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

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

Estimates at current prices	January to May 2007	January to May 2008 1/	Difference in value between January to May 2007 and January to May 2008	Percentage change between January to May 2007 and January to May 2008
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	18 273 949	16 889 138	-1 384 811	-7,6
-Dwelling-houses	12 030 273	9 969 583	-2 060 690	-17,1
-Flats and townhouses	5 858 397	6 430 077	571 680	9,8
-Other residential buildings	385 279	489 478	104 199	27,0
Non-residential buildings	5 994 957	7 981 889	1 986 932	33,1
Additions and alterations	8 247 521	8 707 173	459 652	5,6
Total	32 516 427	33 578 200	1 061 773	3,3

1/ May 2008 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Growth in total value of recorded building plans passed at current prices subdued

Despite a considerable drop in the value of building plans passed during May 2008, the value of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities (at current prices) during January to May 2008 rose by 3,3% (R1 061,8 million) compared with January to May 2007 (see Table A).

The largest increase was reported for non-residential buildings (33,1% or R1 986,9 million), mainly due to more plans passed for shopping space (103,7% or R1 538,7 million) and office and banking space (28,5% or R438,1 million) (see Table 9, page 17). The largest increase for shopping space was recorded for Gauteng (R654,6 million; see Table 16, page 24), followed by KwaZulu-Natal (R373,0 million; see Table 14, page 22), Mpumalanga (R293,2 million; see Table 17, page 25) and Eastern Cape (R210,8 million; see Table 11, page 19).

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

Estimates at current prices	January to May 2007	January to May 2008 1/	Percentage contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to May 2007	Percentage change between January to May 2007 and January to May 2008	Contribution (percentage points) to the percentage change in the value of building plans passed between January to May 2007 and January to May 2008 2/	Difference in value between January to May 2007 and January to May 2008
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	7 168 744	7 318 977	22,0	2,1	0,5	150 233
Eastern Cape	1 694 552	1 186 985	5,2	-30,0	-1,6	-507 567
Northern Cape	219 533	211 954	0,7	-3,5	-0,0	-7 579
Free State	940 785	791 009	2,9	-15,9	-0,5	-149 776
KwaZulu-Natal	4 539 277	6 689 393	14,0	47,4	6,6	2 150 116
North West	1 473 858	1 079 417	4,5	-26,8	-1,2	-394 441
Gauteng	14 291 262	14 101 408	44,0	-1,3	-0,6	-189 854
Mpumalanga	1 568 525	1 510 591	4,8	-3,7	-0,2	-57 934
Limpopo	619 891	688 466	1,9	11,1	0,2	68 575
Total	32 516 427	33 578 200	100,0	3,3	3,3	1 061 773

1/ May 2008 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

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

Only three provinces reported increases in the value of building plans passed. KwaZulu-Natal took the lead, (contributing 6,6 percentage points or R2 150,1 million to the increase of 3,3%), followed by Western Cape (0,5 of a percentage point or R150,2 million) and Limpopo (0,2 of a percentage point or R68,6 million) (see Table B). All three categories in KwaZulu-Natal contributed positively to the increase, namely residential buildings (51,7% or R1 128,9 million), non-residential buildings (50,7% or R543,0 million) and additions and alterations (37,3% or R478,2 million) (see Table 14, page 22).

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

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

Estimates at constant 2000 prices	January to May 2007	January to May 2008 1/	Difference in value between January to May 2007 and January to May 2008	Percentage change between January to May 2007 and January to May 2008
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	10 800 561	8 973 616	-1 826 945	-16,9
Non-residential buildings	3 543 288	4 225 414	682 126	19,3
Additions and alterations	4 872 544	4 633 010	-239 534	-4,9
Total	19 216 393	17 832 040	-1 384 353	-7,2

1/ May 2008 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total real value of recorded building plans passed decreased

The real value of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities (at constant 2000 prices) during January to May 2008 decreased by 7,2% (-R1 384,4 million) compared with January to May 2007. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-16,9% or -R1 826,9 million) and additions and alterations (-4,9% or -R239,5 million). An increase of 19,3% (R682,1 million) was reported for non-residential buildings.

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

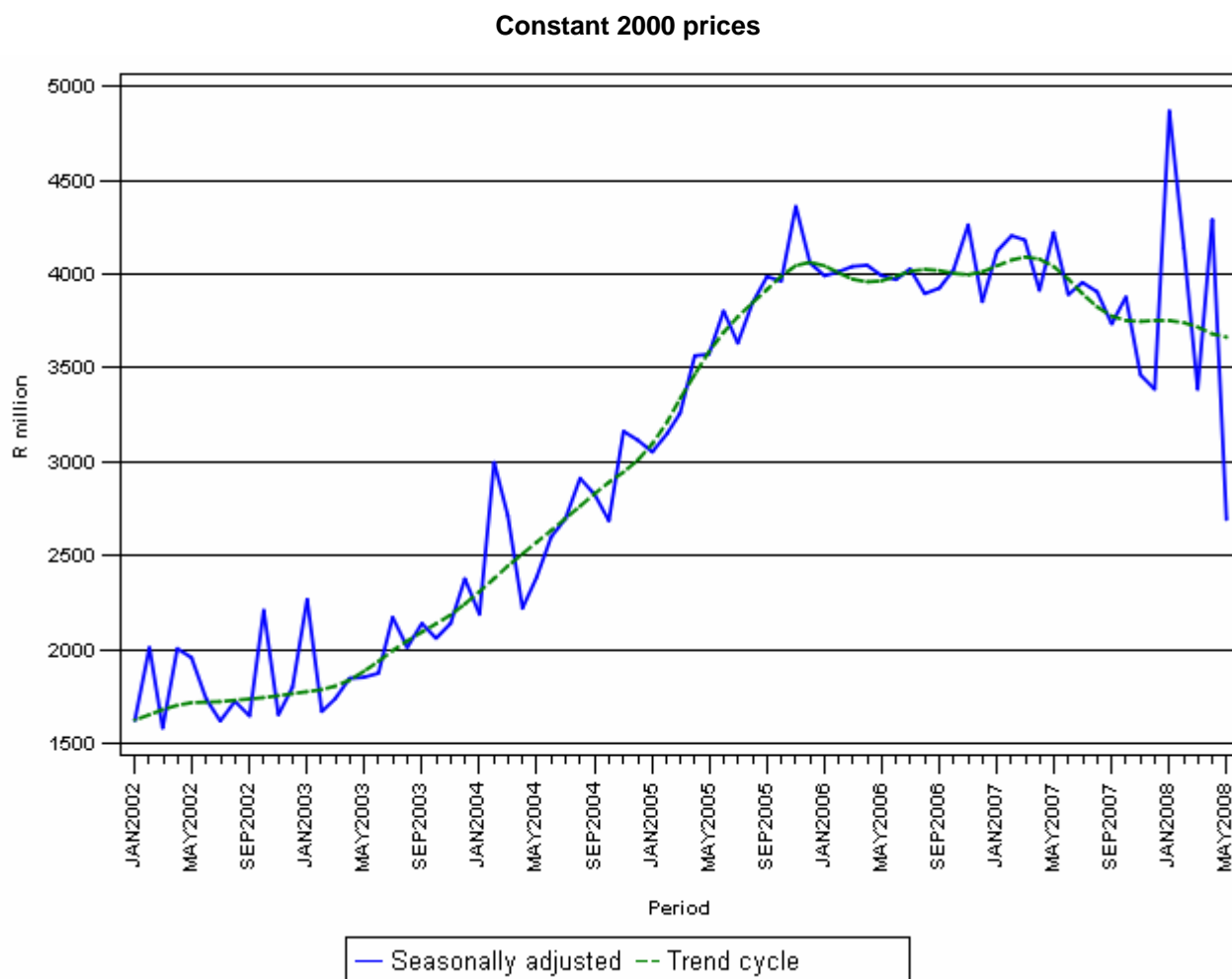
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2000 prices	December 2007 to February 2008	March to May 2008	Percentage change between December 2007 to February 2008 and March to May 2008
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 159 788	5 435 685	-11,8
Non-residential buildings	2 746 484	2 399 401	-12,6
Additions and alterations	3 485 197	2 533 223	-27,3
Total	12 391 469	10 368 309	-16,3

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed decreased

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities during the quarter ending May 2008 decreased by 16,3% compared with the quarter ending February 2008. Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-27,3%), followed by non-residential buildings (-12,6%) and residential buildings (-11,8%) (see Table D).

Figure 1 shows both the seasonally adjusted and the trend series for recorded building plans passed at constant 2000 prices between January 2002 and May 2008. The sharp increases in the seasonally adjusted value for January and April 2008 were mainly due to large projects passed for shopping space and additions and alterations to non-residential buildings. The sharp decrease in the seasonally adjusted value for May 2008 can be attributed to a decrease in plans passed for flats and townhouses and shopping space.

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



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

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

Estimates at current prices	January to May 2007	January to May 2008 1/	Difference in value between January to May 2007 and January to May 2008	Percentage change between January to May 2007 and January to May 2008
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	11 004 690	10 450 709	-553 981	-5,0
-Dwelling-houses	6 818 240	6 688 255	-129 985	-1,9
-Flats and townhouses	3 690 409	3 591 986	-98 423	-2,7
-Other residential buildings	496 041	170 468	-325 573	-65,6
Non-residential buildings	3 489 258	3 693 738	204 480	5,9
Additions and alterations	3 014 860	3 757 100	742 240	24,6
Total	17 508 808	17 901 547	392 739	2,2

1/ May 2008 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total value of buildings reported as completed at current prices increased

As indicated in Table E, the value of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities (at current prices) during January to May 2008 increased by 2,2% (R392,7 million) compared with January to May 2007.

Increases were reported for additions and alterations (24,6% or R742,2 million) and non-residential buildings (5,9% or R204,5 million). A decrease of 5,0% (-R554,0 million) was reported for residential buildings during this period.

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

Estimates at current prices	January to May 2007	January to May 2008 1/	Percentage contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to May 2007	Percentage change between January to May 2007 and January to May 2008	Contribution (percentage points) to the percentage change in the value of buildings completed between January to May 2007 and January to May 2008 2/	Difference in value between January to May 2007 and January to May 2008
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	4 720 621	4 765 032	27,0	0,9	0,3	44 411
Eastern Cape	552 798	689 165	3,2	24,7	0,8	136 367
Northern Cape	170 397	143 934	1,0	-15,5	-0,2	-26 463
Free State	421 563	326 256	2,4	-22,6	-0,5	-95 307
KwaZulu-Natal	2 715 437	2 838 785	15,5	4,5	0,7	123 348
North West	708 951	785 904	4,0	10,9	0,4	76 953
Gauteng	7 454 513	7 463 748	42,6	0,1	0,1	9 235
Mpumalanga	555 423	661 537	3,2	19,1	0,6	106 114
Limpopo	209 105	227 186	1,2	8,6	0,1	18 081
Total	17 508 808	17 901 547	100,0	2,2	2,2	392 739

1/ May 2008 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

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

Seven provinces reported increases in the value of buildings completed. The largest contributor to the increase of 2,2% was Eastern Cape (0,8 of a percentage point or R136,4 million), followed by KwaZulu-Natal (0,7 of a percentage point or R123,3 million) and Mpumalanga (0,6 of a percentage point or R106,1 million) (see Table F).

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

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

Estimates at constant 2000 prices	January to May 2007	January to May 2008 1/	Difference in value between January to May 2007 and January to May 2008	Percentage change between January to May 2007 and January to May 2008
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 961 326	6 003 385	-957 941	-13,8
Non-residential buildings	2 377 733	2 273 227	-104 506	-4,4
Additions and alterations	2 000 111	2 224 321	224 210	11,2
Total	11 339 170	10 500 933	-838 237	-7,4

1/ May 2008 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total real value of buildings reported as completed decreased

As indicated in Table G, the real value of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities (at constant 2000 prices) during January to May 2008 decreased by 7,4% (-R838,2 million) compared with January to May 2007. Decreases in the real value of buildings completed were reported for residential buildings (-13,8% or -R957,9 million) and non-residential buildings (-4,4% or -R104,5 million). However, an increase of 11,2% (R224,2 million) was reported for additions and alterations during the above-mentioned period.

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

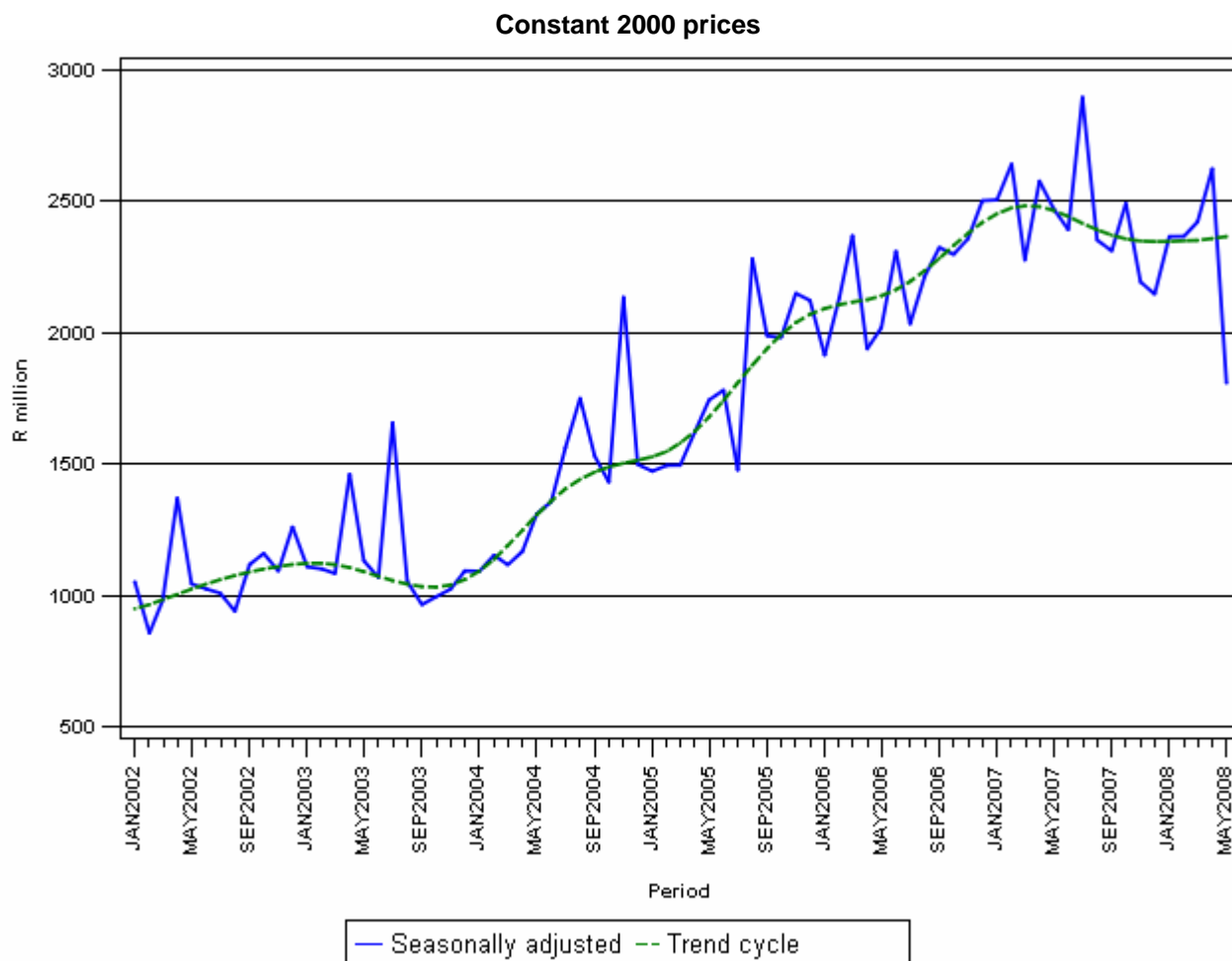
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2000 prices	December 2007 to February 2008	March to May 2008	Percentage change between December 2007 to February 2008 and March to May 2008
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	4 198 916	4 045 691	-3,6
Non-residential buildings	1 401 801	1 444 292	3,0
Additions and alterations	1 281 126	1 368 237	6,8
Total	6 881 843	6 858 220	-0,3

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased marginally

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities during the quarter ending May 2008 decreased marginally by 0,3% compared with the quarter ending February 2008. This was mainly due to a decrease reported for residential buildings of 3,6%. This decrease was to a large extent counteracted by increases reported for additions and alterations (6,8%) and non-residential buildings (3,0%) (see Table H).

Figure 2 shows both the seasonally adjusted and trend series for buildings reported as completed to municipalities at constant 2000 prices between January 2002 and May 2008. The sharp decrease in the seasonally adjusted value for May 2008 can be attributed to a decrease reported for residential buildings.

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



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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2007	January	2 827 517	10,5	987 578	26,9	1 346 316	23,4	5 161 411	16,6
	February	3 522 549	10,4	1 365 860	44,9	1 623 501	12,4	6 511 910	16,8
	March	3 984 514	32,8	995 325	-19,8	1 576 921	1,2	6 556 760	13,0
	April	3 496 868	26,5	1 184 213	-29,6	1 583 440	14,3	6 264 521	7,4
	May	4 442 501	22,8	1 461 981	16,6	2 117 343	14,7	8 021 825	19,4
	June	3 919 860	2,5	1 427 671	45,2	1 729 470	4,2	7 077 001	9,4
	July	4 165 556	6,3	1 397 269	-3,2	2 230 946	20,9	7 793 771	8,1
	August	3 983 237	-0,9	1 707 558	15,5	2 197 822	30,0	7 888 617	9,7
	September	3 553 483	-5,5	1 494 949	36,5	1 696 134	-3,5	6 744 566	2,0
	October	4 001 808	2,6	1 524 115	-12,6	2 383 645	29,8	7 909 568	5,7
	November	3 508 017	-12,7	1 005 570	-27,2	1 863 343	0,9	6 376 930	-12,0
	December	2 436 011	-9,5	1 123 502	3,9	1 341 123	-6,8	4 900 636	-6,0
	Total	43 841 921	6,2	15 675 591	3,8	21 690 004	11,8	81 207 516	7,2
2008	January	2 752 957	-2,6	1 785 856	80,8	2 090 231	55,3	6 629 044	28,4
	February*	4 160 004	18,1	1 078 667	-21,0	1 830 159	12,7	7 068 830	8,6
	March*	3 378 017	-15,2	1 130 738	13,6	1 386 097	-12,1	5 894 852	-10,1
	April	3 828 348	9,5	2 550 483	115,4	1 741 807	10,0	8 120 638	29,6
	May 2/	2 769 812	-37,7	1 436 145	-1,8	1 658 879	-21,7	5 864 836	-26,9

1/ The annual/monthly percentage change is the change in the values of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the relevant year/month compared with the values of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the comparable period of the previous year expressed as a percentage.

2/ Preliminary figures.

*Revised.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2007	January	3 802 682	10,6	1 300 840	-1,5	1 811 560	8,1	6 915 082	7,5
	February	3 774 212	-0,7	1 560 038	19,9	1 727 082	-4,7	7 061 332	2,1
	March	4 241 366	12,4	1 032 120	-33,8	1 660 752	-3,8	6 934 238	-1,8
	April	3 962 450	-6,6	971 129	-5,9	1 748 870	5,3	6 682 449	-3,6
	May	3 942 832	-0,5	1 448 054	49,1	1 953 941	11,7	7 344 827	9,9
	June	3 660 894	-7,2	1 422 088	-1,8	1 701 601	-12,9	6 784 583	-7,6
	July	3 672 263	0,3	1 252 758	-11,9	1 990 455	17,0	6 915 476	1,9
	August	3 562 590	-3,0	1 332 604	6,4	1 958 916	-1,6	6 854 110	-0,9
	September	3 285 363	-7,8	1 619 845	21,6	1 676 478	-14,4	6 581 686	-4,0
	October	3 596 940	9,5	1 321 687	-18,4	1 979 941	18,1	6 898 568	4,8
	November	3 275 901	-8,9	1 129 132	-14,6	1 777 906	-10,2	6 182 939	-10,4
	December	3 111 547	-5,0	1 417 440	25,5	1 560 550	-12,2	6 089 537	-1,5
2008	January	3 677 238	18,2	2 342 811	65,3	2 803 747	79,7	8 823 796	44,9
	February	4 462 148	21,3	1 228 523	-47,6	1 955 711	-30,2	7 646 382	-13,3
	March	3 598 810	-19,3	1 210 856	-1,4	1 474 744	-24,6	6 284 410	-17,8
	April	4 353 716	21,0	2 029 289	67,6	1 918 538	30,1	8 301 543	32,1
	May	2 454 220	-43,6	1 399 922	-31,0	1 520 944	-20,7	5 375 086	-35,3
	Dec.07 - Feb.08	11 250 933		4 988 774		6 320 008		22 559 715	
	Mar. - May 08 2/	10 406 746	-7,5	4 640 067	-7,0	4 914 226	-22,2	19 961 039	-11,5

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

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2007	January	1 691 099	-1,5	590 657	13,1	805 213	10,0	3 086 969	3,9
	February	2 110 575	-0,9	818 370	30,1	972 739	0,9	3 901 684	4,8
	March	2 378 814	19,0	594 224	-28,2	941 445	-9,3	3 914 483	1,3
	April	2 052 153	12,5	694 961	-37,4	929 249	1,6	3 676 363	-4,5
	May	2 567 920	9,0	845 076	3,5	1 223 898	1,8	4 636 894	6,0
	June	2 247 626	-8,2	818 619	30,2	991 669	-6,6	4 057 914	-2,0
	July	2 374 889	-3,9	796 619	-12,5	1 271 919	9,3	4 443 427	-2,2
	August	2 251 689	-9,2	965 267	5,9	1 242 409	19,2	4 459 365	0,6
	September	2 008 752	-13,0	845 081	25,6	958 809	-11,2	3 812 642	-6,1
	October	2 246 944	-5,8	855 764	-19,7	1 338 375	19,1	4 441 083	-2,9
	November	1 967 480	-19,1	563 976	-32,6	1 045 061	-6,5	3 576 517	-18,5
	December	1 361 661	-16,0	628 006	-3,5	749 650	-13,5	2 739 317	-12,7
	Total	25 259 602	-3,5	9 016 620	-5,9	12 470 436	1,3	46 746 658	-2,7
2008	January	1 524 339	-9,9	988 846	67,4	1 157 382	43,7	3 670 567	18,9
	February*	2 267 032	7,4	587 829	-28,2	997 362	2,5	3 852 223	-1,3
	March*	1 802 570	-24,2	603 382	1,5	739 646	-21,4	3 145 598	-19,6
	April	1 983 600	-3,3	1 321 494	90,2	902 491	-2,9	4 207 585	14,4
	May 2/	1 396 075	-45,6	723 863	-14,3	836 129	-31,7	2 956 067	-36,2

1/ The annual/monthly percentage change is the change in the values of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the relevant year/month compared with the values of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the comparable period of the previous year expressed as a percentage.

2/ Preliminary figures.

*Revised.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2007	January	2 261 545	10,1	775 718	-1,7	1 083 257	7,5	4 120 520	7,0
	February	2 241 880	-0,9	930 916	20,0	1 030 689	-4,9	4 203 485	2,0
	March	2 584 318	15,3	611 798	-34,3	984 533	-4,5	4 180 649	-0,5
	April	2 309 115	-10,6	568 880	-7,0	1 034 356	5,1	3 912 351	-6,4
	May	2 273 106	-1,6	841 593	47,9	1 106 385	7,0	4 221 084	7,9
	June	2 094 987	-7,8	816 178	-3,0	978 519	-11,6	3 889 684	-7,9
	July	2 096 762	0,1	716 786	-12,2	1 140 803	16,6	3 954 351	1,7
	August	2 027 727	-3,3	759 345	5,9	1 117 652	-2,0	3 904 724	-1,3
	September	1 862 024	-8,2	918 595	21,0	952 818	-14,7	3 733 437	-4,4
	October	2 020 514	8,5	742 754	-19,1	1 114 257	16,9	3 877 525	3,9
	November	1 833 431	-9,3	631 460	-15,0	997 065	-10,5	3 461 956	-10,7
	December	1 727 120	-5,8	786 736	24,6	871 650	-12,6	3 385 506	-2,2
2008	January	2 023 977	17,2	1 293 316	64,4	1 552 118	78,1	4 869 411	43,8
	February	2 408 691	19,0	666 432	-48,5	1 061 429	-31,6	4 136 552	-15,1
	March	1 963 676	-18,5	640 192	-3,9	781 515	-26,4	3 385 383	-18,2
	April	2 238 408	14,0	1 049 256	63,9	1 002 194	28,2	4 289 858	26,7
	May	1 233 601	-44,9	709 953	-32,3	749 514	-25,2	2 693 068	-37,2
	Dec.07 - Feb.08	6 159 788		2 746 484		3 485 197		12 391 469	
	Mar. - May 08 2/	5 435 685	-11,8	2 399 401	-12,6	2 533 223	-27,3	10 368 309	-16,3

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

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2007	January	1 643 461	30,6	483 947	52,8	637 592	56,7	2 765 000	39,5
	February	2 220 763	25,3	884 589	116,4	564 618	2,1	3 669 970	34,2
	March	2 106 924	-0,3	778 599	18,7	668 881	13,5	3 554 404	5,8
	April	2 349 465	34,4	628 306	134,1	555 935	23,4	3 533 706	43,2
	May	2 684 077	34,9	713 817	40,0	587 834	2,1	3 985 728	29,6
	June	2 576 642	11,6	580 714	19,5	659 194	16,2	3 816 550	13,5
	July	2 781 646	22,6	1 108 133	232,1	720 746	29,9	4 610 525	46,1
	August	2 668 958	12,2	560 927	13,9	782 187	40,3	4 012 072	17,0
	September	2 340 305	-7,9	943 457	133,0	677 900	1,8	3 961 662	9,7
	October	2 524 579	6,5	1 216 247	58,3	844 411	40,0	4 585 237	22,5
	November	2 705 875	2,2	698 089	7,2	897 925	5,2	4 301 889	3,6
	December	2 516 899	-5,9	624 843	15,3	440 298	-19,3	3 582 040	-4,8
	Total	29 119 594	11,7	9 221 668	57,9	8 037 521	16,1	46 378 783	19,4
2008	January	1 605 221	-2,3	673 686	39,2	606 948	-4,8	2 885 855	4,4
	February*	2 128 946	-4,1	619 227	-30,0	903 748	60,1	3 651 921	-0,5
	March*	2 470 344	17,2	944 060	21,3	783 511	17,1	4 197 915	18,1
	April	2 473 221	5,3	791 484	26,0	731 536	31,6	3 996 241	13,1
	May 2/	1 772 977	-33,9	665 281	-6,8	731 357	24,4	3 169 615	-20,5

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

* Revised.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2007	January	2 423 506	-2,0	573 830	-10,7	725 630	15,7	3 722 966	-0,5
	February	2 542 544	4,9	920 262	60,4	584 083	-19,5	4 046 889	8,7
	March	2 238 454	-12,0	630 988	-31,4	656 606	12,4	3 526 048	-12,9
	April	2 588 588	15,6	790 274	25,2	639 625	-2,6	4 018 487	14,0
	May	2 648 260	2,3	668 119	-15,5	585 853	-8,4	3 902 232	-2,9
	June	2 558 010	-3,4	589 307	-11,8	658 713	12,4	3 806 030	-2,5
	July	2 540 787	-0,7	1 359 507	130,7	709 178	7,7	4 609 472	21,1
	August	2 459 197	-3,2	621 645	-54,3	761 498	7,4	3 842 340	-16,6
	September	2 209 865	-10,1	860 492	38,4	660 046	-13,3	3 730 403	-2,9
	October	2 433 602	10,1	849 389	-1,3	771 860	16,9	4 054 851	8,7
	November	2 222 671	-8,7	672 958	-20,8	728 442	-5,6	3 624 071	-10,6
	December	2 309 520	3,9	760 783	13,1	504 542	-30,7	3 574 845	-1,4
2008	January	2 387 665	3,4	817 550	7,5	695 368	37,8	3 900 583	9,1
	February	2 432 449	1,9	639 696	-21,8	941 201	35,4	4 013 346	2,9
	March	2 620 276	7,7	747 952	16,9	762 294	-19,0	4 130 522	2,9
	April	2 722 938	3,9	975 100	30,4	836 853	9,8	4 534 891	9,8
	May	1 767 353	-35,1	637 786	-34,6	739 798	-11,6	3 144 937	-30,7
	Dec.07 - Feb.08	7 129 634		2 218 029		2 141 111		11 488 774	
	Mar. - May 08 2/	7 110 567	-0,3	2 360 838	6,4	2 338 945	9,2	11 810 350	2,8

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

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2007	January	1 061 053	21,2	332 381	43,0	427 914	48,2	1 821 348	30,4
	February	1 412 524	15,0	604 227	102,6	376 915	-3,8	2 393 666	24,8
	March	1 331 570	-8,7	530 381	11,1	445 624	7,5	2 307 575	-1,8
	April	1 485 694	23,7	427 128	119,9	366 954	16,7	2 279 776	33,4
	May	1 670 485	22,7	483 616	31,8	382 704	-4,6	2 536 805	19,2
	June	1 598 013	1,2	392 640	12,4	421 749	7,0	2 412 402	3,9
	July	1 701 322	10,9	743 713	214,1	454 443	19,3	2 899 478	34,7
	August	1 613 224	0,6	374 451	7,3	482 236	26,6	2 469 911	5,9
	September	1 413 750	-17,2	628 552	120,6	416 400	-8,2	2 458 702	0,5
	October	1 503 001	-5,0	802 803	49,8	516 459	26,0	2 822 263	11,6
	November	1 591 397	-9,1	454 485	0,1	543 538	-6,0	2 589 420	-7,0
	December	1 467 797	-16,2	399 772	6,2	265 080	-28,2	2 132 649	-14,6
	Total	17 849 830	1,2	6 174 149	48,6	5 100 016	6,8	29 123 995	9,6
2008	January	931 131	-12,2	424 770	27,8	363 007	-15,2	1 718 908	-5,6
	February*	1 228 416	-13,0	381 768	-36,8	541 491	43,7	2 151 675	-10,1
	March*	1 427 418	7,2	579 889	9,3	467 768	5,0	2 475 075	7,3
	April	1 413 287	-4,9	484 088	13,3	429 305	17,0	2 326 680	2,1
	May 2/	1 003 133	-39,9	402 712	-16,7	422 750	10,5	1 828 595	-27,9

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

*Revised.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	%change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2007	January	1 624 489	-0,6	395 845	-11,5	486 319	15,3	2 506 653	0,1
	February	1 622 697	-0,1	630 766	59,3	389 823	-19,8	2 643 286	5,5
	March	1 411 711	-13,0	431 200	-31,6	434 190	11,4	2 277 101	-13,9
	April	1 619 222	14,7	537 932	24,8	421 154	-3,0	2 578 308	13,2
	May	1 639 430	1,2	452 140	-15,9	381 141	-9,5	2 472 711	-4,1
	June	1 575 206	-3,9	395 718	-12,5	421 544	10,6	2 392 468	-3,2
	July	1 540 243	-2,2	909 755	129,9	448 494	6,4	2 898 492	21,2
	August	1 465 679	-4,8	414 437	-54,4	473 354	5,5	2 353 470	-18,8
	September	1 333 909	-9,0	571 498	37,9	406 985	-14,0	2 312 392	-1,7
	October	1 460 374	9,5	560 454	-1,9	472 659	16,1	2 493 487	7,8
	November	1 314 487	-10,0	438 275	-21,8	441 144	-6,7	2 193 906	-12,0
	December	1 357 368	3,3	487 929	11,3	302 206	-31,5	2 147 503	-2,1
2008	January	1 433 675	5,6	517 892	6,1	415 304	37,4	2 366 871	10,2
	February	1 407 873	-1,8	395 980	-23,5	563 616	35,7	2 367 469	-0,0
	March	1 510 790	7,3	461 089	16,4	451 391	-19,9	2 423 270	2,4
	April	1 538 893	1,9	597 339	29,5	489 636	8,5	2 625 868	8,4
	May	996 008	-35,3	385 864	-35,4	427 210	-12,7	1 809 082	-31,1
	Dec.07 - Feb.08	4 198 916		1 401 801		1 281 126		6 881 843	
	Mar. - May 08 2/	4 045 691	-3,6	1 444 292	3,0	1 368 237	6,8	6 858 220	-0,3

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

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

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

			May 2007*	Apr. 2008	May 2008	Jan. - May 2007	Jan. - May 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4 057	1 285	1 615	15 353	8 857	-42,3
		square metres	174 015	66 356	79 449	666 981	430 354	-35,5
		R'000	300 165	181 430	189 180	1 315 247	978 996	-25,6
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	3 001	1 980	1 979	13 249	9 730	-26,6
		square metres	812 823	504 897	499 873	3 335 072	2 489 253	-25,4
		R'000	2 679 098	1 858 829	1 766 430	10 715 026	8 990 587	-16,1
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	3 945	3 299	2 062	14 456	13 873	-4,0
		square metres	423 146	422 096	207 493	1 720 747	1 603 183	-6,8
		R'000	1 452 053	1 723 907	759 298	5 858 397	6 430 077	9,8
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	3 402	16 242	16 064	112 054	121 921	8,8
		R'000	11 185	64 182	54 904	385 279	489 478	27,0
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	4 442 501	3 828 348	2 769 812	18 273 949	16 889 138	-7,6
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	75 908	126 941	127 371	377 237	423 071	12,1
		R'000	324 072	542 274	699 712	1 537 493	1 975 588	28,5
	2. Shopping space	square metres	96 103	229 752	46 617	416 971	702 571	68,5
		R'000	399 828	1 111 733	175 175	1 484 320	3 023 069	103,7
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	186 262	229 482	172 524	877 149	874 838	-0,3
		R'000	553 809	693 585	475 513	2 447 378	2 568 664	5,0
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	44 965	45 088	22 588	143 796	108 157	-24,8
		R'000	184 272	202 891	85 745	525 766	414 568	-21,1
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 461 981	2 550 483	1 436 145	5 994 957	7 981 889	33,1
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	510 290	327 648	326 699	2 076 353	1 641 270	-21,0
		R'000	1 574 465	1 116 518	1 115 726	6 251 063	5 584 333	-10,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	145 798	133 806	112 670	511 083	703 593	37,7
		R'000	542 878	625 289	543 153	1 996 458	3 122 840	56,4
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 117 343	1 741 807	1 658 879	8 247 521	8 707 173	5,6
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	8 021 825	8 120 638	5 864 836	32 516 427	33 578 200	3,3

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2007*	Apr. 2008	May 2008	Jan. - May 2007	Jan. - May 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	516	285	194	1 483	1 550	4,5
		square metres	22 829	15 353	9 471	67 078	76 162	13,5
		R'000	49 439	40 213	25 005	138 252	156 596	13,3
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	647	475	421	2 953	2 302	-22,0
		square metres	171 998	115 383	101 317	722 178	580 006	-19,7
		R'000	553 362	434 986	381 988	2 386 834	2 172 588	-9,0
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	636	864	183	2 501	3 336	33,4
		square metres	66 506	90 300	22 634	264 733	354 250	33,8
		R'000	215 000	342 011	86 362	927 594	1 306 992	40,9
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	4 457	2 434	43 052	11 988	-72,2
		R'000	0	13 845	7 758	155 724	40 509	-74,0
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	817 801	831 055	501 113	3 608 404	3 676 685	1,9
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	30 260	33 658	10 034	127 678	73 766	-42,2
		R'000	102 908	135 683	39 560	427 827	290 862	-32,0
	2. Shopping space	square metres	6 546	21 700	2 401	41 188	69 307	68,3
		R'000	22 243	77 692	9 449	133 253	262 858	97,3
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	50 295	62 090	18 308	214 541	236 614	10,3
		R'000	145 910	213 014	51 223	570 645	754 550	32,2
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	6 274	35 078	2 979	37 116	51 484	38,7
		R'000	19 733	161 638	12 544	114 052	206 095	80,7
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	290 794	588 027	112 776	1 245 777	1 514 365	21,6
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	148 177	96 710	87 924	597 276	439 332	-26,4
		R'000	432 148	321 039	299 233	1 703 450	1 447 710	-15,0
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	39 715	39 381	41 507	140 464	150 119	6,9
		R'000	174 405	176 373	179 854	611 113	680 217	11,3
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	606 553	497 412	479 087	2 314 563	2 127 927	-8,1
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 715 148	1 916 494	1 092 976	7 168 744	7 318 977	2,1

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2007	Apr. 2008	May 2008	Jan. - May 2007	Jan. - May 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	248	22	22	611	250	-59,1
		square metres	10 692	1 185	948	26 795	11 122	-58,5
		R'000	19 616	2 698	1 816	39 393	18 046	-54,2
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	191	89	64	809	402	-50,3
		square metres	50 393	23 474	18 047	210 046	113 175	-46,1
		R'000	158 320	75 976	54 206	603 024	367 040	-39,1
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	141	1	27	387	32	-91,7
		square metres	13 282	160	3 266	55 852	3 924	-93,0
		R'000	38 313	360	7 578	144 500	9 201	-93,6
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	108	0	21 118	1 685	-92,0
		R'000	0	211	0	55 112	4 400	-92,0
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	216 249	79 245	63 600	842 029	398 687	-52,7
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	810	11 008	1 265	9 689	15 708	62,1
		R'000	1 498	33 090	3 650	25 935	45 129	74,0
	2. Shopping space	square metres	426	14 513	120	78 603	122 382	55,7
		R'000	728	41 819	331	198 374	409 169	106,3
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	8 720	5 344	1 217	29 835	20 316	-31,9
		R'000	19 767	10 408	2 564	73 324	44 765	-38,9
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	381	428	915	3 048	3 674	20,5
		R'000	1 010	1 054	2 402	7 823	10 407	33,0
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	23 003	86 371	8 947	305 456	509 470	66,8
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	37 323	15 261	18 798	170 110	88 248	-48,1
		R'000	100 503	36 930	44 975	440 323	219 989	-50,0
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	16 747	3 346	7 103	41 587	20 111	-51,6
		R'000	39 511	9 202	20 253	106 744	58 839	-44,9
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	140 014	46 132	65 228	547 067	278 828	-49,0
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	379 266	211 748	137 775	1 694 552	1 186 985	-30,0

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2007	Apr. 2008	May 2008	Jan. - May 2007	Jan. - May 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	3	1	29	11	-62,1
		square metres	135	183	58	1 489	519	-65,1
		R'000	434	659	162	4 809	1 290	-73,2
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	39	19	19	211	97	-54,0
		square metres	7 725	3 519	4 709	34 900	20 896	-40,1
		R'000	22 759	10 967	15 015	94 650	66 154	-30,1
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	32	0	0	46	112	143,5
		square metres	4 780	0	0	6 536	7 642	16,9
		R'000	13 384	0	0	18 670	20 206	8,2
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	240	1 712	0	4 119	
		R'000	0	720	5 805	0	14 110	
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	36 577	12 346	20 982	118 129	101 760	-13,9
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	1 500	0	0	2 578	4 561	76,9
		R'000	5 400	0	0	7 987	13 113	64,2
	2. Shopping space	square metres	1 952	317	647	6 898	3 587	-48,0
		R'000	5 856	1 141	1 812	14 700	11 469	-22,0
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	932	0	2 990	3 291	10,1
		R'000	0	2 610	0	6 488	8 805	35,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	135	364	475	984	1 692	72,0
		R'000	324	1 019	1 045	2 727	4 286	57,2
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	11 580	4 770	2 857	31 902	37 673	18,1
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 175	4 205	2 034	23 416	20 717	-11,5
		R'000	16 722	12 420	6 140	57 767	62 143	7,6
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 146	349	598	2 987	3 316	11,0
		R'000	5 672	1 472	1 992	11 735	10 378	-11,6
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	22 394	13 892	8 132	69 502	72 521	4,3
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	70 551	31 008	31 971	219 533	211 954	-3,5

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2007*	Apr. 2008	May 2008	Jan. - May 2007	Jan. - May 2008	% Change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	908	11	12	1 052	58	-94,5	
		square metres	36 792	654	837	44 478	3 760	-91,5	
		R'000	31 446	1 655	2 264	43 986	9 121	-79,3	
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	99	77	155	548	535	-2,4	
		square metres	20 698	16 757	33 609	117 844	125 948	6,9	
		R'000	58 414	49 023	105 146	295 757	371 687	25,7	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	114	37	18	609	165	-72,9	
		square metres	12 340	4 954	1 746	64 577	19 131	-70,4	
		R'000	30 176	14 060	6 008	174 582	54 672	-68,7	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 318	0	70	13 858	348	-97,5	
		R'000	6 600	0	315	48 307	1 235	-97,4	
	5. Total residential buildings		R'000	126 636	64 738	113 733	562 632	436 715	-22,4
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	216	2 012	649	5 496	7 328	33,3
			R'000	756	7 243	2 000	19 626	24 313	23,9
2. Shopping space		square metres	16 361	3 842	700	18 472	5 698	-69,2	
		R'000	82 736	12 737	3 150	89 884	19 529	-78,3	
3. Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	6 840	6 941	15 874	20 605	25 854	25,5	
		R'000	13 444	19 025	33 503	38 923	60 625	55,8	
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	148	369	385	1 454	4 826	231,9	
		R'000	533	1 158	1 733	3 779	15 906	320,9	
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	97 469	40 163	40 386	152 212	120 373	-20,9	
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 104	11 596	16 967	72 319	71 858	-0,6	
		R'000	24 095	30 826	47 171	171 161	183 949	7,5	
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 606	466	1 269	14 618	10 081	-31,0	
		R'000	4 793	3 218	5 455	54 780	49 972	-8,8	
	3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	28 888	34 044	52 626	225 941	233 921	3,5
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	252 993	138 945	206 745	940 785	791 009	-15,9	

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

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

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

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

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

			May. 2007*	Apr. 2008	May. 2008	Jan. - May. 2007	Jan. - May. 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	87	70	88	438	371	-15,3
		square metres	4 776	4 161	5 075	24 460	21 209	-13,3
		R'000	14 567	16 583	18 786	76 066	81 402	7,0
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	273	200	169	1 104	937	-15,1
		square metres	66 210	56 573	40 877	255 163	264 633	3,7
		R'000	258 044	274 843	167 135	933 121	1 193 696	27,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	804	534	663	2 926	2 808	-4,0
		square metres	74 934	135 830	71 248	303 521	406 365	33,9
		R'000	262 788	646 730	307 511	1 101 775	1 970 497	78,8
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	8 291	2 393	16 214	13 767	-15,1
		R'000	0	39 803	7 191	73 975	68 217	-7,8
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	535 399	977 959	500 623	2 184 937	3 313 812	51,7
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	13 720	28 509	18 993	54 204	90 146
R'000			63 931	101 116	90 231	235 453	390 124	65,7
2. Shopping space		square metres	31 363	5 986	18 571	67 573	129 614	91,8
		R'000	140 131	30 527	65 886	254 203	627 227	146,7
3. Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	18 276	29 100	31 682	144 873	186 972	29,1
		R'000	46 147	90 924	88 131	381 159	535 337	40,4
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	26 867	2 070	5 467	47 389	13 686	-71,1
		R'000	125 814	8 110	27 330	200 787	61 914	-69,2
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	376 023	230 677	271 578	1 071 602	1 614 602	50,7
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	51 447	51 347	47 095	242 761	251 975	3,8
		R'000	185 306	214 635	193 940	846 285	1 046 629	23,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	39 666	24 756	35 768	115 619	138 202	19,5
		R'000	145 704	144 573	246 175	436 453	714 350	63,7
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	331 010	359 208	440 115	1 282 738	1 760 979	37,3
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 242 432	1 567 844	1 212 316	4 539 277	6 689 393	47,4

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2007*	Apr. 2008	May 2008	Jan. - May 2007	Jan. - May 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	467	108	116	2 043	371	-81,8
		square metres	17 388	5 705	5 919	79 040	20 937	-73,5
		R'000	20 859	12 671	14 861	94 181	45 579	-51,6
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	281	225	234	1 132	964	-14,8
		square metres	57 140	42 916	50 762	247 104	196 241	-20,6
		R'000	144 555	111 551	142 552	668 581	525 914	-21,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	22	83	49	928	477	-48,6
		square metres	3 469	6 594	9 930	116 322	55 444	-52,3
		R'000	7 526	16 621	35 036	289 456	165 417	-42,9
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 084	1 958	4 917	5 165	7 381	42,9
		R'000	4 585	6 853	20 649	14 570	28 583	96,2
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	177 525	147 696	213 098	1 066 788	765 493	-28,2	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	2 075	0	8 003	15 704	96,2
		R'000	0	7 157	0	22 363	44 923	100,9
	2. Shopping space	square metres	14 605	1 798	7 259	40 342	23 753	-41,1
		R'000	45 895	5 000	17 320	119 330	60 181	-49,6
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 997	6 021	4 717	29 378	16 100	-45,2
		R'000	8 821	6 770	13 391	55 446	30 190	-45,6
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	473	588	1 771	10 410	3 731	-64,2
		R'000	1 120	1 050	5 456	28 399	10 468	-63,1
5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	55 836	19 977	36 167	225 538	145 762	-35,4	
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	21 188	12 724	15 571	69 406	57 659	-16,9
		R'000	50 865	25 805	41 678	156 743	132 073	-15,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 068	761	1 336	8 115	11 453	41,1
		R'000	4 674	3 210	8 599	24 789	36 089	45,6
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	55 539	29 015	50 277	181 532	168 162	-7,4
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	288 900	196 688	299 542	1 473 858	1 079 417	-26,8

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2007*	Apr. 2008	May 2008	Jan. - May 2007	Jan. - May 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 792	677	882	9 049	5 521	-39,0
		square metres	79 020	33 452	43 139	392 681	259 960	-33,8
		R'000	157 600	97 014	109 246	853 523	605 130	-29,1
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 136	705	689	4 945	3 482	-29,6
		square metres	350 336	204 253	191 352	1 381 503	948 002	-31,4
		R'000	1 247 971	772 746	690 097	4 727 635	3 541 691	-25,1
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	1 927	1 458	802	6 020	5 897	-2,0
		square metres	220 073	161 420	71 810	797 768	661 388	-17,1
		R'000	818 503	629 557	245 164	2 898 218	2 633 869	-9,1
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	2 390	2 493	73 152	2 834,3
		R'000	0	0	8 460	12 191	309 275	2 436,9
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	2 224 074	1 499 317	1 052 967	8 491 567	7 089 965	-16,5
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	28 846	49 454	79 403	155 927	179 779	15,3
		R'000	148 223	257 445	496 079	761 506	1 036 776	36,1
	2. Shopping space	square metres	14 433	180 422	15 397	133 194	252 195	89,3
		R'000	79 322	939 190	71 716	594 887	1 249 440	110,0
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	76 997	103 602	80 985	360 349	328 075	-9,0
		R'000	272 205	306 072	233 451	1 078 188	976 129	-9,5
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	10 201	4 895	7 797	37 620	15 346	-59,2
		R'000	34 583	25 645	29 439	152 809	65 215	-57,3
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	534 333	1 528 352	830 685	2 587 390	3 327 560	28,6
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	202 424	109 698	116 866	757 964	593 786	-21,7
		R'000	680 205	411 384	424 081	2 524 711	2 178 586	-13,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	40 275	60 962	20 649	165 106	349 246	111,5
		R'000	152 661	278 009	69 187	687 594	1 505 297	118,9
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	832 866	689 393	493 268	3 212 305	3 683 883	14,7
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	3 591 273	3 717 062	2 376 920	14 291 262	14 101 408	-1,3

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2007	Apr. 2008	May 2008	Jan. - May 2007	Jan. - May 2008	% Change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	26	100	292	480	662	37,9	
		square metres	1 763	5 106	13 451	20 305	32 606	60,6	
		R'000	4 681	8 052	15 332	36 887	50 646	37,3	
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	235	104	164	1 106	643	-41,9	
		square metres	62 342	25 323	37 969	271 816	155 939	-42,6	
		R'000	166 771	74 877	131 422	752 069	476 764	-36,6	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	168	205	103	698	456	-34,7	
		square metres	15 187	15 078	10 277	70 652	39 516	-44,1	
		R'000	37 144	54 410	30 159	204 922	124 197	-39,4	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	764	0	3 889	1 508	-61,2	
		R'000	0	1 902	0	10 918	4 509	-58,7	
	5. Total residential buildings		R'000	208 596	139 241	176 913	1 004 796	656 116	-34,7
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	556	0	14 771	11 845	26 303	122,1
R'000			1 356	0	61 552	32 126	106 346	231,0	
2. Shopping space		square metres	0	1 174	0	11 210	74 507	564,6	
		R'000	0	3 627	0	40 046	333 294	732,3	
3. Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	17 115	15 187	18 191	60 130	49 081	-18,4	
		R'000	40 143	44 112	49 242	207 443	136 584	-34,2	
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	286	676	333	2 405	3 376	40,4	
		R'000	715	1 853	863	7 346	10 746	46,3	
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	42 214	49 592	111 657	286 961	586 970	104,5	
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	22 650	18 800	14 655	90 398	81 309	-10,1	
		R'000	56 304	45 043	42 084	224 425	221 766	-1,2	
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 970	1 102	523	17 774	11 894	-33,1	
		R'000	13 945	2 980	1 645	52 343	45 739	-12,6	
	3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	70 249	48 023	43 729	276 768	267 505	-3,3
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	321 059	236 856	332 299	1 568 525	1 510 591	-3,7	

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2007	Apr. 2008	May 2008	Jan. - May 2007	Jan. - May 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	9	8	168	63	-62,5
		square metres	620	557	551	10 655	4 079	-61,7
		R'000	1 523	1 885	1 708	28 150	11 186	-60,3
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	100	86	64	441	368	-16,6
		square metres	25 981	16 699	21 231	94 518	84 413	-10,7
		R'000	68 902	53 860	78 869	253 355	275 053	8,6
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	101	117	217	341	590	73,0
		square metres	12 575	7 760	16 582	40 786	55 523	36,1
		R'000	29 219	20 158	41 480	98 680	145 026	47,0
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	424	2 148	6 265	7 973	27,3
		R'000	0	848	4 726	14 482	18 640	28,7
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	99 644	76 751	126 783	394 667	449 905	14,0
2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	225	2 256	1 817	9 776	438,0
		R'000	0	540	6 640	4 670	24 002	414,0
	2. Shopping space	square metres	10 417	0	1 522	19 491	21 528	10,5
		R'000	22 917	0	5 511	39 643	49 902	25,9
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 022	265	1 550	14 448	8 535	-40,9
		R'000	7 372	650	4 008	35 762	21 679	-39,4
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	200	620	2 466	3 370	10 342	206,9
		R'000	440	1 364	4 933	8 044	29 531	267,1
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	30 729	2 554	21 092	88 119	125 114	42,0
	3. Flats and townhouses	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 802	7 307	6 789	52 703	36 386
R'000			28 317	18 436	16 424	126 198	91 488	-27,5
2. Other buildings 4/		square metres	605	2 683	3 917	4 813	9 171	90,5
		R'000	1 513	6 252	9 993	10 907	21 959	101,3
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	29 830	24 688	26 417	137 105	113 447	-17,3
4. Other residential buildings 2/	1. Total at current prices	R'000	160 203	103 993	174 292	619 891	688 466	11,1

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2007*	Apr. 2008	May 2008	Jan. - May 2007	Jan. - May 2008	% Change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2 996	1 700	1 757	11 291	8 792	-22,1	
		square metres	126 214	77 578	82 235	468 580	391 747	-16,4	
		R'000	192 699	173 384	174 995	805 154	788 580	-2,1	
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	2 058	1 688	1 438	8 757	8 176	-6,6	
		square metres	475 873	396 749	336 081	1 965 545	1 826 909	-7,1	
		R'000	1 490 811	1 329 584	1 088 490	6 013 086	5 899 675	-1,9	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	2 631	2 305	1 550	10 615	9 342	-12,0	
		square metres	288 781	241 506	144 827	1 143 080	975 299	-14,7	
		R'000	978 360	904 355	498 400	3 690 409	3 591 986	-2,7	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	8 663	15 913	2 947	106 461	46 827	-56,0	
		R'000	22 207	65 898	11 092	496 041	170 468	-65,6	
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	2 684 077	2 473 221	1 772 977	11 004 690	10 450 709	-5,0	
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	86 660	43 856	63 302	289 056	358 580	24,1
			R'000	341 104	174 303	214 927	1 010 957	1 333 087	31,9
2. Shopping space		square metres	39 868	91 442	54 995	234 081	279 611	19,5	
		R'000	147 477	353 311	167 695	745 823	1 004 329	34,7	
3. Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	76 704	82 703	92 202	530 205	437 753	-17,4	
		R'000	205 337	233 274	270 994	1 495 720	1 217 460	-18,6	
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	6 755	9 363	4 827	73 898	46 949	-36,5	
		R'000	19 899	30 596	11 665	236 758	138 862	-41,3	
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	713 817	791 484	665 281	3 489 258	3 693 738	5,9	
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	168 005	180 046	186 148	805 860	841 034	4,4
	R'000		476 372	553 068	531 265	2 244 847	2 528 861	12,7	
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	33 070	51 506	53 796	234 150	339 132	44,8	
		R'000	111 462	178 468	200 092	770 013	1 228 239	59,5	
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	587 834	731 536	731 357	3 014 860	3 757 100	24,6	
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	3 985 728	3 996 241	3 169 615	17 508 808	17 901 547	2,2	

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

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

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

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

* Revised.

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

			May 2007*	Apr. 2008	May 2008	Jan. - May 2007	Jan. - May 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 077	225	327	3 911	1 098	-71,9
		square metres	40 363	9 568	13 812	143 163	47 295	-67,0
		R'000	53 058	16 774	20 513	190 822	80 659	-57,7
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	484	414	372	2 185	2 152	-1,5
		square metres	103 770	93 922	82 090	484 448	477 502	-1,4
		R'000	325 130	305 042	272 870	1 451 895	1 537 590	5,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	679	403	270	2 926	2 276	-22,2
		square metres	82 189	36 819	32 393	306 855	215 498	-29,8
		R'000	284 209	122 001	109 379	978 097	739 901	-24,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	255	14 083	0	18 749	17 531	-6,5
		R'000	821	62 119	0	71 153	73 643	3,5
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	663 218	505 936	402 762	2 691 967	2 431 793	-9,7
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	38 286	14 192	21 080	114 066	80 489	-29,4
		R'000	116 914	50 929	70 036	321 027	268 481	-16,4
	2. Shopping space	square metres	2 652	22 935	9 011	16 404	63 782	288,8
		R'000	8 898	107 986	30 832	49 681	252 566	408,4
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	31 474	19 524	39 300	197 331	173 256	-12,2
		R'000	93 997	63 583	129 132	566 900	501 849	-11,5
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 987	3 111	0	23 471	12 030	-48,7
		R'000	6 343	8 724	0	64 226	31 110	-51,6
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	226 152	231 222	230 000	1 001 834	1 054 006	5,2
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	59 486	56 347	63 720	279 257	303 136	8,6
		R'000	156 113	155 630	170 038	730 573	841 519	15,2
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	10 097	18 980	10 613	100 081	106 479	6,4
		R'000	34 397	78 857	44 705	296 247	437 714	47,8
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	190 510	234 487	214 743	1 026 820	1 279 233	24,6
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 079 880	971 645	847 505	4 720 621	4 765 032	0,9

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2007	Apr. 2008	May 2008	Jan. - May 2007	Jan. - May 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building								
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	116	74	79	567	368	-35,1
		square metres	5 171	3 442	3 547	24 000	16 308	-32,1
		R'000	5 162	5 858	6 231	36 157	26 392	-27,0
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	126	104	48	478	426	-10,9
		square metres	22 771	18 598	10 020	81 861	89 642	9,5
		R'000	54 566	50 197	25 263	209 454	246 244	17,6
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	125	62	10	268	264	-1,5
		square metres	10 943	6 742	1 257	27 954	27 363	-2,1
		R'000	27 305	17 056	2 488	66 646	77 488	16,3
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 235	440	0	2 611	
		R'000	0	2 408	819	0	5 147	
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	87 033	75 519	34 801	312 257	355 271	13,8
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	5 936	0	1 254	6 685	433,1
		R'000	0	17 885	0	3 163	20 423	545,7
	2. Shopping space	square metres	8 476	0	0	10 088	27 364	171,3
		R'000	21 138	0	0	24 976	88 647	254,9
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 968	7 279	305	19 650	24 978	27,1
		R'000	4 273	14 038	671	48 300	45 603	-5,6
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	2 791	2 756	2 195	5 768	162,8
		R'000	0	6 616	5 926	4 795	13 058	172,3
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	25 411	38 539	6 597	81 234	167 731	106,5
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 113	8 573	9 042	56 135	46 418
R'000			18 713	19 706	20 970	111 316	103 016	-7,5
2. Other buildings 4/		square metres	1 646	11 535	2 187	21 221	31 462	48,3
		R'000	5 181	19 369	6 269	47 991	63 147	31,6
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	23 894	39 075	27 239	159 307	166 163	4,3
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	136 338	153 133	68 637	552 798	689 165	24,7

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2007*	Apr. 2008	May 2008	Jan. - May 2007	Jan. - May 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	31	0	66	34	-48,5
		square metres	0	1 295	0	2 830	1 467	-48,2
		R'000	0	1 335	0	5 792	1 843	-68,2
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	32	14	8	104	64	-38,5
		square metres	6 426	2 978	1 740	19 557	11 366	-41,9
		R'000	15 484	8 862	4 912	48 155	33 109	-31,2
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	15	8	12	93	79	-15,1
		square metres	1 978	1 081	2 219	12 475	9 899	-20,6
		R'000	5 797	3 027	6 213	32 337	27 682	-14,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	117	320	0	1 352	
		R'000	0	328	1 200	0	4 090	
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	21 281	13 552	12 325	86 284	66 724	-22,7
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	216	0	0	5 898	812	-86,2
		R'000	518	0	0	14 518	2 800	-80,7
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	0	2 711	4 250	3 063	-27,9
		R'000	0	0	7 591	9 468	8 859	-6,4
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 223	0	2 086	3 429	2 388	-30,4
		R'000	3 429	0	5 841	8 966	6 505	-27,4
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	498	1 034	851	498	2 209	343,6
		R'000	1 195	2 894	2 383	1 195	6 184	417,5
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	5 142	2 894	15 815	34 147	24 348	-28,7
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 010	2 904	3 938	13 952	15 785	13,1
		R'000	9 848	8 142	9 240	36 049	44 400	23,2
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 109	63	1 064	2 876	3 074	6,9
		R'000	3 631	176	3 608	13 917	8 462	-39,2
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	13 479	8 318	12 848	49 966	52 862	5,8
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	39 902	24 764	40 988	170 397	143 934	-15,5

1/ The percentage change between January 2007 and January 2008.

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

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

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

*Revised.

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

			May 2007*	Apr. 2008	May 2008	Jan. - May 2007	Jan. - May 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	320	27	40	643	184	-71,4
		square metres	13 444	1 360	2 219	28 037	9 823	-65,0
		R'000	13 569	2 299	4 048	30 585	16 231	-46,9
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	62	47	53	319	298	-6,6
		square metres	11 078	7 893	10 766	60 355	52 707	-12,7
		R'000	26 125	20 084	31 458	129 417	135 247	4,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	117	6	10	224	73	-67,4
		square metres	13 137	1 344	922	26 160	9 362	-64,2
		R'000	34 899	3 144	3 037	73 495	22 988	-68,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	391	1 660	4 987	11 234	125,3
		R'000	0	608	5 976	79 092	28 448	-64,0
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	74 593	26 135	44 519	312 589	202 914	-35,1
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	541	0	0	5 102	6 252	22,5
		R'000	2 164	0	0	16 678	21 848	31,0
	2. Shopping space	square metres	429	0	0	4 584	0	-100,0
		R'000	1 501	0	0	16 097	0	-100,0
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	1 280	326	1 512	5 713	277,8
		R'000	0	1 911	815	4 303	13 201	206,8
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	298	441	0	489	1 260	157,7
		R'000	298	794	0	827	2 596	213,9
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	3 963	2 705	815	37 905	37 645	-0,7
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 470	6 998	2 937	26 051	29 359	12,7
		R'000	14 098	15 044	6 752	50 816	67 248	32,3
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 121	3 205	964	8 616	5 204	-39,6
		R'000	5 934	10 508	2 426	20 253	18 449	-8,9
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	20 032	25 552	9 178	71 069	85 697	20,6
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	98 588	54 392	54 512	421 563	326 256	-22,6

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

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

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

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

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

			May. 2007*	Apr. 2008	May. 2008	Jan. - May. 2007	Jan. - May. 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	128	342	208	603	978	62,2
		square metres	5 679	11 771	7 616	26 581	37 408	40,7
		R'000	13 782	26 284	19 131	69 049	97 433	41,1
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	152	140	84	674	614	-8,9
		square metres	31 621	30 720	16 265	150 709	137 386	-8,8
		R'000	115 876	136 242	70 503	566 285	594 527	5,0
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	221	328	115	993	995	0,2
		square metres	48 038	57 926	22 089	176 198	172 323	-2,2
		R'000	174 482	248 202	75 976	587 289	684 312	16,5
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	8 218	87	352	20 824	439	-97,9
		R'000	20 545	435	2 712	122 445	3 147	-97,4
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	324 685	411 163	168 322	1 345 068	1 379 419	2,6
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	4 458	16 921	3 484	17 724	53 957	204,4
		R'000	17 721	84 570	15 580	53 022	261 263	392,7
	2. Shopping space	square metres	11 786	1 825	0	53 094	7 108	-86,6
		R'000	37 564	6 463	0	170 669	23 867	-86,0
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	9 652	31 515	11 919	164 179	90 979	-44,6
		R'000	13 544	87 167	32 558	455 444	259 257	-43,1
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 154	706	381	12 831	7 545	-41,2
		R'000	9 243	3 398	1 905	45 811	33 041	-27,9
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	78 072	181 598	50 043	724 946	577 428	-20,3
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	27 299	32 284	14 403	122 089	120 346	-1,4
		R'000	96 767	150 249	65 084	433 456	542 980	25,3
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	8 941	5 887	11 334	52 381	100 471	91,8
		R'000	29 126	27 698	34 330	211 967	338 958	59,9
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	125 893	177 947	99 414	645 423	881 938	36,6
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	528 650	770 708	317 779	2 715 437	2 838 785	4,5

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2007*	Apr. 2008	May 2008	Jan. - May 2007	Jan. - May 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	327	224	52	1 135	718	-36,7
		square metres	12 349	7 659	3 105	43 598	27 137	-37,8
		R'000	9 247	8 286	9 542	37 001	48 516	31,1
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	147	88	118	679	637	-6,2
		square metres	29 470	19 737	25 092	147 881	136 300	-7,8
		R'000	80 289	50 449	68 074	421 760	342 032	-18,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	26	135	108	618	638	3,2
		square metres	2 988	11 455	13 711	48 424	60 226	24,4
		R'000	10 238	46 268	45 758	121 824	199 326	63,6
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	175	0	451	
		R'000	0	0	385	0	1 075	
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	99 774	105 003	123 759	580 585	590 949	1,8
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	4 455	2 841	2 795	13 019	365,8
		R'000	0	12 106	6 252	6 148	34 584	462,5
	2. Shopping space	square metres	1 488	0	35 695	23 297	40 162	72,4
		R'000	5 705	0	89 108	70 465	98 410	39,7
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 603	0	987	2 603	3 173	21,9
		R'000	4 689	0	2 171	4 689	6 671	42,3
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	439	1 922	3 721	93,6
		R'000	0	0	809	4 634	8 992	94,0
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	10 394	12 106	98 340	85 936	148 657	73,0
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 988	1 305	6 349	16 604	20 213
R'000			6 589	2 944	14 270	33 757	37 640	11,5
2. Other buildings 4/		square metres	494	507	16	2 265	1 224	-46,0
		R'000	1 160	7 292	61	8 673	8 658	-0,2
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	7 749	10 236	14 331	42 430	46 298	9,1
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	117 917	127 345	236 430	708 951	785 904	10,9

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

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

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

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

*Revised.

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

			May 2007*	Apr. 2008	May 2008	Jan. - May 2007	Jan. - May 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	987	686	740	4 053	4 479	10,5
		square metres	46 667	37 912	36 879	181 584	206 658	13,8
		R'000	90 396	105 608	93 008	392 107	457 057	16,6
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	872	773	604	3 467	3 236	-6,7
		square metres	235 101	196 227	155 419	871 532	749 304	-14,0
		R'000	766 509	679 865	511 225	2 796 702	2 522 761	-9,8
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	1 341	1 318	969	5 139	4 700	-8,5
		square metres	117 415	120 961	67 366	504 996	451 987	-10,5
		R'000	406 111	444 157	239 335	1 723 562	1 745 563	1,3
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	190	0	0	61 211	13 209	-78,4
		R'000	841	0	0	221 191	54 918	-75,2
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	1 263 857	1 229 630	843 568	5 133 562	4 780 299	-6,9
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	42 234	2 352	29 570	127 833	189 877	48,5
		R'000	201 293	8 813	106 201	545 178	703 830	29,1
	2. Shopping space	square metres	14 509	65 487	7 578	101 267	131 935	30,3
		R'000	71 193	235 064	40 164	344 280	516 468	50,0
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	27 291	17 730	27 513	128 903	115 910	-10,1
		R'000	78 012	52 765	76 101	377 309	329 283	-12,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	538	1 280	0	30 872	10 962	-64,5
		R'000	2 204	8 170	0	111 326	35 476	-68,1
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	352 702	304 812	222 466	1 378 093	1 585 057	15,0
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	56 359	64 195	71 504	262 274	-2,9
			R'000	168 714	184 119	208 020	783 122	-2,1
		2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	8 469	9 788	27 197	44 692	88,6
			R'000	31 441	30 260	106 662	331 447	107,5
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	200 155	214 379	314 682	942 858	1 098 392	16,5
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 816 714	1 748 821	1 380 716	7 454 513	7 463 748	0,1

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

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

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

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

*Revised.

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

			May 2007*	Apr. 2008	May 2008	Jan. - May 2007	Jan. - May 2008	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	20	75	267	155	826	432,9
		square metres	1 198	3 554	12 275	8 913	38 777	335,1
		R'000	4 256	3 483	12 196	18 355	38 086	107,5
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	138	71	108	614	556	-9,4
		square metres	26 898	18 371	26 237	105 574	133 318	26,3
		R'000	80 739	49 398	78 727	269 464	366 111	35,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	88	34	34	245	189	-22,9
		square metres	9 927	3 830	3 122	27 699	18 424	-33,5
		R'000	29 810	15 690	9 921	75 406	60 888	-19,3
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	690	0	
		R'000	0	0	0	2 160	0	
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	114 805	68 571	100 844	365 385	465 085	27,3
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	925	0	4 259	13 208	5 421	-59,0
		R'000	2 494	0	12 308	47 695	15 308	-67,9
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	1 195	0	17 634	2 742	-84,5
		R'000	0	3 798	0	51 153	8 095	-84,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 493	4 720	9 766	10 099	20 701	105,0
		R'000	7 393	12 500	23 705	24 628	53 781	118,4
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	1 340	719	-46,3
		R'000	0	0	0	3 328	1 655	-50,3
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	9 887	16 298	36 013	126 804	78 839	-37,8
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 726	6 345	6 762	23 768	40 387	69,9
		R'000	3 953	14 779	17 883	52 667	98 263	86,6
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	193	598	421	1 722	5 905	242,9
		R'000	592	2 419	2 031	10 567	19 350	83,1
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	4 545	17 198	19 914	63 234	117 613	86,0
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	129 237	102 067	156 771	555 423	661 537	19,1

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

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

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

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

*Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	May 2007*	Apr. 2008	May 2008	Jan. - May 2007	Jan. - May 2008	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	21	16	44	158	107	-32,3
		square metres	1 343	1 017	2 782	9 874	6 874	-30,4
		R'000	3 229	3 457	10 326	25 286	22 363	-11,6
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	45	37	43	237	193	-18,6
		square metres	8 738	8 303	8 452	43 628	39 384	-9,7
		R'000	26 093	29 445	25 458	119 954	122 054	1,8
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	19	11	22	109	128	17,4
		square metres	2 166	1 348	1 748	12 319	10 217	-17,1
		R'000	5 509	4 810	6 293	31 753	33 838	6,6
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	34 831	37 712	42 077	176 993	178 255	0,7
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	2 068	1 176	2 068	75,9
		R'000	0	0	4 550	3 528	4 550	29,0
	2. Shopping space	square metres	528	0	0	3 463	3 455	-0,2
		R'000	1 478	0	0	9 034	7 417	-17,9
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	655	0	2 499	655	-73,8
		R'000	0	1 310	0	5 181	1 310	-74,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	280	0	400	280	2 735	876,8
		R'000	616	0	642	616	6 750	995,8
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 094	1 310	5 192	18 359	20 027	9,1
	3. Total additions and alterations	square metres	554	1 095	7 493	5 730	10 683	86,4
		R'000	1 577	2 455	19 008	13 091	26 850	105,1
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	554	1 095	7 493	5 730	10 683	86,4
		R'000	1 577	2 455	19 008	13 091	26 850	105,1
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	943	0	296	1 018	243,9
		R'000	0	1 889	0	662	2 054	210,3
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 577	4 344	19 008	13 753	28 904	110,2
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	38 502	43 366	66 277	209 105	227 186	8,6

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

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

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

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

* Revised.

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

Province	Year	Number	Square metres 2/	Value R'000 2/
Western Cape	2002	19 534	531 116	168 852
	2003	16 926	507 780	247 187
	2004	12 751	382 530	211 424
Eastern Cape	2002	46 700	1 575 675	473 806
	2003	35 005	1 050 150	511 213
	2004	34 923	1 047 690	579 058
Northern Cape	2002	5 189	164 906	68 078
	2003	4 354	130 620	63 586
	2004	3 645	109 350	60 438
Free State	2002	8 617	348 492	154 121
	2003	14 848	445 440	216 840
	2004	16 522	495 660	273 951
KwaZulu-Natal	2002	21 958	831 349	234 041
	2003	31 372	941 160	458 157
	2004	35 968	1 079 040	596 385
North West	2002	21 309	630 115	210 439
	2003	13 809	414 270	201 667
	2004	10 149	304 470	168 281
Gauteng	2002	29 939	991 571	321 943
	2003	42 862	1 285 860	625 957
	2004	33 260	997 800	551 484
Mpumalanga	2002	19 883	660 505	253 931
	2003	21 336	640 080	246 079
	2004	18 808	564 240	311 855
Limpopo	2002	15 382	605 877	183 769
	2003	15 596	467 880	227 764
	2004	16 338	490 140	270 900
South Africa	2002	188 511	6 339 606	2 068 980
	2003	196 108	5 883 240	2 798 450
	2004	182 364	5 470 920	3 023 776

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

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

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

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

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

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

2/ Estimates by the National Department of Housing.

Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and therefore do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses, supplied by the Housing Subsidy System and Provincial Housing Departments and co-ordinated by the National Department of Housing, are shown in table 29 to table 31 (page 37).
	2	In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
Purpose of the survey	3	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
Scope of the survey	4	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	5	Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities, (SIC) Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02</i> . The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC)</i> with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
Response rate	6	The preliminary response rate for the survey on building statistics for May 2008 was 97,4 %. Improved response rate for April 2008 was 100%.
Statistical unit	7	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	8	<p>Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 90 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.</p> <p>According to the municipalities, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses, supplied by the provincial governments and co-ordinated by the National Department of Housing, are shown in table 29 to table 31 (page 37).</p>
Constant prices	9	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2000. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: <i>JBCC Contract Price Adjustment Provisions Work Group Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base February 1991=100) are converted to the base year 2000=100.

- 10** The value of buildings completed at constant prices is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with the price index which is used to calculate building plans passed at constant prices (see paragraph 9). Since the completion of buildings may extend over a few months to a few years, the current value of buildings completed is deflated by price indices which prevailed at the time the plans were passed. Therefore, the duration of the completion of different types of buildings are taken into account in ascertaining the deflators e.g. the value of dwelling-houses completed at constant prices at January 2008 is obtained by deflating the current value of dwelling-houses completed for January 2008 with the price index of a month six months prior to January 2008. Furthermore, the value of other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and additions and alterations at constant prices is obtained by deflating the current values with price indices of 12 months, 18 months and 12 months prior to the relevant month, respectively.
- Seasonal adjustment**
- 11** Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-11 Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by US Bureau of the Census Economic Research and Analyses Division, 1968.
- 12** Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore, the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour.
- Trend cycle**
- 13** The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-11 Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.
- Revised figures**
- 14** Revised figures are due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or to respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. Figures for the latest month are therefore preliminary. Data are edited at municipal level.
- 15** Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3 is published with the revised and updated information at provincial and municipal level for the previous calendar year. Due to this comprehensive revision, the monthly statistical release P5041.1 reflects provincial revision for 2007 where applicable.
- Related publications**
- 16** Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:
- P5041.3: Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions issued annually.
 - P9101.2: Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region issued annually.
 - Bulletin of Statistics issued quarterly.
 - South African Statistics issued annually.
 - Report 50-11-01 issued annually.
- Rounding-off of figures**
- 17** The figures in the tables have, where necessary, been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.
- Pre-release policy**
- 18** Stats SA's pre-release policy may be inspected at its website, www.statssa.gov.za

Symbols and abbreviations

19	..	no meaningful percentage change between two specified periods available since either one or both of the totals are nil
	0	nil or figure too small to publish
	*	revised
	Stats SA	Statistics South Africa
	SIC	Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities
	ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities
	JBCC	Joint Building Contracts Committee
	CD	Compact Disc
	US	United States
	SARB	South African Reserve Bank
	DTI	Department of Trade and Industry

2010 World Cup note

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

Glossary

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

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

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