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## Key findings for January to March 2026

### Building plans passed at current prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026	% change between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>10 225 407</b>	<b>11 533 914</b>	<b>1 308 507</b>	<b>12,8</b>
-Dwelling-houses	6 906 179	7 046 001	139 822	2,0
-Flats and townhouses	2 844 640	3 575 070	730 430	25,7
-Other residential buildings	474 588	912 843	438 255	92,3
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>4 986 915</b>	<b>4 294 390</b>	<b>-692 525</b>	<b>-13,9</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	<b>6 808 869</b>	<b>6 615 061</b>	<b>-193 808</b>	<b>-2,8</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>22 021 191</b>	<b>22 443 365</b>	<b>422 174</b>	<b>1,9</b>

The value of building plans passed (at current prices) increased by 1,9% (R422,2 million) in the first quarter of 2026 compared with the first quarter of 2025. An increase was reported for residential buildings (R1 308,5 million). Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-R692,5 million) and additions and alterations (-R193,8 million). – see Table A.

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

Province	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	Weight Jan – Mar 2025	% change between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026 <sup>1</sup>	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	7 673 643	8 459 620	34,8	10,2	3,6	785 977
Eastern Cape	1 534 965	1 474 239	7,0	-4,0	-0,3	-60 726
Northern Cape	181 927	217 512	0,8	19,6	0,2	35 585
Free State	773 281	863 756	3,5	11,7	0,4	90 475
KwaZulu-Natal	3 102 093	3 548 471	14,1	14,4	2,0	446 378
North West	753 361	830 591	3,4	10,3	0,4	77 230
Gauteng	5 877 994	5 270 820	26,7	-10,3	-2,8	-607 174
Mpumalanga	1 584 028	1 047 277	7,2	-33,9	-2,4	-536 751
Limpopo	539 899	731 079	2,5	35,4	0,9	191 180
<b>Total</b>	<b>22 021 191</b>	<b>22 443 365</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>1,9</b>	<b>1,9</b>	<b>422 174</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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 1,9% (R422,2 million) were Western Cape (contributing 3,6 percentage points or R786,0 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 2,0 percentage points or R446,4 million).

The largest negative contributors were Gauteng (contributing -2,8 percentage points or -R607,2 million) and Mpumalanga (contributing -2,4 percentage points or -R536,8 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 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026	% change between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	7 357 436	8 054 496	697 060	9,5
Non-residential buildings	3 587 474	3 001 462	-586 012	-16,3
Additions and alterations	4 897 138	4 618 716	-278 422	-5,7
<b>Total</b>	<b>15 842 048</b>	<b>15 674 674</b>	<b>-167 374</b>	<b>-1,1</b>

The real value of building plans passed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 1,1% (-R167,4 million) in the first quarter of 2026 compared with the first quarter of 2025. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-R586,0 million) and additions and alterations (-R278,4 million). An increase was reported for residential buildings (R697,1 million) – see Table C.

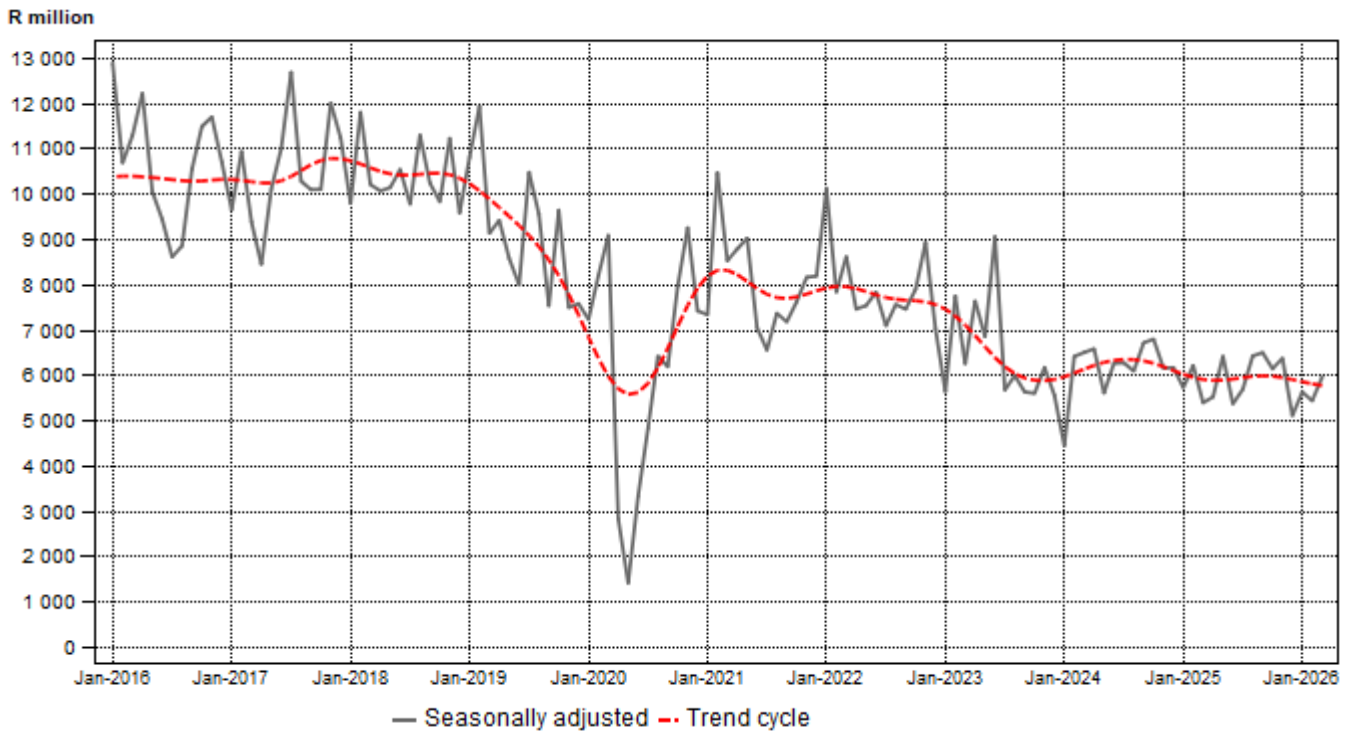
**Table D – Seasonally adjusted building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building**

Type of building	Oct – Dec 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	% change between Oct – Dec 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 860 568	8 951 096	1,0
Non-residential buildings <sup>1</sup>	3 523 298	3 001 462	-14,8
Additions and alterations	5 262 832	5 088 815	-3,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>17 646 698</b>	<b>17 041 373</b>	<b>-3,4</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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 3,4% in the first quarter of 2026 compared with the fourth quarter of 2025. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-14,8%) and additions and alterations (-3,3%). An increase was reported for residential buildings (1,0%) – 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 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026	% change between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>6 046 042</b>	<b>6 878 418</b>	<b>832 376</b>	<b>13,8</b>
-Dwelling-houses	3 693 360	4 164 803	471 443	12,8
-Flats and townhouses	2 054 223	2 491 708	437 485	21,3
-Other residential buildings	298 459	221 907	-76 552	-25,6
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>2 698 193</b>	<b>2 112 069</b>	<b>-586 124</b>	<b>-21,7</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1 723 380</b>	<b>2 398 443</b>	<b>675 063</b>	<b>39,2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 467 615</b>	<b>11 388 930</b>	<b>921 315</b>	<b>8,8</b>

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 8,8% (R921,3 million) in the first quarter of 2026 compared with the first quarter of 2025. Increases were reported for residential buildings (R832,4 million) and additions and alterations (R675,1 million). A decrease was reported for non-residential buildings (-R586,1 million) – see Table E.

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

Province	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	Weight Jan – Mar 2025	% change between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026 <sup>1</sup>	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	3 315 230	4 305 655	31,7	29,9	9,5	990 425
Eastern Cape	535 623	664 983	5,1	24,2	1,2	129 360
Northern Cape	40 615	99 790	0,4	145,7	0,6	59 175
Free State	97 965	65 855	0,9	-32,8	-0,3	-32 110
KwaZulu-Natal	1 713 475	1 323 960	16,4	-22,7	-3,7	-389 515
North West	573 901	357 092	5,5	-37,8	-2,1	-216 809
Gauteng	3 761 306	3 889 723	35,9	3,4	1,2	128 417
Mpumalanga	234 316	493 382	2,2	110,6	2,5	259 066
Limpopo	195 184	188 490	1,9	-3,4	-0,1	-6 694
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 467 615</b>	<b>11 388 930</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>8,8</b>	<b>8,8</b>	<b>921 315</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

Five out of the nine provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed in the first quarter of 2026. The largest positive contributors were Western Cape (contributing 9,5 percentage points or R990,4 million) and Mpumalanga (contributing 2,5 percentage points or R259,1 million).

The largest negative contributors were KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -3,7 percentage points or -R389,5 million) and North West (contributing -2,1 percentage points or -R216,8 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 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026	% change between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	4 343 686	4 802 905	459 219	10,6
Non-residential buildings	1 946 586	1 472 208	-474 378	-24,4
Additions and alterations	1 238 134	1 673 824	435 690	35,2
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 528 406</b>	<b>7 948 937</b>	<b>420 531</b>	<b>5,6</b>

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2019 prices) increased by 5,6% (R420,5 million) in the first quarter of 2026 compared with the first quarter of 2025. Increases were reported for residential buildings (R459,2 million) and additions and alterations (R435,7 million). A decrease was reported for non-residential buildings (-R474,4 million) – see Table G.

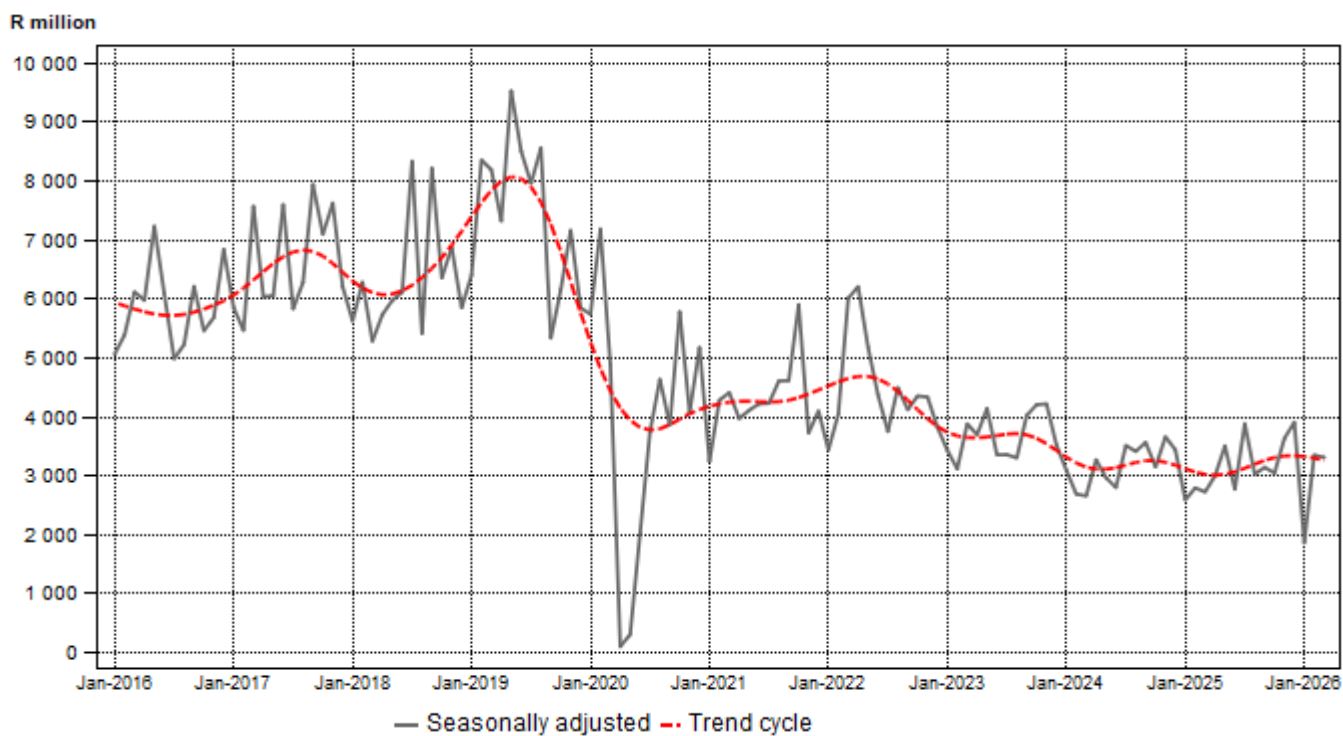
**Table H – Seasonally adjusted buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building**

Type of building	Oct – Dec 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	% change between Oct – Dec 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 048 669	5 367 904	-11,3
Non-residential buildings <sup>1</sup>	2 684 076	1 472 208	-45,2
Additions and alterations	1 852 697	1 681 776	-9,2
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 585 442</b>	<b>8 521 888</b>	<b>-19,5</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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 19,5% in the first quarter of 2026 compared with the fourth quarter of 2025. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-45,2%), residential buildings (-11,3%) and additions and alterations (-9,2%) – 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 <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
2025	January	3 186 144	20,6	1 206 164	86,6	1 871 867	34,4	6 264 175	33,8
	February	3 404 090	-31,7	2 395 437	44,7	2 505 413	6,2	8 304 940	-7,7
	March	3 635 173	2,6	1 385 314	-27,3	2 431 589	-6,4	7 452 076	-7,4
	April	3 412 504	-19,6	1 531 377	-42,4	2 341 150	2,6	7 285 031	-20,7
	May	4 284 380	3,5	1 964 424	-3,7	2 979 174	52,3	9 227 978	13,4
	June	3 864 945	2,5	1 313 123	-48,3	2 383 783	2,1	7 561 851	-12,5
	July	4 076 597	2,5	1 983 248	-25,4	2 903 987	2,4	8 963 832	-5,4
	August	4 424 700	3,0	2 607 377	30,0	2 272 708	-11,9	9 304 785	4,8
	September	4 326 400	-11,6	2 535 922	22,5	2 953 505	11,0	9 815 827	2,0
	October	4 288 939	-7,8	2 417 842	-16,4	2 857 339	4,2	9 564 120	-7,0
	November	4 991 149	14,7	1 594 033	-16,5	2 733 447	6,9	9 318 629	5,7
	December	3 054 985	3,7	970 890	-46,0	1 974 604	-12,5	6 000 479	-14,3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>46 950 006</b>	<b>-3,1</b>	<b>21 905 151</b>	<b>-11,6</b>	<b>30 208 566</b>	<b>5,8</b>	<b>99 063 723</b>	<b>-2,7</b>
2026	January	3 218 625	1,0	1 540 679	27,7	1 582 114	-15,5	6 341 418	1,2
	February	3 688 846	8,4	1 351 616	-43,6	2 353 183	-6,1	7 393 645	-11,0
	March	4 626 443	27,3	1 402 095	1,2	2 679 764	10,2	8 708 302	16,9

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>3</sup>		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
2025	January	4 203 602	6,3	1 206 164	-32,9	2 551 487	-7,7	7 961 253	-6,5
	February	3 655 464	-13,0	2 395 437	98,6	2 565 933	0,6	8 616 834	8,2
	March	3 663 964	0,2	1 385 314	-42,2	2 487 018	-3,1	7 536 296	-12,5
	April	3 635 151	-0,8	1 531 377	10,5	2 532 825	1,8	7 699 353	2,2
	May	4 086 037	12,4	1 964 424	28,3	2 865 929	13,2	8 916 390	15,8
	June	3 761 687	-7,9	1 313 123	-33,2	2 380 720	-16,9	7 455 530	-16,4
	July	3 520 576	-6,4	1 983 248	51,0	2 482 921	4,3	7 986 745	7,1
	August	4 174 941	18,6	2 607 377	31,5	2 275 723	-8,3	9 058 041	13,4
	September	4 050 356	-3,0	2 535 922	-2,7	2 579 569	13,4	9 165 847	1,2
	October	3 794 284	-6,3	2 417 842	-4,7	2 475 233	-4,0	8 687 359	-5,2
	November	4 836 198	27,5	1 594 033	-34,1	2 665 651	7,7	9 095 882	4,7
	December	4 012 348	-17,0	970 890	-39,1	2 306 340	-13,5	7 289 578	-19,9
2026	January	4 344 865	8,3	1 540 679	58,7	2 210 311	-4,2	8 095 855	11,1
	February	3 975 698	-8,5	1 351 616	-12,3	2 411 267	9,1	7 738 581	-4,4
	March	4 473 586	12,5	1 402 095	3,7	2 668 889	10,7	8 544 570	10,4
	<b>Oct – Dec 25</b>	<b>12 642 830</b>		<b>4 982 765</b>		<b>7 447 224</b>		<b>25 072 819</b>	
	<b>Jan – Mar 26 <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>12 794 149</b>	<b>1,2</b>	<b>4 294 390</b>	<b>-13,8</b>	<b>7 290 467</b>	<b>-2,1</b>	<b>24 379 006</b>	<b>-2,8</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
2025	January	2 315 512	18,3	876 573	82,9	1 360 368	31,7	4 552 453	31,2
	February	2 447 225	-33,6	1 722 097	40,8	1 801 160	3,3	5 970 482	-10,3
	March	2 594 699	-0,3	988 804	-29,4	1 735 610	-9,0	5 319 113	-10,0
	April	2 442 737	-21,2	1 096 190	-43,6	1 675 841	0,5	5 214 768	-22,3
	May	3 084 507	2,6	1 414 272	-4,6	2 144 834	51,0	6 643 613	12,5
	June	2 782 538	1,3	945 373	-48,9	1 716 186	0,9	5 444 097	-13,6
	July	2 897 368	0,5	1 409 558	-26,8	2 063 957	0,4	6 370 883	-7,2
	August	3 144 776	0,8	1 853 146	27,3	1 615 286	-13,7	6 613 208	2,6
	September	3 074 911	-13,5	1 802 361	19,8	2 099 151	8,5	6 976 423	-0,3
	October	3 031 052	-11,2	1 708 722	-19,5	2 019 321	0,3	6 759 095	-10,5
	November	3 534 808	11,3	1 128 919	-19,1	1 935 869	3,6	6 599 596	2,5
	December	2 157 475	0,3	685 657	-47,8	1 394 494	-15,4	4 237 626	-17,1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>33 507 608</b>	<b>-5,3</b>	<b>15 631 672</b>	<b>-13,6</b>	<b>21 562 077</b>	<b>3,3</b>	<b>70 701 357</b>	<b>-4,9</b>
2026	January	2 260 270	-2,4	1 081 938	23,4	1 111 035	-18,3	4 453 243	-2,2
	February	2 581 418	5,5	945 847	-45,1	1 646 734	-8,6	5 173 999	-13,3
	March	3 212 808	23,8	973 677	-1,5	1 860 947	7,2	6 047 432	13,7

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>3</sup>		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
2025	January	3 015 014	5,6	876 573	-33,3	1 839 917	-8,3	5 731 504	-7,2
	February	2 658 661	-11,8	1 722 097	96,5	1 840 649	0,0	6 221 407	8,5
	March	2 624 527	-1,3	988 804	-42,6	1 786 403	-2,9	5 399 734	-13,2
	April	2 622 021	-0,1	1 096 190	10,9	1 810 305	1,3	5 528 516	2,4
	May	2 955 365	12,7	1 414 272	29,0	2 059 010	13,7	6 428 647	16,3
	June	2 718 418	-8,0	945 373	-33,2	1 711 522	-16,9	5 375 313	-16,4
	July	2 520 921	-7,3	1 409 558	49,1	1 765 712	3,2	5 696 191	6,0
	August	2 953 847	17,2	1 853 146	31,5	1 624 957	-8,0	6 431 950	12,9
	September	2 867 922	-2,9	1 802 361	-2,7	1 835 961	13,0	6 506 244	1,2
	October	2 679 897	-6,6	1 708 722	-5,2	1 760 277	-4,1	6 148 896	-5,5
	November	3 368 642	25,7	1 128 919	-33,9	1 884 901	7,1	6 382 462	3,8
	December	2 812 029	-16,5	685 657	-39,3	1 617 654	-14,2	5 115 340	-19,9
2026	January	3 014 531	7,2	1 081 938	57,8	1 537 330	-5,0	5 633 799	10,1
	February	2 814 848	-6,6	945 847	-12,6	1 683 252	9,5	5 443 947	-3,4
	March	3 121 717	10,9	973 677	2,9	1 868 233	11,0	5 963 627	9,5
	<b>Oct – Dec 25</b>	<b>8 860 568</b>		<b>3 523 298</b>		<b>5 262 832</b>		<b>17 646 698</b>	
	<b>Jan – Mar 26 <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>8 951 096</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>3 001 462</b>	<b>-14,8</b>	<b>5 088 815</b>	<b>-3,3</b>	<b>17 041 373</b>	<b>-3,4</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
2025	January	1 276 232	-30,4	1 244 982	68,6	401 356	-39,4	2 922 570	-9,7
	February	2 263 890	8,0	884 148	90,2	550 009	-41,0	3 698 047	5,8
	March	2 505 920	16,6	569 063	45,0	772 015	-15,3	3 846 998	11,4
	April	2 799 975	18,5	481 210	-67,1	726 757	-0,5	4 007 942	-12,0
	May	2 598 855	8,1	1 228 414	6,6	1 127 334	95,2	4 954 603	19,9
	June	2 076 793	-4,2	1 096 793	31,6	617 782	-17,1	3 791 368	1,2
	July	3 384 823	13,0	1 213 265	48,2	1 262 969	-7,9	5 861 057	13,0
	August	3 029 738	21,2	559 053	-58,4	761 372	-21,4	4 350 163	-9,6
	September	2 759 745	-10,7	1 153 612	18,0	719 069	-31,1	4 632 426	-9,4
	October	2 333 864	-17,4	1 373 530	84,0	739 247	-17,5	4 446 641	-0,5
	November	3 359 954	28,9	1 428 347	-28,7	827 015	1,8	5 615 316	3,6
	December	3 622 634	55,4	993 758	-36,7	942 446	15,4	5 558 838	17,8
	<b>Total</b>	<b>32 012 423</b>	<b>9,0</b>	<b>12 226 175</b>	<b>-2,2</b>	<b>9 447 371</b>	<b>-9,8</b>	<b>53 685 969</b>	<b>2,6</b>
2026	January	1 158 252	-9,2	372 511	-70,1	493 085	22,9	2 023 848	-30,8
	February	3 215 378	42,0	483 733	-45,3	821 320	49,3	4 520 431	22,2
	March	2 504 788	0,0	1 255 825	120,7	1 084 038	40,4	4 844 651	25,9

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>3</sup>		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
2025	January	1 817 375	-19,2	1 244 982	-20,7	516 535	-42,5	3 578 892	-24,1
	February	2 447 144	34,7	884 148	-29,0	555 468	7,5	3 886 760	8,6
	March	2 537 399	3,7	569 063	-35,6	678 295	22,1	3 784 757	-2,6
	April	2 920 805	15,1	481 210	-15,4	781 805	15,3	4 183 820	10,5
	May	2 585 476	-11,5	1 228 414	155,3	1 052 248	34,6	4 866 138	16,3
	June	2 107 460	-18,5	1 096 793	-10,7	654 156	-37,8	3 858 409	-20,7
	July	3 165 540	50,2	1 213 265	10,6	1 069 868	63,5	5 448 673	41,2
	August	2 916 935	-7,9	559 053	-53,9	767 797	-28,2	4 243 785	-22,1
	September	2 587 772	-11,3	1 153 612	106,4	678 302	-11,7	4 419 686	4,1
	October	2 203 429	-14,9	1 373 530	19,1	740 509	9,2	4 317 468	-2,3
	November	2 880 256	30,7	1 428 347	4,0	840 281	13,5	5 148 884	19,3
	December	3 504 260	21,7	993 758	-30,4	1 046 566	24,5	5 544 584	7,7
2026	January	1 654 231	-52,8	372 511	-62,5	643 278	-38,5	2 670 020	-51,8
	February	3 471 881	109,9	483 733	29,9	832 503	29,4	4 788 117	79,3
	March	2 535 657	-27,0	1 255 825	159,6	882 932	6,1	4 674 414	-2,4
	<b>Oct – Dec 25</b>	<b>8 587 945</b>		<b>3 795 635</b>		<b>2 627 356</b>		<b>15 010 936</b>	
	<b>Jan – Mar 26 <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>7 661 769</b>	<b>-10,8</b>	<b>2 112 069</b>	<b>-44,4</b>	<b>2 358 713</b>	<b>-10,2</b>	<b>12 132 551</b>	<b>-19,2</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
2025	January	927 494	-31,8	904 783	65,3	291 683	-40,6	2 123 960	-11,4
	February	1 627 527	5,0	635 620	85,0	395 405	-42,7	2 658 552	2,9
	March	1 788 665	13,2	406 183	40,9	551 046	-17,8	2 745 894	8,2
	April	2 004 277	16,1	344 460	-67,7	520 227	-2,5	2 868 964	-13,8
	May	1 871 026	7,2	884 387	5,6	811 616	93,5	3 567 029	18,8
	June	1 495 171	-5,3	789 628	30,0	444 767	-18,1	2 729 566	0,0
	July	2 405 702	10,8	862 306	45,4	897 633	-9,7	4 165 641	10,8
	August	2 153 332	18,6	397 337	-59,3	541 131	-23,1	3 091 800	-11,6
	September	1 961 439	-12,6	819 909	15,4	511 065	-32,7	3 292 413	-11,4
	October	1 649 374	-20,5	970 693	77,2	522 436	-20,5	3 142 503	-4,2
	November	2 379 571	25,0	1 011 577	-30,9	585 705	-1,3	3 976 853	0,4
	December	2 558 357	50,2	701 806	-38,8	665 569	11,6	3 925 732	13,9
	<b>Total</b>	<b>22 821 935</b>	<b>6,4</b>	<b>8 728 689</b>	<b>-4,4</b>	<b>6 738 283</b>	<b>-11,9</b>	<b>38 288 907</b>	<b>0,1</b>
2026	January	813 379	-12,3	261 595	-71,1	346 268	18,7	1 421 242	-33,1
	February	2 250 090	38,3	338 512	-46,7	574 752	45,4	3 163 354	19,0
	March	1 739 436	-2,8	872 101	114,7	752 804	36,6	3 364 341	22,5

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>3</sup>		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1</sup>
<b>2025</b>	January	1 313 320	-19,6	904 783	-21,1	369 979	-43,7	2 588 082	-24,7
	February	1 760 542	34,1	635 620	-29,7	396 737	7,2	2 792 899	7,9
	March	1 827 622	3,8	406 183	-36,1	491 387	23,9	2 725 192	-2,4
	April	2 093 420	14,5	344 460	-15,2	560 734	14,1	2 998 614	10,0
	May	1 859 422	-11,2	884 387	156,7	761 269	35,8	3 505 078	16,9
	June	1 513 361	-18,6	789 628	-10,7	465 444	-38,9	2 768 433	-21,0
	July	2 257 064	49,1	862 306	9,2	763 890	64,1	3 883 260	40,3
	August	2 080 833	-7,8	397 337	-53,9	548 201	-28,2	3 026 371	-22,1
	September	1 839 722	-11,6	819 909	106,4	481 726	-12,1	3 141 357	3,8
	October	1 553 387	-15,6	970 693	18,4	521 207	8,2	3 045 287	-3,1
	November	2 032 992	30,9	1 011 577	4,2	590 443	13,3	3 635 012	19,4
	December	2 462 290	21,1	701 806	-30,6	741 047	25,5	3 905 143	7,4
<b>2026</b>	January	1 155 262	-53,1	261 595	-62,7	445 019	-39,9	1 861 876	-52,3
	February	2 432 469	110,6	338 512	29,4	578 957	30,1	3 349 938	79,9
	March	1 780 173	-26,8	872 101	157,6	657 800	13,6	3 310 074	-1,2
	<b>Oct – Dec 25</b>	<b>6 048 669</b>		<b>2 684 076</b>		<b>1 852 697</b>		<b>10 585 442</b>	
	<b>Jan – Mar 26 <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>5 367 904</b>	<b>-11,3</b>	<b>1 472 208</b>	<b>-45,2</b>	<b>1 681 776</b>	<b>-9,2</b>	<b>8 521 888</b>	<b>-19,5</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	889	783	756	1 493	2 249	50,6
		square metres	40 481	36 830	35 756	72 828	104 552	43,6
		R'000	274 629	257 750	269 696	525 569	725 789	38,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	835	896	954	2 556	2 475	-3,2
		square metres	241 830	246 907	275 620	739 310	710 642	-3,9
		R'000	2 083 963	2 168 023	2 435 003	6 380 610	6 320 212	-0,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 222	1 461	1 840	3 005	4 305	43,3
		square metres	115 861	128 050	178 140	272 455	396 975	45,7
		R'000	1 233 935	1 202 450	1 548 757	2 844 640	3 575 070	25,7
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	4 433	7 446	45 033	45 412	103 579	128,1
		R'000	42 646	60 623	372 987	474 588	912 843	92,3
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 635 173</b>	<b>3 688 846</b>	<b>4 626 443</b>	<b>10 225 407</b>	<b>11 533 914</b>	<b>12,8</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	8 935	8 160	11 708	41 748	31 643	-24,2
		R'000	87 475	66 517	103 056	438 297	271 031	-38,2
	Shopping space	square metres	34 052	30 950	72 013	109 631	191 957	75,1
		R'000	335 361	309 431	597 291	905 123	1 801 482	99,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	105 281	79 982	80 173	398 125	220 093	-44,7
		R'000	789 537	609 261	542 701	3 016 808	1 617 564	-46,4
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	21 124	35 080	20 174	70 950	65 227	-8,1
		R'000	172 941	366 407	159 047	626 687	604 313	-3,6
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 385 314</b>	<b>1 351 616</b>	<b>1 402 095</b>	<b>4 986 915</b>	<b>4 294 390</b>	<b>-13,9</b>	
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	175 284	175 827	178 066	507 307	467 734	-7,8
		R'000	1 556 794	1 523 209	1 541 050	4 458 095	4 097 403	-8,1
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	75 777	73 816	94 443	189 305	222 631	17,6
		R'000	874 795	829 974	1 138 714	2 350 774	2 517 658	7,1
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 431 589</b>	<b>2 353 183</b>	<b>2 679 764</b>	<b>6 808 869</b>	<b>6 615 061</b>	<b>-2,8</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>7 452 076</b>	<b>7 393 645</b>	<b>8 708 302</b>	<b>22 021 191</b>	<b>22 443 365</b>	<b>1,9</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	% change <sup>1</sup>	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	196	299	242	348	595	71,0	
		square metres	8 411	13 286	10 621	15 642	26 490	69,4	
		R'000	52 734	92 574	73 619	105 540	185 177	75,5	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	357	405	435	1 162	1 079	-7,1	
		square metres	96 005	101 256	122 682	305 016	285 277	-6,5	
		R'000	734 630	821 109	983 203	2 332 975	2 323 256	-0,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	530	756	1 215	1 156	2 664	130,4	
		square metres	46 771	65 027	133 499	120 171	257 658	114,4	
		R'000	479 255	592 843	1 082 145	1 154 967	2 198 130	90,3	
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	1 035	3 249	9 310	16 145	19 206	19,0	
		R'000	6 210	25 992	69 112	169 254	142 929	-15,6	
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 272 829</b>	<b>1 532 518</b>	<b>2 208 079</b>	<b>3 762 736</b>	<b>4 849 492</b>	<b>28,9</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	5 964	0	1 629	23 939	12 968	-45,8	
		R'000	46 799	0	13 805	234 791	110 042	-53,1	
	Shopping space	square metres	8 402	5 825	46 722	32 251	62 620	94,2	
		R'000	67 772	46 600	419 952	276 171	546 341	97,8	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	18 212	22 115	10 881	74 124	44 032	-40,6	
		R'000	140 532	168 512	90 064	572 459	347 142	-39,4	
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	2 383	16 722	5 742	36 623	29 967	-18,2	
		R'000	22 186	145 552	42 040	334 638	241 924	-27,7	
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>277 289</b>	<b>360 664</b>	<b>565 861</b>	<b>1 418 059</b>	<b>1 245 449</b>	<b>-12,2</b>	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	65 567	72 758	68 652	198 617	175 187	-11,8	
		R'000	510 378	547 261	513 752	1 538 699	1 320 945	-14,2	
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	22 080	19 785	39 066	56 746	76 235	34,3	
		R'000	320 561	311 142	547 799	954 149	1 043 734	9,4	
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>830 939</b>	<b>858 403</b>	<b>1 061 551</b>	<b>2 492 848</b>	<b>2 364 679</b>	<b>-5,1</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>		<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 381 057</b>	<b>2 751 585</b>	<b>3 835 491</b>	<b>7 673 643</b>	<b>8 459 620</b>	<b>10,2</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	% change <sup>1</sup>	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	95	79	142	110	288	161,8	
		square metres	3 702	3 526	6 182	4 390	12 712	189,6	
		R'000	31 522	31 305	54 796	37 020	112 437	203,7	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	36	29	17	111	99	-10,8	
		square metres	9 993	7 666	4 683	30 300	27 506	-9,2	
		R'000	87 444	66 376	43 584	262 415	243 579	-7,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	61	15	67	63	90	42,9	
		square metres	6 899	1 722	4 985	8 010	9 324	16,4	
		R'000	58 617	15 372	44 501	68 246	83 235	22,0	
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	25 640	0	25 640	..	
		R'000	0	0	228 888	0	228 888	..	
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>177 583</b>	<b>113 053</b>	<b>371 769</b>	<b>367 681</b>	<b>668 139</b>	<b>81,7</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 851	860	1 705	2 711	59,0	
		R'000	0	15 982	7 677	14 747	23 659	60,4	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	5 456	0	0	18 454	..	
		R'000	0	37 242	0	0	153 275	..	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	24 402	2 387	0	76 264	4 947	-93,5	
		R'000	211 184	20 585	0	660 672	42 769	-93,5	
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	4 559	39	880	5 540	1 345	-75,7	
		R'000	39 954	348	7 856	48 456	12 007	-75,2	
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>251 138</b>	<b>74 157</b>	<b>15 533</b>	<b>723 875</b>	<b>231 710</b>	<b>-68,0</b>	
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 571	15 268	11 959	36 295	37 639	3,7	
		R'000	124 963	129 569	103 189	310 228	323 535	4,3	
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	6 298	7 667	13 579	13 598	27 694	103,7	
		R'000	69 943	69 985	122 996	133 181	250 855	88,4	
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>194 906</b>	<b>199 554</b>	<b>226 185</b>	<b>443 409</b>	<b>574 390</b>	<b>29,5</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>		<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>623 627</b>	<b>386 764</b>	<b>613 487</b>	<b>1 534 965</b>	<b>1 474 239</b>	<b>-4,0</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Mar 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	% change <sup>1</sup>	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	2	2	7	4	-42,9	
		square metres	163	89	88	325	177	-45,5	
		R'000	1 613	879	871	3 219	1 750	-45,6	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	21	18	13	51	39	-23,5	
		square metres	3 762	3 754	2 599	9 462	7 864	-16,9	
		R'000	33 905	33 274	23 135	83 912	68 395	-18,5	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	1	0	0	1	..	
		square metres	0	197	0	0	197	..	
		R'000	0	1 683	0	0	1 683	..	
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>35 518</b>	<b>35 836</b>	<b>24 006</b>	<b>87 131</b>	<b>71 828</b>	<b>-17,6</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	237	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	2 415	..	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 949	0	0	1 949	..	
		R'000	0	16 642	0	0	16 642	..	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 200	2 800	556	1 272	3 356	163,8	
		R'000	11 872	28 529	5 665	12 584	34 194	171,7	
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	60	0	0	843	0	-100,0	
		R'000	594	0	0	8 340	0	-100,0	
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>12 466</b>	<b>45 171</b>	<b>5 665</b>	<b>20 924</b>	<b>53 251</b>	<b>154,5</b>	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 914	2 288	1 472	4 811	6 485	34,8	
		R'000	18 105	22 934	14 497	44 957	64 622	43,7	
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	91	483	1 890	1 928	2 373	23,1	
		R'000	4 668	4 988	20 473	28 915	27 811	-3,8	
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>22 773</b>	<b>27 922</b>	<b>34 970</b>	<b>73 872</b>	<b>92 433</b>	<b>25,1</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>		<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>70 757</b>	<b>108 929</b>	<b>64 641</b>	<b>181 927</b>	<b>217 512</b>	<b>19,6</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	% change <sup>1</sup>	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	151	125	64	166	251	51,2	
		square metres	6 174	5 188	2 691	7 021	10 444	48,8	
		R'000	40 572	25 681	19 139	48 523	57 812	19,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	41	73	47	111	146	31,5	
		square metres	10 338	15 521	10 492	27 828	33 906	21,8	
		R'000	85 581	145 784	93 529	238 259	314 765	32,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	10	16	0	72	16	-77,8	
		square metres	4 498	846	0	8 462	846	-90,0	
		R'000	45 484	8 811	0	85 568	8 811	-89,7	
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	1 557	5 428	1 117	6 985	525,3	
		R'000	0	16 216	39 194	11 295	55 410	390,6	
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>171 637</b>	<b>196 492</b>	<b>151 862</b>	<b>383 645</b>	<b>436 798</b>	<b>13,9</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	419	130	419	222,3	
		R'000	0	0	4 364	1 315	4 364	231,9	
	Shopping space	square metres	3 067	0	537	5 953	537	-91,0	
		R'000	27 132	0	5 593	53 072	5 593	-89,5	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	6 245	8 768	11 200	26 725	138,6	
		R'000	0	62 858	59 920	79 946	227 145	184,1	
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	235	711	280	4 168	991	-76,2	
		R'000	2 376	5 219	2 916	42 146	8 135	-80,7	
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>29 508</b>	<b>68 077</b>	<b>72 793</b>	<b>176 479</b>	<b>245 237</b>	<b>39,0</b>	
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 259	6 287	5 536	14 714	16 338	11,0	
		R'000	38 564	56 254	51 584	129 897	152 141	17,1	
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	7 865	420	1 817	10 374	3 099	-70,1	
		R'000	61 223	6 020	13 745	83 260	29 580	-64,5	
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>99 787</b>	<b>62 274</b>	<b>65 329</b>	<b>213 157</b>	<b>181 721</b>	<b>-14,7</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>		<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>300 932</b>	<b>326 843</b>	<b>289 984</b>	<b>773 281</b>	<b>863 756</b>	<b>11,7</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	% change <sup>1</sup>	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	9	5	9	24	14	-41,7	
		square metres	529	252	492	1 357	744	-45,2	
		R'000	4 230	2 373	5 099	11 125	7 472	-32,8	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	64	74	71	198	214	8,1	
		square metres	23 856	27 657	25 165	77 897	80 972	3,9	
		R'000	249 056	296 463	278 076	864 695	861 157	-0,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	184	253	422	462	747	61,7	
		square metres	21 187	28 250	29 238	48 987	68 769	40,4	
		R'000	218 063	261 376	336 907	547 476	714 634	30,5	
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	2 810	0	0	22 113	6 239	-71,8	
		R'000	30 910	0	0	243 243	49 034	-79,8	
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>502 259</b>	<b>560 212</b>	<b>620 082</b>	<b>1 666 539</b>	<b>1 632 297</b>	<b>-2,1</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	0	538	6 849	248	7 387	2 878,6	
		R'000	0	3 350	63 405	1 240	66 755	5 283,5	
	Shopping space	square metres	1 177	0	8 691	2 427	12 581	418,4	
		R'000	8 066	0	64 759	16 466	94 729	475,3	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	18 132	10 288	38 762	47 587	62 586	31,5	
		R'000	130 391	63 300	235 075	342 015	379 591	11,0	
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	1 642	13 517	8 320	3 301	21 941	564,7	
		R'000	18 062	182 057	64 489	36 060	247 950	587,6	
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>156 519</b>	<b>248 707</b>	<b>427 728</b>	<b>395 781</b>	<b>789 025</b>	<b>99,4</b>	
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	24 652	22 879	29 776	69 805	68 178	-2,3	
		R'000	266 154	228 284	295 428	756 800	679 739	-10,2	
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	9 279	11 594	13 927	21 111	33 246	57,5	
		R'000	115 616	129 249	233 189	282 973	447 410	58,1	
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>381 770</b>	<b>357 533</b>	<b>528 617</b>	<b>1 039 773</b>	<b>1 127 149</b>	<b>8,4</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>		<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 040 548</b>	<b>1 166 452</b>	<b>1 576 427</b>	<b>3 102 093</b>	<b>3 548 471</b>	<b>14,4</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	% change <sup>1</sup>	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	14	61	17	82	382,4	
		square metres	175	879	2 912	972	4 197	331,8	
		R'000	1 212	5 553	17 332	6 451	25 701	298,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	27	31	45	105	114	8,6	
		square metres	5 652	11 339	11 929	25 019	34 889	39,5	
		R'000	43 717	91 904	91 884	192 718	272 268	41,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	4	17	0	29	46	58,6	
		square metres	1 147	1 350	0	3 342	3 881	16,1	
		R'000	7 266	8 647	0	22 868	31 241	36,6	
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	364	0	-100,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	2 366	0	-100,0	
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>52 195</b>	<b>106 104</b>	<b>109 216</b>	<b>224 403</b>	<b>329 210</b>	<b>46,7</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	953	445	953	114,2	
		R'000	0	0	6 380	3 026	6 380	110,8	
	Shopping space	square metres	2 398	250	15 378	7 634	15 628	104,7	
		R'000	15 587	1 674	99 517	51 664	101 191	95,9	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	24 152	13 064	0	24 754	17 855	-27,9	
		R'000	156 988	108 862	0	161 900	140 938	-12,9	
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	185	637	244,3	
		R'000	0	0	0	1 069	5 308	396,5	
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>172 575</b>	<b>110 536</b>	<b>105 897</b>	<b>217 659</b>	<b>253 817</b>	<b>16,6</b>	
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 049	5 470	6 160	16 441	16 367	-0,5	
		R'000	42 381	40 375	40 215	112 925	114 544	1,4	
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	915	7 952	3 801	7 814	13 246	69,5	
		R'000	77 016	83 382	33 361	198 374	133 020	-32,9	
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>119 397</b>	<b>123 757</b>	<b>73 576</b>	<b>311 299</b>	<b>247 564</b>	<b>-20,5</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>		<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>344 167</b>	<b>340 397</b>	<b>288 689</b>	<b>753 361</b>	<b>830 591</b>	<b>10,3</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	425	253	227	754	979	29,8
		square metres	20 995	13 213	12 178	39 147	47 670	21,8
		R'000	140 362	96 474	93 742	279 041	319 660	14,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	200	183	222	571	536	-6,1
		square metres	62 388	47 348	61 620	177 167	151 119	-14,7
		R'000	612 605	466 967	631 212	1 735 865	1 536 009	-11,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	414	317	29	1 168	466	-60,1
		square metres	31 538	22 404	2 252	73 270	32 363	-55,8
		R'000	399 994	257 737	24 264	897 122	367 839	-59,0
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	727	1 913	32 299	1 588,4
		R'000	0	0	6 229	20 714	344 135	1 561,4
<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 152 961</b>	<b>821 178</b>	<b>755 447</b>	<b>2 932 742</b>	<b>2 567 643</b>	<b>-12,4</b>	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 971	573	0	15 281	772	-94,9
		R'000	40 676	8 080	0	183 178	10 886	-94,1
	Shopping space	square metres	15 828	17 229	242	18 776	55 701	196,7
		R'000	191 438	205 371	3 181	220 913	693 301	213,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	13 800	15 924	17 754	120 716	43 753	-63,8
		R'000	101 871	106 230	128 352	873 280	326 803	-62,6
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	2 450	1 988	2 323	4 638	5 186	11,8
		R'000	25 741	19 108	23 529	47 912	53 111	10,9
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>359 726</b>	<b>338 789</b>	<b>155 062</b>	<b>1 325 283</b>	<b>1 084 101</b>	<b>-18,2</b>	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	40 781	40 207	38 363	120 613	110 795	-8,1
		R'000	426 445	423 817	401 232	1 228 959	1 173 948	-4,5
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	12 009	18 885	16 307	39 738	49 025	23,4
		R'000	101 817	171 303	129 373	391 010	445 128	13,8
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>528 262</b>	<b>595 120</b>	<b>530 605</b>	<b>1 619 969</b>	<b>1 619 076</b>	<b>-0,1</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 040 949</b>	<b>1 755 087</b>	<b>1 441 114</b>	<b>5 877 994</b>	<b>5 270 820</b>	<b>-10,3</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	% change <sup>1</sup>	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	5	5	49	30	-38,8	
		square metres	90	322	312	2 903	1 693	-41,7	
		R'000	585	2 353	3 015	26 662	12 722	-52,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	51	45	65	144	147	2,1	
		square metres	18 195	20 072	24 051	49 091	56 996	16,1	
		R'000	152 122	154 979	196 501	395 130	457 438	15,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	9	51	3	26	87	234,6	
		square metres	2 912	6 744	1 114	7 005	12 313	75,8	
		R'000	19 347	45 872	7 624	46 541	83 986	80,5	
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	588	1 645	0	3 760	8 287	120,4	
		R'000	5 526	11 013	0	27 716	55 481	100,2	
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>177 580</b>	<b>214 217</b>	<b>207 140</b>	<b>496 049</b>	<b>609 627</b>	<b>22,9</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	0	193	0	0	193	..	
		R'000	0	1 868	0	0	1 868	..	
	Shopping space	square metres	2 975	125	443	41 266	818	-98,0	
		R'000	24 033	1 210	4 289	278 438	7 919	-97,2	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 383	4 129	3 452	38 705	10 258	-73,5	
		R'000	36 699	27 842	23 625	288 419	70 020	-75,7	
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	3 185	2 103	1 802	3 185	4 169	30,9	
		R'000	21 151	14 123	12 064	21 151	28 743	35,9	
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>81 883</b>	<b>45 043</b>	<b>39 978</b>	<b>588 008</b>	<b>108 550</b>	<b>-81,5</b>	
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	15 944	9 509	14 148	40 653	31 583	-22,3	
		R'000	118 544	65 855	106 446	297 549	229 431	-22,9	
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	8 785	5 906	660	27 582	12 881	-53,3	
		R'000	62 381	43 542	10 511	202 422	99 669	-50,8	
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>180 925</b>	<b>109 397</b>	<b>116 957</b>	<b>499 971</b>	<b>329 100</b>	<b>-34,2</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>		<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>440 388</b>	<b>368 657</b>	<b>364 075</b>	<b>1 584 028</b>	<b>1 047 277</b>	<b>-33,9</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	% change <sup>1</sup>	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	1	4	18	6	-66,7	
		square metres	242	75	280	1 071	425	-60,3	
		R'000	1 799	558	2 083	7 988	3 058	-61,7	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	38	38	39	103	101	-1,9	
		square metres	11 641	12 294	12 399	37 530	32 113	-14,4	
		R'000	84 903	91 167	93 879	274 641	243 345	-11,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	10	35	104	29	188	548,3	
		square metres	909	1 510	7 052	3 208	11 624	262,3	
		R'000	5 909	10 109	53 316	21 852	85 511	291,3	
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	995	3 928	0	4 923	..	
		R'000	0	7 402	29 564	0	36 966	..	
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>92 611</b>	<b>109 236</b>	<b>178 842</b>	<b>304 481</b>	<b>368 880</b>	<b>21,2</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	5 005	998	0	6 003	..	
		R'000	0	37 237	7 425	0	44 662	..	
	Shopping space	square metres	205	116	0	1 324	23 669	1 687,7	
		R'000	1 333	692	0	8 399	182 491	2 072,8	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	3 030	0	3 503	6 581	87,9	
		R'000	0	22 543	0	25 533	48 962	91,8	
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	6 610	0	827	12 467	991	-92,1	
		R'000	42 877	0	6 153	86 915	7 135	-91,8	
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>44 210</b>	<b>60 472</b>	<b>13 578</b>	<b>120 847</b>	<b>283 250</b>	<b>134,4</b>
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 547	1 161	2 000	5 358	5 162	-3,7
R'000			11 260	8 860	14 707	38 081	38 498	1,1	
Other buildings <sup>4</sup>		square metres	8 455	1 124	3 396	10 414	4 832	-53,6	
		R'000	61 570	10 363	27 267	76 490	40 451	-47,1	
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>72 830</b>	<b>19 223</b>	<b>41 974</b>	<b>114 571</b>	<b>78 949</b>	<b>-31,1</b>	
<b>Building plans passed</b>		<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>209 651</b>	<b>188 931</b>	<b>234 394</b>	<b>539 899</b>	<b>731 079</b>	<b>35,4</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	% change <sup>1</sup>	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	463	571	621	1 168	1 643	40,7	
		square metres	20 653	26 316	29 838	55 866	76 292	36,6	
		R'000	160 911	192 910	216 522	391 053	573 123	46,6	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	477	620	658	1 394	1 587	13,8	
		square metres	135 398	158 738	172 338	377 401	414 490	9,8	
		R'000	1 196 753	1 362 149	1 490 272	3 302 307	3 591 680	8,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	786	2 127	607	2 038	3 035	48,9	
		square metres	87 203	131 272	74 506	207 396	230 358	11,1	
		R'000	931 848	1 515 131	741 699	2 054 223	2 491 708	21,3	
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	23 249	10 830	5 565	36 207	18 786	-48,1	
		R'000	216 408	145 188	56 295	298 459	221 907	-25,6	
<b>Total residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 505 920</b>	<b>3 215 378</b>	<b>2 504 788</b>	<b>6 046 042</b>	<b>6 878 418</b>	<b>13,8</b>	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 526	12 552	1 767	35 787	17 897	-50,0	
		R'000	13 472	105 785	15 103	382 354	170 420	-55,4	
	Shopping space	square metres	34 490	8 529	87 566	47 848	100 698	110,5	
		R'000	259 297	90 135	838 342	386 566	971 026	151,2	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	41 120	23 223	32 440	246 284	87 131	-64,6	
		R'000	281 762	205 481	289 739	1 652 261	732 221	-55,7	
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	1 883	9 073	9 757	34 507	25 270	-26,8	
		R'000	14 532	82 332	112 641	277 012	238 402	-13,9	
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>569 063</b>	<b>483 733</b>	<b>1 255 825</b>	<b>2 698 193</b>	<b>2 112 069</b>	<b>-21,7</b>	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	46 909	54 706	69 318	121 413	160 511	32,2	
		R'000	412 622	473 731	629 633	1 060 557	1 416 288	33,5	
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	28 801	29 333	37 122	55 530	84 967	53,0	
		R'000	359 393	347 589	454 405	662 823	982 155	48,2	
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>772 015</b>	<b>821 320</b>	<b>1 084 038</b>	<b>1 723 380</b>	<b>2 398 443</b>	<b>39,2</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 846 998</b>	<b>4 520 431</b>	<b>4 844 651</b>	<b>10 467 615</b>	<b>11 388 930</b>	<b>8,8</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	% change <sup>1</sup>	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	92	260	281	245	862	251,8	
		square metres	4 139	11 048	11 703	11 465	36 261	216,3	
		R'000	29 732	72 300	79 612	77 174	260 326	237,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	200	332	333	576	799	38,7	
		square metres	54 201	78 889	79 727	153 933	193 473	25,7	
		R'000	441 612	601 271	624 043	1 191 856	1 501 471	26,0	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	367	893	333	1 232	1 476	19,8	
		square metres	33 659	51 495	45 870	115 554	116 185	0,5	
		R'000	298 945	461 869	416 171	1 053 401	1 051 321	-0,2	
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	17 157	110	5 024	28 834	7 525	-73,9	
		R'000	167 602	704	50 593	241 139	71 721	-70,3	
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>937 891</b>	<b>1 136 144</b>	<b>1 170 419</b>	<b>2 563 570</b>	<b>2 884 839</b>	<b>12,5</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	1 113	11 288	1 588	11 182	13 060	16,8	
		R'000	9 893	94 706	13 820	83 295	110 196	32,3	
	Shopping space	square metres	125	2 115	4 575	581	7 810	1 244,2	
		R'000	1 063	17 149	43 096	5 281	71 993	1 263,2	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	231	5 084	6 149	17 946	32 453	80,8	
		R'000	1 848	38 129	48 850	123 528	247 077	100,0	
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	1 603	1 457	673	7 861	5 357	-31,9	
		R'000	11 504	10 353	4 481	58 194	36 533	-37,2	
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>24 308</b>	<b>160 337</b>	<b>110 247</b>	<b>270 298</b>	<b>465 799</b>	<b>72,3</b>
	<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	15 932	22 266	24 637	40 774	63 541	55,8
R'000			123 607	167 788	188 539	293 331	483 397	64,8	
Other buildings <sup>4</sup>		square metres	5 406	14 916	17 209	11 706	43 971	275,6	
		R'000	83 781	183 011	181 486	188 031	471 620	150,8	
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>207 388</b>	<b>350 799</b>	<b>370 025</b>	<b>481 362</b>	<b>955 017</b>	<b>98,4</b>	
<b>Buildings completed</b>		<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 169 587</b>	<b>1 647 280</b>	<b>1 650 691</b>	<b>3 315 230</b>	<b>4 305 655</b>	<b>29,9</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Mar 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	% change <sup>1</sup>	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	69	38	4	178	82	-53,9	
		square metres	2 653	1 713	264	7 113	3 425	-51,8	
		R'000	22 805	14 889	2 346	52 555	30 108	-42,7	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	5	23	18	20	73	265,0	
		square metres	1 261	7 233	4 178	7 075	17 375	145,6	
		R'000	10 565	66 432	37 746	58 958	155 909	164,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	15	2	0	19	..	
		square metres	0	1 557	367	0	2 216	..	
		R'000	0	13 084	3 276	0	18 967	..	
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	3 515	0	0	3 515	0	-100,0	
		R'000	30 465	0	0	30 465	0	-100,0	
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>63 835</b>	<b>94 405</b>	<b>43 368</b>	<b>141 978</b>	<b>204 984</b>	<b>44,4</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	413	462	0	413	462	11,9	
		R'000	3 579	4 124	0	3 579	4 124	15,2	
	Shopping space	square metres	12 824	0	462	12 824	462	-96,4	
		R'000	107 439	0	4 124	107 439	4 124	-96,2	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 162	3 426	0	1 675	7 858	369,1	
		R'000	10 071	30 837	0	14 517	70 401	385,0	
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	2 299	189	0	2 980	..	
		R'000	0	22 093	1 687	0	28 172	..	
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>121 089</b>	<b>57 054</b>	<b>5 811</b>	<b>125 535</b>	<b>106 821</b>	<b>-14,9</b>	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 840	8 057	15 450	17 599	29 639	68,4	
		R'000	83 669	70 834	142 566	149 102	266 898	79,0	
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	3 707	3 529	3 394	12 904	10 009	-22,4	
		R'000	41 247	30 549	29 602	119 008	86 280	-27,5	
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>124 916</b>	<b>101 383</b>	<b>172 168</b>	<b>268 110</b>	<b>353 178</b>	<b>31,7</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>		<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>309 840</b>	<b>252 842</b>	<b>221 347</b>	<b>535 623</b>	<b>664 983</b>	<b>24,2</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	0	0	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	2	2	1	10	5	-50,0
		square metres	176	355	299	1 986	1 053	-47,0
		R'000	1 741	3 171	3 047	19 647	10 283	-47,7
	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 <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 741</b>	<b>3 171</b>	<b>3 047</b>	<b>19 647</b>	<b>10 283</b>	<b>-47,7</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	0	261	24	0	285	..
		R'000	0	2 659	245	0	2 904	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	1 256	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	12 797	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	886	851	0	1 737	..
		R'000	0	9 027	8 671	0	17 698	..
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11 686</b>	<b>8 916</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33 399</b>	<b>..</b>	
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	459	1 370	896	1 537	4 104	167,0
		R'000	4 541	13 959	9 129	15 206	41 815	175,0
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	0	1 340	0	547	1 340	145,0
		R'000	230	13 753	350	5 762	14 293	148,1
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>4 771</b>	<b>27 712</b>	<b>9 479</b>	<b>20 968</b>	<b>56 108</b>	<b>167,6</b>	
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>6 512</b>	<b>42 569</b>	<b>21 442</b>	<b>40 615</b>	<b>99 790</b>	<b>145,7</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.<sup>2</sup> Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).<sup>3</sup> Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.<sup>4</sup> Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Mar 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	% change <sup>1</sup>	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	39	0	5	39	680,0	
		square metres	110	1 583	0	287	1 583	451,6	
		R'000	1 112	10 653	0	2 902	10 653	267,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	11	2	3	33	13	-60,6	
		square metres	2 367	511	935	7 668	2 565	-66,5	
		R'000	21 592	4 119	8 212	71 214	23 664	-66,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	23	0	7	23	7	-69,6	
		square metres	1 984	0	1 057	1 984	1 057	-46,7	
		R'000	20 062	0	11 009	20 062	11 009	-45,1	
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
<b>Total residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>42 766</b>	<b>14 772</b>	<b>19 221</b>	<b>94 178</b>	<b>45 326</b>	<b>-51,9</b>	
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	407	1 091	0	1 498	..	
		R'000	0	3 512	7 304	0	10 816	..	
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3 512</b>	<b>7 304</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10 816</b>	<b>..</b>	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	180	96	663	579	947	63,6	
		R'000	1 141	854	5 749	3 787	8 255	118,0	
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	0	0	169	0	169	..	
		R'000	0	0	1 458	0	1 458	..	
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 141</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>7 207</b>	<b>3 787</b>	<b>9 713</b>	<b>156,5</b>	
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>43 907</b>	<b>19 138</b>	<b>33 732</b>	<b>97 965</b>	<b>65 855</b>	<b>-32,8</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	% change <sup>1</sup>	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	13	4	0	35	8	-77,1	
		square metres	601	236	0	1 874	462	-75,3	
		R'000	6 648	2 555	0	21 114	4 566	-78,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	52	43	45	153	112	-26,8	
		square metres	19 291	13 785	14 621	45 445	34 778	-23,5	
		R'000	224 162	145 187	162 677	526 888	380 129	-27,9	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	140	29	118	168	186	10,7	
		square metres	16 245	4 392	15 484	23 593	23 569	-0,1	
		R'000	203 910	41 488	176 000	257 459	262 228	1,9	
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	421	0	421	..	
		R'000	0	0	4 631	0	4 631	..	
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>434 720</b>	<b>189 230</b>	<b>343 308</b>	<b>805 461</b>	<b>651 554</b>	<b>-19,1</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	541	0	6 750	541	-92,0	
		R'000	0	4 296	0	74 250	4 296	-94,2	
	Shopping space	square metres	1 272	5 136	2 495	9 056	7 631	-15,7	
		R'000	13 992	59 569	22 642	97 374	82 211	-15,6	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	10 295	807	7 917	57 763	13 002	-77,5	
		R'000	62 545	4 035	98 310	366 438	129 424	-64,7	
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	1 023	0	3 141	1 023	-67,4	
		R'000	0	13 811	0	27 985	13 811	-50,6	
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>76 537</b>	<b>81 711</b>	<b>120 952</b>	<b>566 047</b>	<b>229 742</b>	<b>-59,4</b>
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 433	5 737	8 333	20 291	17 417	-14,2
R'000			74 075	64 654	97 096	229 782	200 098	-12,9	
Other buildings <sup>4</sup>		square metres	5 144	2 508	9 967	9 272	13 404	44,6	
		R'000	64 862	43 635	176 352	112 185	242 566	116,2	
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>138 937</b>	<b>108 289</b>	<b>273 448</b>	<b>341 967</b>	<b>442 664</b>	<b>29,4</b>	
<b>Buildings completed</b>		<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>650 194</b>	<b>379 230</b>	<b>737 708</b>	<b>1 713 475</b>	<b>1 323 960</b>	<b>-22,7</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	% change <sup>1</sup>	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	6	26	35	37	5,7	
		square metres	586	319	1 558	2 031	2 211	8,9	
		R'000	3 427	2 136	9 378	11 923	13 738	15,2	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	52	44	46	120	113	-5,8	
		square metres	13 308	8 556	10 271	28 916	26 271	-9,1	
		R'000	94 512	63 677	76 303	203 992	199 422	-2,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	4	14	0	16	14	-12,5	
		square metres	374	743	0	1 426	743	-47,9	
		R'000	2 590	4 974	0	11 707	4 974	-57,5	
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	838	0	0	1 277	0	-100,0	
		R'000	5 440	0	0	8 481	0	-100,0	
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>105 969</b>	<b>70 787</b>	<b>85 681</b>	<b>236 103</b>	<b>218 134</b>	<b>-7,6</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	155	0	155	..	
		R'000	0	0	1 038	0	1 038	..	
	Shopping space	square metres	15 869	0	5 527	18 183	5 596	-69,2	
		R'000	105 467	0	33 473	122 262	33 935	-72,2	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 950	450	0	6 950	450	-93,5	
		R'000	45 784	3 013	0	45 784	3 013	-93,4	
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	10 836	2 721	-74,9	
		R'000	0	0	0	86 848	17 338	-80,0	
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>151 251</b>	<b>3 013</b>	<b>34 511</b>	<b>254 894</b>	<b>55 324</b>	<b>-78,3</b>
	<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 854	3 611	3 071	10 683	10 089	-5,6
R'000			25 187	24 406	20 651	69 604	67 867	-2,5	
Other buildings <sup>4</sup>		square metres	1 280	338	443	1 341	901	-32,8	
		R'000	12 903	3 374	7 137	13 300	15 767	18,5	
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>38 090</b>	<b>27 780</b>	<b>27 788</b>	<b>82 904</b>	<b>83 634</b>	<b>0,9</b>	
<b>Buildings completed</b>		<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>295 310</b>	<b>101 580</b>	<b>147 980</b>	<b>573 901</b>	<b>357 092</b>	<b>-37,8</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	% change <sup>1</sup>	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	271	223	306	651	606	-6,9	
		square metres	12 234	11 353	16 018	31 779	31 761	-0,1	
		R'000	94 547	89 994	122 862	216 033	248 798	15,2	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	115	126	156	386	353	-8,5	
		square metres	31 693	36 564	48 290	100 860	104 194	3,3	
		R'000	304 036	373 217	464 593	985 205	1 040 723	5,6	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	244	1 143	145	591	1 290	118,3	
		square metres	32 379	68 596	11 493	62 277	80 499	29,3	
		R'000	388 915	960 616	133 495	694 168	1 099 019	58,3	
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	1 383	10 720	120	1 383	10 840	683,8	
		R'000	10 587	144 484	1 071	10 587	145 555	1 274,8	
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>798 085</b>	<b>1 568 311</b>	<b>722 021</b>	<b>1 905 993</b>	<b>2 534 095</b>	<b>33,0</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	17 442	3 394	-80,5	
		R'000	0	0	0	221 230	47 862	-78,4	
	Shopping space	square metres	572	856	36 914	1 834	39 928	2 077,1	
		R'000	4 379	9 941	477 721	16 115	505 204	3 035,0	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	22 482	8 931	16 432	158 586	26 901	-83,0	
		R'000	161 514	85 639	126 604	1 075 905	222 503	-79,3	
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	280	4 294	8 895	12 669	13 189	4,1	
		R'000	3 028	36 075	106 473	103 985	142 548	37,1	
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>168 921</b>	<b>131 655</b>	<b>710 798</b>	<b>1 417 235</b>	<b>918 117</b>	<b>-35,2</b>
	<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 985	10 131	13 774	23 699	27 900	17,7
R'000			84 592	106 479	147 404	248 538	297 464	19,7	
Other buildings <sup>4</sup>		square metres	11 121	6 702	5 248	16 413	14 281	-13,0	
		R'000	138 510	73 267	49 673	189 540	140 047	-26,1	
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>223 102</b>	<b>179 746</b>	<b>197 077</b>	<b>438 078</b>	<b>437 511</b>	<b>-0,1</b>	
<b>Buildings completed</b>		<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 190 108</b>	<b>1 879 712</b>	<b>1 629 896</b>	<b>3 761 306</b>	<b>3 889 723</b>	<b>3,4</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	% change <sup>1</sup>	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	0	1	13	5	-61,5	
		square metres	118	0	58	903	288	-68,1	
		R'000	1 109	0	561	6 325	2 788	-55,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	14	33	31	48	66	37,5	
		square metres	3 132	6 495	7 385	12 248	14 687	19,9	
		R'000	27 916	59 140	65 024	105 351	131 976	25,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	4	3	0	4	11	175,0	
		square metres	1 864	501	0	1 864	1 866	0,1	
		R'000	12 384	3 429	0	12 384	12 771	3,1	
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	356	0	0	1 198	0	-100,0	
		R'000	2 314	0	0	7 787	0	-100,0	
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>43 723</b>	<b>62 569</b>	<b>65 585</b>	<b>131 847</b>	<b>147 535</b>	<b>11,9</b>
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	958	257	37 593	958	37 850	3 850,9	
		R'000	6 227	2 488	257 286	6 227	259 774	4 071,7	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	3 232	0	1 822	3 232	77,4	
		R'000	0	31 289	0	17 125	31 289	82,7	
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>6 227</b>	<b>33 777</b>	<b>257 286</b>	<b>23 352</b>	<b>291 063</b>	<b>1 146,4</b>	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 031	3 403	2 282	5 685	6 357	11,8	
		R'000	14 402	24 497	16 922	47 120	46 648	-1,0	
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	2 143	0	692	3 347	692	-79,3	
		R'000	16 860	0	7 847	31 997	8 136	-74,6	
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>31 262</b>	<b>24 497</b>	<b>24 769</b>	<b>79 117</b>	<b>54 784</b>	<b>-30,8</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>		<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>81 212</b>	<b>120 843</b>	<b>347 640</b>	<b>234 316</b>	<b>493 382</b>	<b>110,6</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	% change <sup>1</sup>
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	1	3	6	4	-33,3
		square metres	212	64	237	414	301	-27,3
		R'000	1 531	383	1 763	3 027	2 146	-29,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	26	15	25	48	53	10,4
		square metres	9 969	6 350	6 632	19 270	20 094	4,3
		R'000	70 617	45 935	48 627	139 196	148 103	6,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	4	30	2	4	32	700,0
		square metres	698	3 988	235	698	4 223	505,0
		R'000	5 042	29 671	1 748	5 042	31 419	523,1
	Other residential buildings <sup>2</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>77 190</b>	<b>75 989</b>	<b>52 138</b>	<b>147 265</b>	<b>181 668</b>
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	2 870	165	0	4 412	165	-96,3
		R'000	20 730	988	0	31 868	988	-96,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	1 542	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	8 964	0	-100,0
	Other non-residential buildings <sup>3</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>20 730</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40 832</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>-97,6</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	195	35	212	566	517	-8,7
		R'000	1 408	260	1 577	4 087	3 846	-5,9
	Other buildings <sup>4</sup>	square metres	0	0	0	0	200	..
		R'000	1 000	0	500	3 000	1 988	-33,7
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 408</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>2 077</b>	<b>7 087</b>	<b>5 834</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>100 328</b>	<b>77 237</b>	<b>54 215</b>	<b>195 184</b>	<b>188 490</b>	<b>-3,4</b>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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

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

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

## Explanatory notes

<b>Introduction</b>	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.
<b>Purpose of the survey</b>	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.
<b>Scope of the survey</b>	3	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• passing of building plans; and</li><li>• final inspection of completed buildings.</li></ul>
<b>Classification</b>	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.
<b>Collection rate</b>	5	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for March 2026 was 84,5%. The collection rate for February 2026 was 87,3%.
<b>Statistical unit</b>	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.
<b>Survey methodology and design</b>	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.
<b>Constant prices</b>	8	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2019. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151.1: <i>Construction Materials Price Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2023=100) are converted to the base year 2019=100.

**Seasonal adjustment** 9 Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by the United States Census Bureau.

10 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment is not intended to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences that may occur in a given month.

Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore, the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for building statistics is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at:

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**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-26	Additional information from respondents	Mar-24 - Feb-26
Apr-26	Additional information from respondents	Apr-24 - Mar-26
May-26	Additional information from respondents	May-24 - Apr-26
Jun-26	Additional information from respondents	Jun-24 - May-26
Jul-26	Additional information from respondents	Jul-24 - Jun-26
Aug-26	Additional information from respondents	Aug-24 - Jul-26
Sep-26	Additional information from respondents	Sep-24 - Aug-26
Oct-26	Additional information from respondents	Oct-24 - Sep-26
Nov-26	Additional information from respondents	Nov-24 - Oct-26
Dec-26	Additional information from respondents	Dec-24 - Nov-26
Jan-27	Additional information from respondents New base year for constant prices	Jan-82 - Dec-26
Feb-27	Additional information from respondents	Feb-25 - Jan-27
New base year in 2026/27 – periodic, approximately four to five-year intervals		

**Related publications** 13 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:

- P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* issued annually;
- P9101.2: *Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region* issued annually; and
- *Building Statistics* (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.

**Rounding-off of figures** 14 Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.

**Symbols and abbreviations** 15 .. Changes from a zero in the preceding period cannot be calculated as a percentage  
 0 Nil or figure too small to publish  
 \* Revised figures  
 Stats SA Statistics South Africa  
 SIC Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities  
 ISIC International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities

## Glossary

<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Extensions to existing buildings as well as internal and external alterations of existing buildings.
<b>Blocks of flats</b>	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.
<b>Dwelling-house</b>	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.
<b>Local government institutions</b>	<p>Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• district municipalities;</li> <li>• metropolitan municipalities; and</li> <li>• local municipalities.</li> </ul>
<b>Municipality</b>	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).
<b>District municipality</b>	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)).
<b>Metropolitan municipality</b>	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)).
<b>Local municipality</b>	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.
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	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.
<b>Other residential buildings</b>	Institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, old people’s homes, hostels, hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation, entertainment centres and casinos.
<b>Percentage change</b>	<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>

<b>Reference period</b>	One calendar month.
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Buildings that are used primarily as residences. Includes dwelling-houses, flats, townhouses and other residential buildings.
<b>Townhouses</b>	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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