 742		5 460 841		19 220 952	
	Jan – Mar 25 ²	8 207 836	-8,1	3 545 561	-26,6	5 414 221	-0,9	17 167 618	-10,7

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

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

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

Table 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
2024	January	1 834 865	14,6	738 235	-49,1	662 252	23,5	3 235 352	-9,9
	February	2 097 005	-13,1	464 909	-18,4	932 878	9,6	3 494 792	-8,9
	March	2 149 921	-21,9	392 388	-77,0	911 912	35,3	3 454 221	-32,7
	April	2 362 554	-6,7	1 461 297	8,4	730 773	5,4	4 554 624	-0,4
	May	2 403 328	-39,4	1 152 721	77,5	577 566	-32,4	4 133 615	-24,4
	June	2 166 878	-23,5	833 237	10,5	744 988	-4,4	3 745 103	-14,2
	July	2 995 552	12,7	818 680	-33,8	1 371 761	93,2	5 185 993	12,6
	August	2 500 529	-18,2	1 344 921	101,1	968 386	28,4	4 813 836	7,4
	September	3 089 032	-13,7	977 587	-21,4	1 044 219	34,3	5 110 838	-8,7
	October	2 825 730	-10,3	746 281	-51,5	895 522	-18,3	4 467 533	-22,8
	November	2 605 899	-26,5	2 003 154	19,3	812 265	-19,9	5 421 318	-13,1
	December	2 331 225	-29,0	1 569 481	162,8	816 420	-3,5	4 717 126	-0,2
	Total	29 362 518	-17,0	12 502 891	-7,0	10 468 942	9,2	52 334 351	-10,4
2025	January	1 264 370	-31,1	957 314	29,7	417 292	-37,0	2 638 976	-18,4
	February	2 310 249	10,2	756 905	62,8	577 979	-38,0	3 645 133	4,3
	March	2 627 724	22,2	569 063	45,0	797 836	-12,5	3 994 623	15,6

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	2 566 330	-19,7	738 235	23,6	802 190	-23,0	4 106 755	-15,1
	February	2 314 237	-9,8	464 909	-37,0	873 558	8,9	3 652 704	-11,1
	March	2 288 034	-1,1	392 388	-15,6	920 136	5,3	3 600 558	-1,4
	April	2 385 413	4,3	1 461 297	272,4	707 144	-23,1	4 553 854	26,5
	May	2 401 383	0,7	1 152 721	-21,1	574 706	-18,7	4 128 810	-9,3
	June	2 125 511	-11,5	833 237	-27,7	791 316	37,7	3 750 064	-9,2
	July	2 905 805	36,7	818 680	-1,7	1 289 634	63,0	5 014 119	33,7
	August	2 500 677	-13,9	1 344 921	64,3	892 795	-30,8	4 738 393	-5,5
	September	2 794 190	11,7	977 587	-27,3	1 002 689	12,3	4 774 466	0,8
	October	2 652 820	-5,1	746 281	-23,7	842 716	-16,0	4 241 817	-11,2
	November	2 165 879	-18,4	2 003 154	168,4	772 774	-8,3	4 941 807	16,5
	December	2 276 392	5,1	1 569 481	-21,6	951 792	23,2	4 797 665	-2,9
2025	January	1 772 983	-22,1	957 314	-39,0	494 649	-48,0	3 224 946	-32,8
	February	2 551 110	43,9	756 905	-20,9	559 392	13,1	3 867 407	19,9
	March	2 600 560	1,9	569 063	-24,8	726 026	29,8	3 895 649	0,7
	Oct – Dec 24	7 095 091		4 318 916		2 567 282		13 981 289	
	Jan – Mar 25 ²	6 924 653	-2,4	2 283 282	-47,1	1 780 067	-30,7	10 988 002	-21,4

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

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

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

Table 7 – Value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	1 360 167	8,2	547 246	-52,0	490 921	16,7	2 398 334	-14,9
	February	1 549 893	-17,0	343 613	-22,0	689 489	4,7	2 582 995	-12,9
	March	1 579 663	-25,1	288 309	-78,0	670 031	29,7	2 538 003	-35,5
	April	1 725 752	-11,1	1 067 419	3,4	533 801	0,5	3 326 972	-5,1
	May	1 745 336	-42,3	837 125	69,0	419 438	-35,6	3 001 899	-28,0
	June	1 579 357	-27,1	607 316	5,3	542 994	-8,9	2 729 667	-18,2
	July	2 170 690	7,5	593 246	-36,9	994 030	84,2	3 757 966	7,4
	August	1 815 925	-21,6	976 704	92,9	703 258	23,2	3 495 887	3,1
	September	2 244 936	-16,6	710 456	-24,1	758 880	29,7	3 714 272	-11,8
	October	2 074 692	-12,3	547 930	-52,5	657 505	-20,1	3 280 127	-24,5
	November	1 903 505	-28,2	1 463 224	16,5	593 327	-21,8	3 960 056	-15,1
	December	1 702 867	-30,3	1 146 443	158,0	596 362	-5,3	3 445 672	-2,0
	Total	21 452 783	-20,1	9 129 031	-10,8	7 650 036	5,1	38 231 850	-13,8
2025	January	918 874	-32,4	695 722	27,1	303 265	-38,2	1 917 861	-20,0
	February	1 660 855	7,2	544 145	58,4	415 513	-39,7	2 620 513	1,5
	March	1 875 606	18,7	406 183	40,9	569 476	-15,0	2 851 265	12,3

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

Table 8 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	1 888 203	-20,3	547 246	23,1	585 963	-25,0	3 021 412	-16,0
	February	1 707 524	-9,6	343 613	-37,2	641 794	9,5	2 692 931	-10,9
	March	1 676 169	-1,8	288 309	-16,1	670 823	4,5	2 635 301	-2,1
	April	1 747 265	4,2	1 067 419	270,2	525 883	-21,6	3 340 567	26,8
	May	1 747 358	0,0	837 125	-21,6	418 114	-20,5	3 002 597	-10,1
	June	1 550 511	-11,3	607 316	-27,5	574 412	37,4	2 732 239	-9,0
	July	2 110 758	36,1	593 246	-2,3	936 856	63,1	3 640 860	33,3
	August	1 822 643	-13,6	976 704	64,6	653 739	-30,2	3 453 086	-5,2
	September	2 038 104	11,8	710 456	-27,3	733 358	12,2	3 481 918	0,8
	October	1 946 108	-4,5	547 930	-22,9	615 168	-16,1	3 109 206	-10,7
	November	1 580 805	-18,8	1 463 224	167,0	561 841	-8,7	3 605 870	16,0
	December	1 656 161	4,8	1 146 443	-21,6	698 184	24,3	3 500 788	-2,9
2025	January	1 278 643	-22,8	695 722	-39,3	355 370	-49,1	2 329 735	-33,5
	February	1 831 023	43,2	544 145	-21,8	400 220	12,6	2 775 388	19,1
	March	1 854 982	1,3	406 183	-25,4	516 078	28,9	2 777 243	0,1
	Oct – Dec 24	5 183 074		3 157 597		1 875 193		10 215 864	
	Jan – Mar 25 ²	4 964 648	-4,2	1 646 050	-47,9	1 271 668	-32,2	7 882 366	-22,8

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	767	334	903	1 486	1 471	-1,0
		square metres	36 052	17 483	41 039	75 257	71 103	-5,5
		R'000	317 497	144 383	279 909	616 493	519 035	-15,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	762	856	814	2 528	2 515	-0,5
		square metres	222 730	251 978	236 186	720 901	730 503	1,3
		R'000	1 901 276	2 190 554	2 040 416	6 145 427	6 308 506	2,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 230	769	1 157	4 059	2 954	-27,2
		square metres	130 550	64 931	108 688	426 988	266 812	-37,5
		R'000	1 296 399	699 308	1 160 634	4 330 990	2 789 121	-35,6
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	4 035	32 778	3 398	10 997	42 847	289,6
		R'000	28 050	353 117	36 436	79 177	450 596	469,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	3 543 222	3 387 362	3 517 395	11 172 087	10 067 258	-9,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	9 021	29 488	8 935	19 641	39 438	100,8
		R'000	83 236	314 035	87 475	168 194	408 535	142,9
	Shopping space	square metres	44 581	48 105	34 052	104 744	109 631	4,7
		R'000	424 260	344 811	335 361	869 057	905 123	4,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	116 545	169 210	105 281	292 595	394 246	34,7
		R'000	844 049	1 359 144	789 537	2 169 125	2 988 472	37,8
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	39 972	36 121	21 124	98 726	70 950	-28,1
		R'000	323 386	337 984	172 941	770 126	626 687	-18,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 674 931	2 355 974	1 385 314	3 976 502	4 928 817	23,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	195 536	189 844	170 152	513 576	503 593	-1,9
		R'000	1 708 190	1 648 425	1 513 407	4 456 334	4 428 711	-0,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	90 202	55 584	76 509	176 923	189 385	7,0
		R'000	888 695	851 623	876 291	1 892 881	2 345 926	23,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 596 885	2 500 048	2 389 698	6 349 215	6 774 637	6,7
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	7 815 038	8 243 384	7 292 407	21 497 804	21 770 712	1,3

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Mar 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	88	57	196	352	348	-1,1
		square metres	3 972	2 745	8 411	16 189	15 642	-3,4
		R'000	25 632	21 076	52 734	103 859	105 540	1,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	296	390	347	951	1 152	21,1
		square metres	83 270	103 444	92 906	257 904	301 917	17,1
		R'000	635 012	815 472	716 756	2 019 706	2 315 101	14,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	452	154	530	1 452	1 156	-20,4
		square metres	49 324	25 169	46 771	163 537	120 171	-26,5
		R'000	487 072	242 978	479 255	1 669 785	1 154 967	-30,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	2 324	14 894	0	2 773	15 110	444,9
		R'000	13 735	161 702	0	17 144	163 044	851,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 161 451	1 241 228	1 248 745	3 810 494	3 738 652	-1,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 673	17 405	5 964	3 905	23 939	513,0
		R'000	23 827	183 993	46 799	34 409	234 791	582,4
	Shopping space	square metres	3 899	5 503	8 402	13 282	32 251	142,8
		R'000	33 783	55 733	67 772	110 178	276 171	150,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	22 052	36 043	18 212	64 096	74 124	15,6
		R'000	168 070	287 277	140 532	461 452	572 459	24,1
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	8 356	21 616	2 383	21 239	36 623	72,4
		R'000	62 123	208 127	22 186	159 139	334 638	110,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	287 803	735 130	277 289	765 178	1 418 059	85,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	53 687	78 093	63 627	155 155	196 677	26,8
		R'000	392 819	597 859	501 784	1 145 677	1 530 105	33,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	23 951	16 622	22 564	63 408	57 230	-9,7
		R'000	249 978	421 063	324 061	754 394	957 649	26,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	642 797	1 018 922	825 845	1 900 071	2 487 754	30,9
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 092 051	2 995 280	2 351 879	6 475 743	7 644 465	18,0

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Mar 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	9	95	23	110	378,3
		square metres	877	396	3 702	1 345	4 390	226,4
		R'000	6 828	3 032	31 522	10 436	37 020	254,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	59	45	36	170	111	-34,7
		square metres	14 976	10 378	9 993	41 651	30 300	-27,3
		R'000	125 707	89 664	87 444	347 236	262 415	-24,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	7	1	61	42	63	50,0
		square metres	1 903	165	6 899	7 412	8 010	8,1
		R'000	15 694	1 430	58 617	61 078	68 246	11,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	148 229	94 126	177 583	418 750	367 681	-12,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	504	1 705	0	2 780	1 705	-38,7
		R'000	4 156	14 747	0	18 236	14 747	-19,1
	Shopping space	square metres	1 025	0	0	1 025	0	-100,0
		R'000	7 922	0	0	7 922	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 403	51 862	24 402	28 784	76 264	165,0
		R'000	51 706	449 488	211 184	235 778	660 672	180,2
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	945	981	4 559	3 641	5 540	52,2
		R'000	7 151	8 502	39 954	29 378	48 456	64,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	70 935	472 737	251 138	291 314	723 875	148,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	16 787	12 198	14 571	47 906	36 295	-24,2
		R'000	136 216	104 925	124 963	385 109	310 228	-19,4
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	19 698	3 678	6 298	23 408	13 598	-41,9
		R'000	163 159	32 496	69 943	196 353	133 181	-32,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	299 375	137 421	194 906	581 462	443 409	-23,7
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	518 539	704 284	623 627	1 291 526	1 534 965	18,8

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Mar 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	188	2	5	195	8	-95,9
		square metres	7 545	98	197	7 883	359	-95,4
		R'000	71 021	973	1 949	74 198	3 555	-95,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	15	13	16	40	46	15,0
		square metres	2 781	2 698	3 181	7 876	8 881	12,8
		R'000	23 943	23 441	28 157	67 793	78 164	15,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	0	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	94 964	24 414	30 106	141 991	81 719	-42,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	947	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	5 914	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	2 428	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	22 855	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	1 200	0	1 272	..
		R'000	0	0	11 872	0	12 584	..
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	467	60	0	843	..
		R'000	0	4 620	594	0	8 340	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	4 620	12 466	28 769	20 924	-27,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 144	1 765	1 215	7 206	4 112	-42,9
		R'000	18 934	16 577	11 189	64 081	38 041	-40,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	78	446	1 507	78	3 344	4 187,2
		R'000	794	4 541	15 858	1 064	40 105	3 669,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	19 728	21 118	27 047	65 145	78 146	20,0
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	114 692	50 152	69 619	235 905	180 789	-23,4

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Mar 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	9	11	151	23	166	621,7
		square metres	656	571	6 174	1 401	7 021	401,1
		R'000	6 311	5 391	40 572	12 970	48 523	274,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	35	43	41	104	111	6,7
		square metres	8 460	10 759	10 338	25 729	27 828	8,2
		R'000	75 228	96 481	85 581	222 697	238 259	7,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	42	62	10	42	72	71,4
		square metres	7 091	3 964	4 498	7 091	8 462	19,3
		R'000	68 223	40 084	45 484	68 223	85 568	25,4
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	921	878	0	1 092	1 117	2,3
		R'000	8 723	8 878	0	9 781	11 295	15,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	158 485	150 834	171 637	313 671	383 645	22,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	130	0	205	130	-36,6
		R'000	0	1 315	0	1 634	1 315	-19,5
	Shopping space	square metres	653	640	3 067	11 863	5 953	-49,8
		R'000	4 863	6 472	27 132	75 101	53 072	-29,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	3 615	0	8 144	11 200	37,5
		R'000	0	30 643	0	64 936	79 946	23,1
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	3 408	3 933	235	10 521	4 168	-60,4
		R'000	28 400	39 770	2 376	73 607	42 146	-42,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	33 263	78 200	29 508	215 278	176 479	-18,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 471	5 077	4 259	18 367	14 714	-19,9
		R'000	55 450	46 877	38 564	151 923	129 897	-14,5
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	1 710	2 308	7 865	3 712	10 374	179,5
		R'000	17 587	19 846	61 223	34 642	83 260	140,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	73 037	66 723	99 787	186 565	213 157	14,3
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	264 785	295 757	300 932	715 514	773 281	8,1

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Mar 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	16	2	9	61	24	-60,7
		square metres	708	101	529	2 869	1 357	-52,7
		R'000	5 243	781	4 230	22 224	11 125	-49,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	69	57	64	220	198	-10,0
		square metres	24 901	23 108	23 856	71 425	77 897	9,1
		R'000	273 138	264 605	249 056	753 116	864 695	14,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	325	50	184	518	462	-10,8
		square metres	32 470	4 648	21 187	71 023	48 987	-31,0
		R'000	317 756	38 456	218 063	690 045	547 476	-20,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	15 552	2 810	1 902	22 113	1 062,6
		R'000	0	171 072	30 910	12 690	243 243	1 816,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	596 137	474 914	502 259	1 478 075	1 666 539	12,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	4 581	248	0	7 833	248	-96,8
		R'000	38 981	1 240	0	72 208	1 240	-98,3
	Shopping space	square metres	7 782	594	1 177	7 944	2 427	-69,4
		R'000	58 003	4 455	8 066	59 785	16 466	-72,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	10 846	15 205	18 132	20 079	47 587	137,0
		R'000	78 540	90 499	130 391	142 724	342 015	139,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	4 914	1 659	1 642	6 629	3 301	-50,2
		R'000	54 156	17 998	18 062	69 248	36 060	-47,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	229 680	114 192	156 519	343 965	395 781	15,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	30 538	28 419	24 652	72 088	69 805	-3,2
		R'000	351 275	304 588	266 154	782 484	756 800	-3,3
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	20 033	5 386	9 279	29 946	21 111	-29,5
		R'000	221 846	73 171	115 616	381 184	282 973	-25,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	573 121	377 759	381 770	1 163 668	1 039 773	-10,6
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 398 938	966 865	1 040 548	2 985 708	3 102 093	3,9

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Mar 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	13	3	19	17	-10,5
		square metres	42	731	175	979	972	-0,7
		R'000	302	4 810	1 212	7 150	6 451	-9,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	56	37	27	144	105	-27,1
		square metres	14 589	8 226	5 652	39 882	25 019	-37,3
		R'000	112 683	60 743	43 717	297 412	192 718	-35,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	28	19	4	57	29	-49,1
		square metres	2 181	1 907	1 147	4 452	3 342	-24,9
		R'000	16 158	13 730	7 266	31 570	22 868	-27,6
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	790	364	0	1 100	364	-66,9
		R'000	5 592	2 366	0	7 509	2 366	-68,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	134 735	81 649	52 195	343 641	224 403	-34,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	102	445	336,3
		R'000	0	0	0	630	3 026	380,3
	Shopping space	square metres	25 860	690	2 398	31 004	7 634	-75,4
		R'000	278 507	4 750	15 587	318 088	51 664	-83,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 925	602	24 152	2 404	24 754	929,7
		R'000	13 860	4 912	156 988	16 758	161 900	866,1
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	9 000	0	0	10 224	185	-98,2
		R'000	76 050	0	0	83 621	1 069	-98,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	368 417	9 662	172 575	419 097	217 659	-48,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 391	7 004	6 049	22 320	16 441	-26,3
		R'000	73 973	47 343	42 381	158 463	112 925	-28,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	3 768	2 396	915	4 666	7 814	67,5
		R'000	36 082	47 120	77 016	61 198	198 374	224,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	110 055	94 463	119 397	219 661	311 299	41,7
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	613 207	185 774	344 167	982 399	753 361	-23,3

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Mar 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	436	206	438	762	731	-4,1
		square metres	21 507	10 841	21 519	41 291	37 388	-9,5
		R'000	196 649	90 913	145 306	361 104	272 171	-24,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	166	190	194	669	545	-18,5
		square metres	50 203	63 778	60 424	190 894	172 040	-9,9
		R'000	479 940	612 128	592 680	1 828 492	1 687 383	-7,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	306	461	349	1 763	1 117	-36,6
		square metres	31 418	26 001	24 365	158 799	67 627	-57,4
		R'000	345 848	342 318	326 693	1 702 491	841 603	-50,6
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	383	0	2 935	383	-87,0
		R'000	0	2 932	0	24 046	2 932	-87,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 022 437	1 048 291	1 064 679	3 916 133	2 804 089	-28,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 263	10 000	2 971	1 691	12 971	667,1
		R'000	16 272	112 740	40 676	20 986	153 416	631,0
	Shopping space	square metres	1 164	1 587	15 828	14 338	18 776	31,0
		R'000	14 135	14 004	191 438	121 983	220 913	81,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	49 388	39 076	13 800	131 780	116 837	-11,3
		R'000	367 394	319 478	101 871	1 005 678	844 944	-16,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	8 559	1 608	2 450	32 557	4 638	-85,8
		R'000	65 764	14 929	25 741	262 645	47 912	-81,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	463 565	461 151	359 726	1 411 292	1 267 185	-10,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	57 109	43 172	38 288	151 291	119 538	-21,0
		R'000	553 064	427 776	398 568	1 495 553	1 215 085	-18,8
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	16 174	17 145	10 841	42 137	37 918	-10,0
		R'000	163 950	192 938	88 623	386 177	371 472	-3,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	717 014	620 714	487 191	1 881 730	1 586 557	-15,7
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 203 016	2 130 156	1 911 596	7 209 155	5 657 831	-21,5

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Mar 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	23	2	42	49	16,7
		square metres	576	1 370	90	2 716	2 903	6,9
		R'000	4 349	12 674	585	20 800	26 662	28,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	27	49	51	120	144	20,0
		square metres	7 835	17 339	18 195	46 880	49 091	4,7
		R'000	60 957	139 054	152 122	333 990	395 130	18,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	38	13	9	108	26	-75,9
		square metres	2 133	2 161	2 912	7 245	7 005	-3,3
		R'000	18 131	14 358	19 347	51 742	46 541	-10,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	707	588	1 195	3 760	214,6
		R'000	0	6 167	5 526	8 007	27 716	246,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	83 437	172 253	177 580	414 539	496 049	19,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 438	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	9 091	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	3 968	38 291	2 975	13 607	41 266	203,3
		R'000	25 774	254 405	24 033	85 679	278 438	225,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	25 009	22 807	5 383	31 617	38 705	22,4
		R'000	158 262	176 847	36 699	202 552	288 419	42,4
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	3 185	0	3 185	..
		R'000	0	0	21 151	0	21 151	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	184 036	431 252	81 883	297 322	588 008	97,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	16 414	12 784	15 944	32 153	40 653	26,4
		R'000	112 243	92 984	118 544	223 493	297 549	33,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	1 136	6 936	8 785	3 491	27 582	690,1
		R'000	9 216	55 532	62 381	30 597	202 422	561,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	121 459	148 516	180 925	254 090	499 971	96,8
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	388 932	752 021	440 388	965 951	1 584 028	64,0

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Mar 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	11	4	9	18	100,0
		square metres	169	630	242	584	1 071	83,4
		R'000	1 162	4 733	1 799	3 752	7 988	112,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	39	32	38	110	103	-6,4
		square metres	15 715	12 248	11 641	38 660	37 530	-2,9
		R'000	114 668	88 966	84 903	274 985	274 641	-0,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	32	9	10	77	29	-62,3
		square metres	4 030	916	909	7 429	3 208	-56,8
		R'000	27 517	5 954	5 909	56 056	21 852	-61,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	143 347	99 653	92 611	334 793	304 481	-9,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	740	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	5 086	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	230	800	205	9 253	1 324	-85,7
		R'000	1 273	4 992	1 333	67 466	8 399	-87,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	922	0	0	5 691	3 503	-38,4
		R'000	6 217	0	0	39 247	25 533	-34,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	4 790	5 857	6 610	13 915	12 467	-10,4
		R'000	29 742	44 038	42 877	92 488	86 915	-6,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	37 232	49 030	44 210	204 287	120 847	-40,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 995	1 332	1 547	7 090	5 358	-24,4
		R'000	14 216	9 496	11 260	49 551	38 081	-23,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	3 654	667	8 455	6 077	10 414	71,4
		R'000	26 083	4 916	61 570	47 272	76 490	61,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	40 299	14 412	72 830	96 823	114 571	18,3
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	220 878	163 095	209 651	635 903	539 899	-15,1

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Mar 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	608	442	469	1 182	1 171	-0,9
		square metres	30 250	22 754	21 132	60 909	56 422	-7,4
		R'000	229 618	147 934	163 945	455 347	394 325	-13,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	503	594	515	1 490	1 480	-0,7
		square metres	136 578	155 050	146 963	392 245	403 415	2,8
		R'000	1 180 622	1 347 297	1 315 523	3 374 734	3 575 185	5,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 292	973	786	2 864	1 932	-32,5
		square metres	83 436	80 680	87 203	231 608	195 668	-15,5
		R'000	738 827	755 467	931 848	2 157 881	1 934 374	-10,4
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	138	9 462	23 249	12 773	36 207	183,5
		R'000	854	59 551	216 408	93 829	298 459	218,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 149 921	2 310 249	2 627 724	6 081 791	6 202 343	2,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 852	17 319	1 526	19 410	20 860	7,5
		R'000	26 983	153 289	13 472	179 571	190 034	5,8
	Shopping space	square metres	2 745	7 539	34 490	42 490	47 848	12,6
		R'000	20 348	73 093	259 297	449 429	386 566	-14,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	36 737	57 543	41 120	107 054	215 813	101,6
		R'000	291 748	379 102	281 762	852 416	1 429 670	67,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	6 149	19 365	1 883	13 695	34 507	152,0
		R'000	53 309	151 421	14 532	114 116	277 012	142,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	392 388	756 905	569 063	1 595 532	2 283 282	43,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	60 308	42 036	50 496	176 183	130 047	-26,2
		R'000	512 386	365 832	447 265	1 495 969	1 145 658	-23,4
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	42 883	20 244	28 020	97 976	54 169	-44,7
		R'000	399 526	212 147	350 571	1 011 073	647 449	-36,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	911 912	577 979	797 836	2 507 042	1 793 107	-28,5
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 454 221	3 645 133	3 994 623	10 184 365	10 278 732	0,9

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Mar 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	227	93	92	439	245	-44,2
		square metres	10 303	4 490	4 139	20 364	11 465	-43,7
		R'000	65 789	28 765	29 732	136 262	77 174	-43,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	210	237	203	561	579	3,2
		square metres	56 758	65 409	55 255	143 142	154 987	8,3
		R'000	427 556	490 765	448 465	1 053 417	1 198 709	13,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	245	775	367	747	1 232	64,9
		square metres	23 743	63 418	33 659	85 237	115 554	35,6
		R'000	200 988	586 476	298 945	745 381	1 053 401	41,3
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	8 620	17 157	10 237	28 834	181,7
		R'000	0	54 078	167 602	72 168	241 139	234,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	694 333	1 160 084	944 744	2 007 228	2 570 423	28,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	10 069	1 113	7 620	11 182	46,7
		R'000	0	73 402	9 893	71 876	83 295	15,9
	Shopping space	square metres	0	456	125	0	581	..
		R'000	0	4 218	1 063	0	5 281	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	8 177	7 835	231	33 553	17 946	-46,5
		R'000	63 136	55 929	1 848	257 482	123 528	-52,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	3 037	4 374	1 603	8 187	7 861	-4,0
		R'000	19 114	32 370	11 504	55 159	58 194	5,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	82 250	165 919	24 308	384 517	270 298	-29,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	20 547	13 864	16 441	49 553	41 283	-16,7
		R'000	143 076	92 140	126 914	348 252	296 638	-14,8
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	13 046	3 581	5 406	24 784	11 706	-52,8
		R'000	120 578	56 077	83 781	252 375	188 031	-25,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	263 654	148 217	210 695	600 627	484 669	-19,3
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 040 237	1 474 220	1 179 747	2 992 372	3 325 390	11,1

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Mar 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	25	1	69	78	178	128,2
		square metres	1 324	54	2 653	4 423	7 113	60,8
		R'000	10 520	312	22 805	35 325	52 555	48,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	33	5	5	93	20	-78,5
		square metres	6 057	2 731	1 261	18 467	7 075	-61,7
		R'000	50 069	22 880	10 565	149 537	58 958	-60,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	15	0	0	332	0	-100,0
		square metres	2 494	0	0	19 915	0	-100,0
		R'000	20 370	0	0	159 873	0	-100,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	3 515	0	3 515	..
		R'000	0	0	30 465	0	30 465	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	80 959	23 192	63 835	344 735	141 978	-58,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	413	0	413	..
		R'000	0	0	3 579	0	3 579	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	12 824	0	12 824	..
		R'000	0	0	107 439	0	107 439	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	513	1 162	1 958	1 675	-14,5
		R'000	0	4 446	10 071	14 367	14 517	1,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	131	0	0	131	0	-100,0
		R'000	808	0	0	808	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	808	4 446	121 089	15 175	125 535	727,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 317	1 870	9 840	44 409	17 599	-60,4
		R'000	109 479	15 956	83 669	362 867	149 102	-58,9
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	8 961	6 837	3 707	24 619	12 904	-47,6
		R'000	74 831	57 468	41 247	214 415	119 008	-44,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	184 310	73 424	124 916	577 282	268 110	-53,6
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	266 077	101 062	309 840	937 192	535 623	-42,8

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Mar 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	0	0	3	0	-100,0
		square metres	109	0	0	167	0	-100,0
		R'000	1 026	0	0	1 572	0	-100,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	5	5	2	12	10	-16,7
		square metres	880	1 193	176	2 560	1 986	-22,4
		R'000	8 283	11 802	1 741	24 097	19 647	-18,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	0	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	1 164	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	10 957	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	9 309	11 802	1 741	36 626	19 647	-46,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	619	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	5 827	0	-100,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	0	5 827	0	-100,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 102	176	459	3 277	1 537	-53,1
		R'000	10 373	1 741	4 541	30 846	15 206	-50,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	547	0	833	547	-34,3
		R'000	390	5 432	230	8 321	5 762	-30,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	10 763	7 173	4 771	39 167	20 968	-46,5
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	20 072	18 975	6 512	81 620	40 615	-50,2

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Mar 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	3	2	2	5	150,0
		square metres	91	177	110	91	287	215,4
		R'000	876	1 790	1 112	876	2 902	231,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	14	11	11	32	33	3,1
		square metres	2 623	2 208	2 367	6 502	7 668	17,9
		R'000	23 696	20 965	21 592	52 454	71 214	35,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	23	0	23	..
		square metres	0	0	1 984	0	1 984	..
		R'000	0	0	20 062	0	20 062	..
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	138	0	0	991	0	-100,0
		R'000	854	0	0	7 654	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	25 426	22 755	42 766	60 984	94 178	54,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	277	0	0	277	0	-100,0
		R'000	2 665	0	0	2 665	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	145	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	897	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 665	0	0	3 562	0	-100,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 969	171	180	7 604	579	-92,4
		R'000	18 135	1 084	1 141	54 059	3 787	-93,0
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	276	0	0	276	0	-100,0
		R'000	3 020	0	0	6 435	0	-100,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	21 155	1 084	1 141	60 494	3 787	-93,7
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	49 246	23 839	43 907	125 040	97 965	-21,7

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Mar 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	14	8	13	32	35	9,4
		square metres	879	447	601	1 886	1 874	-0,6
		R'000	9 384	5 319	6 648	18 565	21 114	13,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	36	57	52	115	153	33,0
		square metres	10 749	14 058	19 291	32 953	45 445	37,9
		R'000	130 403	164 607	224 162	358 147	526 888	47,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	59	18	140	195	168	-13,8
		square metres	7 397	4 524	16 245	20 304	23 593	16,2
		R'000	63 682	32 205	203 910	178 027	257 459	44,6
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	381	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	3 050	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	203 469	202 131	434 720	557 789	805 461	44,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	6 750	0	0	6 750	..
		R'000	0	74 250	0	0	74 250	..
	Shopping space	square metres	306	3 657	1 272	34 155	9 056	-73,5
		R'000	2 586	40 925	13 992	372 163	97 374	-73,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	629	32 298	10 295	12 169	57 763	374,7
		R'000	3 147	196 256	62 545	86 692	366 438	322,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	2 559	1 720	0	2 559	3 141	22,7
		R'000	28 149	12 354	0	28 149	27 985	-0,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	33 882	323 785	76 537	487 004	566 047	16,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 085	7 139	6 433	21 440	20 291	-5,4
		R'000	92 651	78 128	74 075	248 808	229 782	-7,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	7 909	3 366	5 144	14 233	9 272	-34,9
		R'000	79 633	34 665	64 862	196 011	112 185	-42,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	172 284	112 793	138 937	444 819	341 967	-23,1
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	409 635	638 709	650 194	1 489 612	1 713 475	15,0

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Mar 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	38	11	11	66	35	-47,0
		square metres	2 120	649	586	3 763	2 031	-46,0
		R'000	15 811	3 844	3 427	27 450	11 923	-56,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	28	37	52	110	120	9,1
		square metres	7 189	7 246	13 308	24 756	28 916	16,8
		R'000	54 305	49 151	94 512	180 561	203 992	13,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2	0	4	10	16	60,0
		square metres	175	0	374	507	1 426	181,3
		R'000	1 260	0	2 590	3 313	11 707	253,4
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	838	0	1 277	..
		R'000	0	0	5 440	0	8 481	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	71 376	52 995	105 969	211 324	236 103	11,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	455	0	0	455	0	-100,0
		R'000	3 754	0	0	3 754	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	2 259	622	15 869	2 929	18 183	520,8
		R'000	16 766	5 076	105 467	21 773	122 262	461,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 782	0	6 950	3 403	6 950	104,2
		R'000	14 446	0	45 784	24 472	45 784	87,1
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	10 507	0	0	10 836	..
		R'000	0	84 709	0	0	86 848	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	34 966	89 785	151 251	49 999	254 894	409,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 504	3 664	3 854	8 863	10 683	20,5
		R'000	9 885	23 811	25 187	56 994	69 604	22,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	7 007	32	1 280	8 492	1 341	-84,2
		R'000	73 496	208	12 903	89 566	13 300	-85,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	83 381	24 019	38 090	146 560	82 904	-43,4
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	189 723	166 799	295 310	407 883	573 901	40,7

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Mar 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	298	314	277	544	654	20,2
		square metres	15 284	16 077	12 713	29 021	32 335	11,4
		R'000	125 250	102 146	97 581	226 837	219 305	-3,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	154	206	150	457	469	2,6
		square metres	46 881	49 132	42 204	138 946	125 820	-9,4
		R'000	447 865	482 692	415 953	1 377 347	1 251 230	-9,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	954	180	244	1 545	485	-68,6
		square metres	47 716	12 738	32 379	101 028	50 549	-50,0
		R'000	440 446	136 786	388 915	1 040 608	574 319	-44,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	1 383	0	1 383	..
		R'000	0	0	10 587	0	10 587	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 013 561	721 624	913 036	2 644 792	2 055 441	-22,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 068	500	0	1 310	2 515	92,0
		R'000	13 913	5 637	0	16 796	28 910	72,1
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 262	572	4 831	1 834	-62,0
		R'000	0	11 736	4 379	52 220	16 115	-69,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	18 562	15 075	22 482	35 614	128 115	259,7
		R'000	146 529	105 346	161 514	316 361	853 314	169,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	422	2 764	280	2 818	12 669	349,6
		R'000	5 238	21 988	3 028	30 000	103 985	246,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	165 680	144 707	168 921	415 377	1 002 324	141,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 961	12 300	11 063	38 253	31 824	-16,8
		R'000	123 249	127 384	115 928	375 087	330 332	-11,9
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	5 684	4 677	10 340	23 944	15 052	-37,1
		R'000	46 078	42 921	129 688	233 322	174 166	-25,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	169 327	170 305	245 616	608 409	504 498	-17,1
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 348 568	1 036 636	1 327 573	3 668 578	3 562 263	-2,9

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Mar 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	11	2	8	13	62,5
		square metres	0	785	118	533	903	69,4
		R'000	0	5 216	1 109	3 883	6 325	62,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	4	22	14	64	48	-25,0
		square metres	1 043	6 872	3 132	12 262	12 248	-0,1
		R'000	7 709	58 454	27 916	91 082	105 351	15,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	17	0	4	17	4	-76,5
		square metres	1 911	0	1 864	1 911	1 864	-2,5
		R'000	12 081	0	12 384	12 081	12 384	2,5
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	842	356	0	1 198	..
		R'000	0	5 473	2 314	0	7 787	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	19 790	69 143	43 723	107 046	131 847	23,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 052	0	0	9 748	0	-100,0
		R'000	6 651	0	0	84 480	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	958	0	958	..
		R'000	0	0	6 227	0	6 227	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	7 587	1 822	0	12 632	1 822	-85,6
		R'000	64 490	17 125	0	100 454	17 125	-83,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	71 141	17 125	6 227	184 934	23 352	-87,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	220	2 648	2 031	1 266	5 685	349,1
		R'000	1 394	24 115	14 402	8 550	47 120	451,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	1 204	2 143	0	3 347	..
		R'000	0	13 376	16 860	201	31 997	15 818,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 394	37 491	31 262	8 751	79 117	804,1
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	92 325	123 759	81 212	300 731	234 316	-22,1

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Mar 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	1	3	10	6	-40,0
		square metres	140	75	212	661	414	-37,4
		R'000	962	542	1 531	4 577	3 027	-33,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	19	14	26	46	48	4,3
		square metres	4 398	6 201	9 969	12 657	19 270	52,2
		R'000	30 736	45 981	70 617	88 092	139 196	58,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	4	18	4	-77,8
		square metres	0	0	698	2 706	698	-74,2
		R'000	0	0	5 042	18 598	5 042	-72,9
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	31 698	46 523	77 190	111 267	147 265	32,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	180	1 542	2 870	430	4 412	926,0
		R'000	996	11 138	20 730	2 376	31 868	1 241,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	7 106	1 542	-78,3
		R'000	0	0	0	46 761	8 964	-80,8
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	996	11 138	20 730	49 137	40 832	-16,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	603	204	195	1 518	566	-62,7
		R'000	4 144	1 473	1 408	10 506	4 087	-61,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	0	0	795	0	-100,0
		R'000	1 500	2 000	1 000	10 427	3 000	-71,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	5 644	3 473	2 408	20 933	7 087	-66,1
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	38 338	61 134	100 328	181 337	195 184	7,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
Purpose of the survey	2	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
Scope of the survey	3	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	4	Building activities are classified in division five according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
Collection rate	5	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for March 2025 was 90,0%. The revised collection rate for February 2025 was 89,1%.
Statistical unit	6	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	7	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85% of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by email and telephone.
Constant prices	8	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2019. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151.1: <i>Construction Materials Price Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2023=100) are converted to the base year 2019=100.

- Seasonal adjustment** 9 Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by the United States Census Bureau.
- 10 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore, the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for building statistics is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at: [Click to download building statistics seasonal adjustment February 2022](#).
- Trend cycle** 11 The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.
- Revised figures** 12 Revised figures are mainly due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. The reasons for routine revisions are outlined in the following schedule. Any unscheduled revisions will be promptly indicated in relevant tables to maintain transparency and accuracy. It is important to note that seasonally adjusted figures are revised monthly.

Statistical release	Reason for revision	Period subject to revision
Mar-25	Additional information from respondents	Mar-23 - Feb-25
Apr-25	Additional information from respondents	Apr-23 - Mar-25
May-25	Additional information from respondents	May-23 - Apr-25
Jun-25	Additional information from respondents	Jun-23 - May-25
Jul-25	Additional information from respondents	Jul-23 - Jun-25
Aug-25	Additional information from respondents	Aug-23 - Jul-25
Sep-25	Additional information from respondents	Sep-23 - Aug-25
Oct-25	Additional information from respondents	Oct-23 - Sep-25
Nov-25	Additional information from respondents	Nov-23 - Oct-25
Dec-25	Additional information from respondents	Dec-23 - Nov-25
Jan-26	Additional information from respondents	Jan-24 - Dec-25
Feb-26	Additional information from respondents	Feb-24 - Jan-26
New base year in 2027/28 – periodic, approximately four to five-year intervals		

- Related publications** 13 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:
- P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* issued annually;
 - P9101.2: *Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region* issued annually; and
 - *Building Statistics* (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.
- Rounding-off of figures** 14 Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.
- Symbols and abbreviations** 15
- .. Changes from a zero in the preceding period cannot be calculated as a percentage
 - 0 Nil or figure too small to publish
 - * Revised figures
 - Stats SA Statistics South Africa
 - SIC Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities
 - ISIC International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities

Glossary

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

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