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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

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

Table A – Selected key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices: January to May 2008 versus January to May 2009

Estimates at current prices	January to May 2008	January to May 2009 1/	Difference in value between January to May 2008 and January to May 2009	Percentage change between January to May 2008 and January to May 2009
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	17 546 480	9 823 047	-7 723 433	-44,0
-Dwelling-houses	10 452 614	6 928 679	-3 523 935	-33,7
-Flats and townhouses	6 597 682	2 463 052	-4 134 630	-62,7
-Other residential buildings	496 184	431 316	-64 868	-13,1
Non-residential buildings	8 399 812	8 021 787	-378 025	-4,5
Additions and alterations	9 056 698	8 632 785	-423 913	-4,7
Total	35 002 990	26 477 619	-8 525 371	-24,4

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

Total value of recorded building plans passed at current prices decreased at a slower pace

The value of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities (at current prices) during January to May 2009 decreased by 24,4% (-R8 525,4 million) compared with January to May 2008 (see Table A). In the first four months of 2009 the annual decrease was 30,4%.

The largest decrease was reported for residential buildings (-44,0% or -R7 723,4 million), followed by additions and alterations (-4,7% or -R423,9 million) and non-residential buildings (-4,5% or -R378,0 million).

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

Estimates at current prices	January to May 2008	January to May 2009 1/	Percentage contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to May 2008	Percentage change between January to May 2008 and January to May 2009	Contribution (percentage points) to the percentage change in the value of building plans passed between January to May 2008 and January to May 2009 2/	Difference in value between January to May 2008 and January to May 2009
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	7 365 017	4 766 825	21,0	-35,3	-7,4	-2 598 192
Eastern Cape	1 235 493	1 105 856	3,5	-10,5	-0,4	-129 637
Northern Cape	217 244	152 983	0,6	-29,6	-0,2	-64 261
Free State	793 513	853 031	2,3	7,5	0,2	59 518
KwaZulu-Natal	6 852 100	4 439 526	19,6	-35,2	-6,9	-2 412 574
North West	1 194 645	1 057 466	3,4	-11,5	-0,4	-137 179
Gauteng	14 932 736	12 635 168	42,7	-15,4	-6,6	-2 297 568
Mpumalanga	1 590 083	991 010	4,5	-37,7	-1,7	-599 073
Limpopo	822 159	475 754	2,3	-42,1	-1,0	-346 405
Total	35 002 990	26 477 619	100,0	-24,4	-24,4	-8 525 371

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

Eight provinces reported decreases in the value of building plans passed during January to May 2009. The biggest contributor to the decrease of 24,4% was Western Cape (contributing -7,4 percentage points or -R2 598,2 million), followed by KwaZulu-Natal (-6,9 percentage points or -R2 412,6 million) and Gauteng (-6,6 percentage points or -R2 297,6 million) (see Table B).

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

Table C – Selected key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices: January to May 2008 versus January to May 2009

Estimates at constant 2005 prices	January to May 2008	January to May 2009 1/	Difference in value between January to May 2008 and January to May 2009	Percentage change between January to May 2008 and January to May 2009
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	13 442 445	7 088 363	-6 354 082	-47,3
Non-residential buildings	6 411 786	5 782 770	-629 016	-9,8
Additions and alterations	6 949 303	6 219 910	-729 393	-10,5
Total	26 803 534	19 091 043	-7 712 491	-28,8

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

Total real value of recorded building plans passed decreased

The real value of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities (at constant 2005 prices) during January to May 2009 decreased by 28,8% (-R7 712,5 million) compared with January to May 2008. The biggest decrease for January to May 2009 was reported for residential buildings (-47,3% or -R6 354,1 million), followed by additions and alterations (-10,5% or -R729,4 million) and non-residential buildings (-9,8% or -R629,0 million) (see Table C).

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

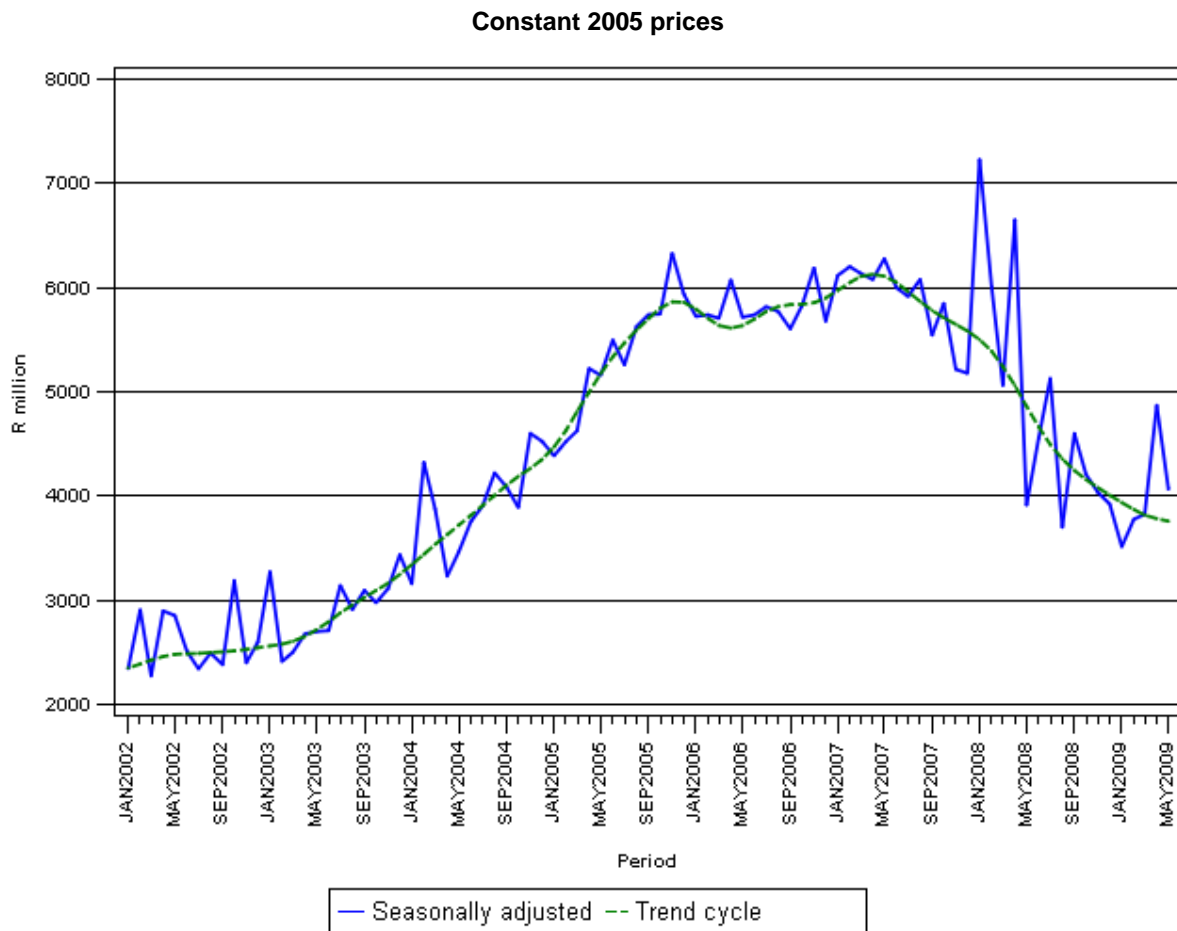
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2005 prices	December 2008 to February 2009	March to May 2009	Percentage change between December 2008 to February 2009 and March to May 2009
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	4 965 755	4 236 238	-14,7
Non-residential buildings	2 990 609	3 891 913	30,1
Additions and alterations	3 257 024	4 634 407	42,3
Total	11 213 388	12 762 558	13,8

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed increased

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities during the three months ending May 2009 increased by 13,8% compared with the previous three months ending February 2009. This was due to large increases reported for additions and alterations (42,3%) and non-residential buildings (30,1%). However, residential buildings decreased by 14,7% (see Table D).

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

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



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

Table E – Selected key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices: January to May 2008 versus January to May 2009

Estimates at current prices	January to May 2008	January to May 2009 1/	Difference in value between January to May 2008 and January to May 2009	Percentage change between January to May 2008 and January to May 2009
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	11 072 908	10 550 776	-522 132	-4,7
-Dwelling-houses	7 152 391	6 421 613	-730 778	-10,2
-Flats and townhouses	3 737 994	3 852 979	114 985	3,1
-Other residential buildings	182 523	276 184	93 661	51,3
Non-residential buildings	4 146 285	4 966 491	820 206	19,8
Additions and alterations	3 954 030	5 226 381	1 272 351	32,2
Total	19 173 223	20 743 648	1 570 425	8,2

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

Total value of buildings reported as completed at current prices increased

As indicated in Table E, the value of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities (at current prices) during January to May 2009 increased by 8,2% (R1 570,4 million) compared with January to May 2008.

Increases during the first five months were reported for additions and alterations (32,2% or R1 272,4 million) and non-residential buildings (19,8% or R820,2 million). Residential buildings recorded a decrease of 4,7% (-R522,1 million) during the above-mentioned period.

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

Estimates at current prices	January to May 2008	January to May 2009 1/	Percentage contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to May 2008	Percentage change between January to May 2008 and January to May 2009	Contribution (percentage points) to the percentage change in the value of buildings completed between January to May 2008 and January to May 2009 2/	Difference in value between January to May 2008 and January to May 2009
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	4 775 756	5 371 990	24,9	12,5	3,1	596 234
Eastern Cape	687 142	705 837	3,6	2,7	0,1	18 695
Northern Cape	144 790	128 633	0,8	-11,2	-0,1	-16 157
Free State	327 444	732 991	1,7	123,9	2,1	405 547
KwaZulu-Natal	2 870 915	3 802 027	15,0	32,4	4,9	931 112
North West	886 686	605 972	4,6	-31,7	-1,5	-280 714
Gauteng	8 523 025	8 402 254	44,5	-1,4	-0,6	-120 771
Mpumalanga	697 313	725 107	3,6	4,0	0,1	27 794
Limpopo	260 152	268 837	1,4	3,3	0,0	8 685
Total	19 173 223	20 743 648	100,0	8,2	8,2	1 570 425

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

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

Six provinces reported increases in the value of buildings completed during January to May 2009. The largest contributor to the increase of 8,2% was KwaZulu-Natal (4,9 percentage points or R931,1 million), followed by Western Cape (3,1 percentage points or R596,2 million) and Free State (2,1 percentage points or R405,5 million) (see Table F).

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

Table G – Selected key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices: January to May 2008 versus January to May 2009

Estimates at constant 2005 prices	January to May 2008	January to May 2009	Difference in value between January to May 2008 and January to May 2009	Percentage change between January to May 2008 and January to May 2009
	R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 207 699	7 673 485	-1 534 214	-16,7
Non-residential buildings	3 690 209	4 062 151	371 942	10,1
Additions and alterations	3 383 860	4 018 276	634 416	18,7
Total	16 281 768	15 753 912	-527 856	-3,2

1/ May 2009 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 2005 prices) during January to May 2009 decreased by 3,2% (-R527,9 million) compared with January to May 2008. This was due to a decrease in the real value of residential buildings completed (-16,7% or -R1 534,2 million). However, increases were reported for additions and alterations (18,7% or R634,4 million) and non-residential buildings (10,1% or R371,9 million).

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

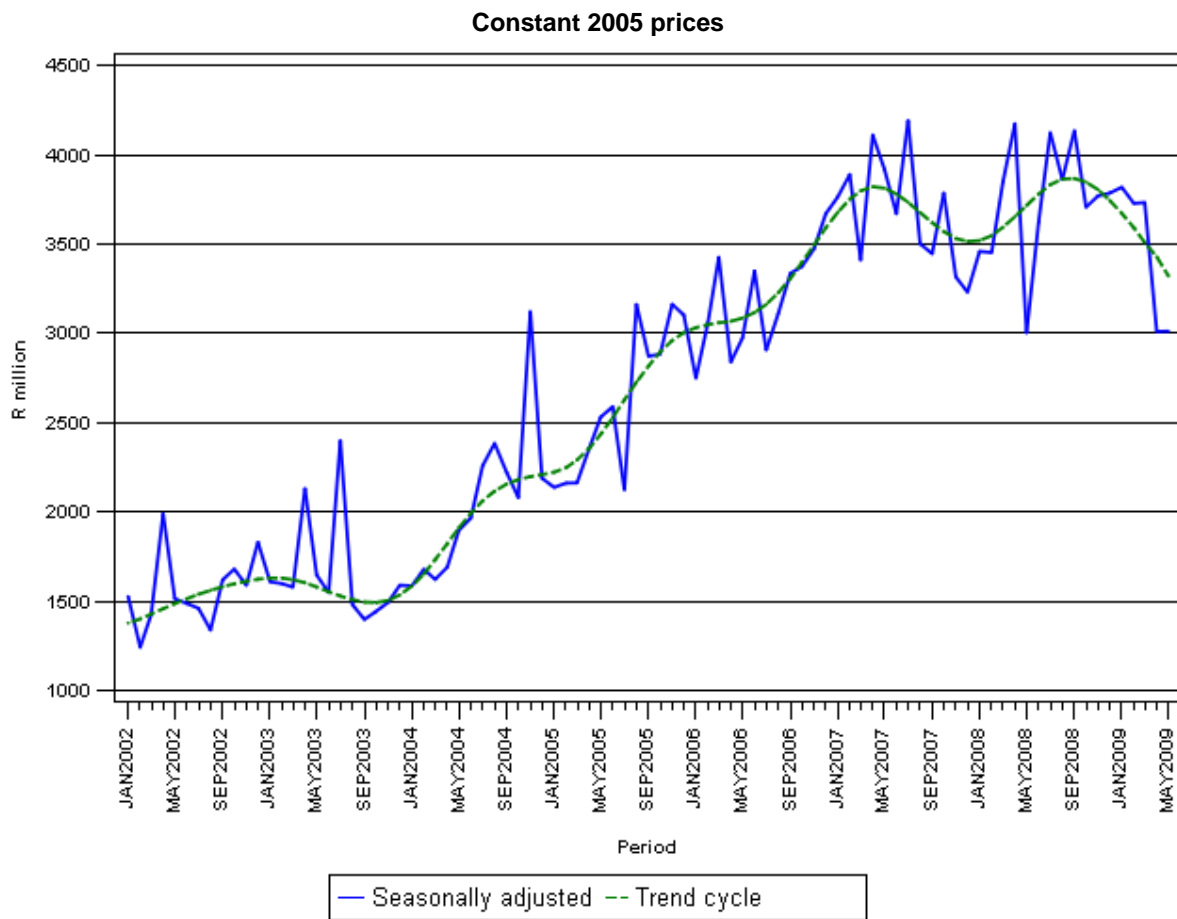
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2005 prices	December 2008 to February 2009	March to May 2009	Percentage change between December 2008 to February 2009 and March to May 2009
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 108 306	4 673 319	-23,5
Non-residential buildings	2 771 944	2 645 537	-4,6
Additions and alterations	2 449 154	2 433 152	-0,7
Total	11 329 404	9 752 008	-13,9

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities during the three months ending May 2009 decreased by 13,9% compared with the previous three months ending February 2009. The biggest decrease was reported for residential buildings (-23,5%), followed by non-residential buildings (-4,6%) and additions and alterations (-0,7%) (see Table H).

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

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



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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2008	January	2 892 141	-1,8	1 828 127	81,3	2 188 261	56,9	6 908 529	29,2
	February	4 264 074	15,9	1 139 581	-19,7	1 880 843	11,7	7 284 498	7,4
	March	3 496 952	-16,8	1 373 268	36,6	1 437 699	-12,2	6 307 919	-7,8
	April	3 946 121	6,0	2 590 224	108,5	1 791 029	9,9	8 327 374	26,2
	May	2 947 192	-36,5	1 468 612	-1,5	1 758 866	-24,6	6 174 670	-27,0
	June	3 413 668	-20,1	1 189 164	-17,2	1 963 226	9,5	6 566 058	-12,5
	July	4 268 688	-1,9	1 732 443	20,5	2 225 901	-3,2	8 227 032	1,7
	August	2 912 595	-29,8	1 106 661	-35,7	1 774 338	-22,4	5 793 594	-29,0
	September	2 969 508	-20,7	1 742 698	13,1	2 187 909	22,4	6 900 115	-2,4
	October	2 954 133	-29,2	1 704 012	11,2	2 297 767	-9,1	6 955 912	-15,5
	November	2 490 812	-31,2	1 510 386	47,5	1 757 400	-7,6	5 758 598	-12,0
	December	1 942 865	-23,2	999 601	-12,1	1 328 000	-3,2	4 270 466	-15,3
	Total	38 498 749	-16,4	18 384 777	14,9	22 591 239	-0,2	79 474 765	-6,1
2009	January	1 607 703	-44,4	1 117 084	-38,9	986 940	-54,9	3 711 727	-46,3
	February*	2 227 587	-47,8	1 242 050	9,0	1 471 350	-21,8	4 940 987	-32,2
	March	1 922 188	-45,0	1 682 280	22,5	1 476 597	2,7	5 081 065	-19,4
	April	1 777 633	-55,0	1 197 587	-53,8	3 346 320	86,8	6 321 540	-24,1
	May 2/	2 287 936	-22,4	2 782 786	89,5	1 351 578	-23,2	6 422 300	4,0

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

*Revised.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2008	January	3 869 534	18,6	2 364 261	59,9	2 889 148	70,8	9 122 943	41,8
	February	4 374 187	13,0	1 308 946	-44,6	2 046 448	-29,2	7 729 581	-15,3
	March	3 614 936	-17,4	1 335 574	2,0	1 632 164	-20,2	6 582 674	-14,8
	April	4 365 839	20,8	2 687 712	101,2	1 935 309	18,6	8 988 860	36,6
	May	2 529 257	-42,1	1 342 570	-50,0	1 558 354	-19,5	5 430 181	-39,6
	June	3 126 070	23,6	1 269 369	-5,5	1 936 511	24,3	6 331 950	16,6
	July	3 785 798	21,1	1 506 291	18,7	1 930 540	-0,3	7 222 629	14,1
	August	2 706 713	-28,5	891 934	-40,8	1 662 796	-13,9	5 261 443	-27,2
	September	2 829 725	4,5	1 709 693	91,7	2 014 508	21,2	6 553 926	24,6
	October	2 703 326	-4,5	1 427 357	-16,5	1 861 759	-7,6	5 992 442	-8,6
	November	2 444 180	-9,6	1 544 070	8,2	1 711 755	-8,1	5 700 005	-4,9
	December	2 517 451	3,0	1 317 417	-14,7	1 648 159	-3,7	5 483 027	-3,8
2009	January	2 142 873	-14,9	1 442 710	9,5	1 294 318	-21,5	4 879 901	-11,0
	February	2 271 436	6,0	1 424 812	-1,2	1 599 923	23,6	5 296 171	8,5
	March	1 972 665	-13,2	1 673 264	17,4	1 697 960	6,1	5 343 889	0,9
	April	1 963 875	-0,4	1 243 212	-25,7	3 617 945	113,1	6 825 032	27,7
	May	1 962 115	-0,1	2 513 448	102,2	1 187 519	-67,2	5 663 082	-17,0
	Dec.08 - Feb.09	6 931 760		4 184 939		4 542 400		15 659 099	
	Mar. - May 09 2/	5 898 655	-14,9	5 429 924	29,7	6 503 424	43,2	17 832 003	13,9

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

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

Table 3 – Value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2008	January	2 319 279	-9,1	1 466 020	67,8	1 754 820	45,2	5 540 119	19,5
	February	3 362 834	5,6	898 723	-26,9	1 483 315	1,7	5 744 872	-2,2
	March	2 694 108	-25,7	1 057 988	22,0	1 107 626	-21,6	4 859 722	-17,7
	April	2 938 288	-7,0	1 928 685	83,0	1 333 603	-3,5	6 200 576	10,8
	May	2 127 936	-45,1	1 060 370	-14,9	1 269 939	-34,8	4 458 245	-36,9
	June	2 443 571	-31,1	851 227	-28,5	1 405 316	-5,5	4 700 114	-24,5
	July	3 008 237	-16,3	1 220 890	2,8	1 568 641	-17,4	5 797 768	-13,2
	August	2 021 232	-40,5	767 981	-45,5	1 231 324	-34,3	4 020 537	-39,8
	September	2 069 344	-32,6	1 214 424	-3,8	1 524 675	4,1	4 808 443	-17,0
	October	2 065 827	-39,2	1 191 617	-4,5	1 606 830	-21,9	4 864 274	-27,4
	November	1 764 031	-40,1	1 069 678	28,5	1 244 618	-19,5	4 078 327	-23,4
	December	1 398 751	-31,7	719 655	-21,8	956 084	-13,9	3 074 490	-24,7
	Total	28 213 438	-26,5	13 447 258	0,9	16 486 791	-12,5	58 147 487	-17,6
2009	January	1 172 650	-49,4	814 795	-44,4	719 869	-59,0	2 707 314	-51,1
	February*	1 614 193	-52,0	900 036	0,1	1 066 196	-28,1	3 580 425	-37,7
	March	1 383 865	-48,6	1 211 145	14,5	1 063 065	-4,0	3 658 075	-24,7
	April	1 275 203	-56,6	859 101	-55,5	2 400 516	80,0	4 534 820	-26,9
	May 2/	1 642 452	-22,8	1 997 693	88,4	970 264	-23,6	4 610 409	3,4

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

* Revised.

Table 4 – Seasonally adjusted values and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2008	January	3 058 820	16,2	1 872 604	58,0	2 301 854	69,0	7 233 278	39,7
	February	3 403 302	11,3	1 015 828	-45,8	1 589 624	-30,9	6 008 754	-16,9
	March	2 805 184	-17,6	1 017 041	0,1	1 239 662	-22,0	5 061 887	-15,8
	April	3 227 798	15,1	1 991 399	95,8	1 434 874	15,7	6 654 071	31,5
	May	1 822 561	-43,5	973 793	-51,1	1 116 595	-22,2	3 912 949	-41,2
	June	2 245 705	23,2	912 921	-6,3	1 395 326	25,0	4 553 952	16,4
	July	2 683 418	19,5	1 071 115	17,3	1 374 763	-1,5	5 129 296	12,6
	August	1 902 790	-29,1	626 323	-41,5	1 172 797	-14,7	3 701 910	-27,8
	September	1 984 759	4,3	1 200 396	91,7	1 416 529	20,8	4 601 684	24,3
	October	1 894 859	-4,5	1 002 900	-16,5	1 308 883	-7,6	4 206 642	-8,6
	November	1 725 287	-8,9	1 096 944	9,4	1 210 781	-7,5	4 033 012	-4,1
	December	1 805 577	4,7	938 292	-14,5	1 179 487	-2,6	3 923 356	-2,7
2009	January	1 538 119	-14,8	1 037 799	10,6	937 239	-20,5	3 513 157	-10,5
	February	1 622 059	5,5	1 014 518	-2,2	1 140 298	21,7	3 776 875	7,5
	March	1 431 484	-11,7	1 189 878	17,3	1 203 924	5,6	3 825 286	1,3
	April	1 398 475	-2,3	887 143	-25,4	2 584 681	114,7	4 870 299	27,3
	May	1 406 279	0,6	1 814 892	104,6	845 802	-67,3	4 066 973	-16,5
	Dec.08 - Feb.09	4 965 755		2 990 609		3 257 024		11 213 388	
	Mar. - May 09 2/	4 236 238	-14,7	3 891 913	30,1	4 634 407	42,3	12 762 558	13,8

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

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2008	January	1 672 765	-2,3	682 572	30,5	619 658	-9,7	2 974 995	1,9
	February	2 236 930	-3,4	647 316	-27,7	932 253	60,4	3 816 499	0,7
	March	2 613 608	18,4	1 180 297	50,1	841 243	20,0	4 635 148	25,5
	April	2 659 212	3,4	877 997	33,5	778 173	33,2	4 315 382	13,2
	May	1 890 393	-33,3	758 103	1,0	782 703	24,9	3 431 199	-18,6
	June	2 632 489	-4,0	926 051	51,8	835 780	20,2	4 394 320	8,6
	July	2 641 774	-10,3	1 610 436	37,7	1 006 436	31,1	5 258 646	7,7
	August	2 828 886	-0,6	1 180 478	109,2	974 027	19,4	4 983 391	17,9
	September	3 154 406	30,2	1 281 359	27,1	1 021 988	46,7	5 457 753	32,2
	October	3 196 479	20,6	1 067 950	-13,1	926 921	4,0	5 191 350	8,8
	November	2 744 135	-1,3	1 460 078	109,1	1 285 733	40,0	5 489 946	24,9
	December	2 829 547	8,2	1 048 490	67,2	755 947	68,8	4 633 984	25,6
	Total	31 100 624	1,5	12 721 127	33,6	10 760 862	27,9	54 582 613	12,4
2009	January	2 058 515	23,1	686 831	0,6	964 252	55,6	3 709 598	24,7
	February*	2 422 783	8,3	1 109 410	71,4	1 115 753	19,7	4 647 946	21,8
	March*	2 314 351	-11,4	1 144 599	-3,0	1 634 679	94,3	5 093 629	9,9
	April	1 882 282	-29,2	993 641	13,2	630 060	-19,0	3 505 983	-18,8
	May 2/	1 872 845	-0,9	1 032 010	36,1	881 637	12,6	3 786 492	10,4

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

* Revised.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2008	January	2 405 479	-1,8	914 583	18,9	692 365	26,6	4 012 427	6,5
	February	2 474 782	2,9	674 161	-26,3	909 222	31,3	4 058 165	1,1
	March	2 678 655	8,2	989 878	46,8	804 826	-11,5	4 473 359	10,2
	April	2 978 115	11,2	1 059 563	7,0	888 224	10,4	4 925 902	10,1
	May	1 927 543	-35,3	781 963	-26,2	840 605	-5,4	3 550 111	-27,9
	June	2 555 043	32,6	966 318	23,6	849 664	1,1	4 371 025	23,1
	July	2 499 058	-2,2	1 510 127	56,3	967 645	13,9	4 976 830	13,9
	August	2 615 123	4,6	1 160 038	-23,2	949 093	-1,9	4 724 254	-5,1
	September	2 906 106	11,1	1 220 150	5,2	984 674	3,7	5 110 930	8,2
	October	2 984 208	2,7	821 010	-32,7	873 218	-11,3	4 678 436	-8,5
	November	2 384 018	-20,1	1 344 521	63,8	1 021 532	17,0	4 750 071	1,5
	December	2 640 933	10,8	1 289 509	-4,1	930 043	-9,0	4 860 485	2,3
2009	January	2 956 597	12,0	932 769	-27,7	1 071 980	15,3	4 961 346	2,1
	February	2 670 078	-9,7	1 121 805	20,3	1 081 341	0,9	4 873 224	-1,8
	March	2 369 559	-11,3	965 648	-13,9	1 552 811	43,6	4 888 018	0,3
	April	2 108 796	-11,0	1 166 780	20,8	718 895	-53,7	3 994 471	-18,3
	May	1 923 698	-8,8	1 107 665	-5,1	976 856	35,9	4 008 219	0,3
	Dec.08 - Feb.09	8 267 608		3 344 083		3 083 364		14 695 055	
	Mar. - May 09 2/	6 402 053	-22,6	3 240 093	-3,1	3 248 562	5,4	12 890 708	-12,3

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2008	January	1 405 211	-12,1	622 785	19,8	536 965	-19,4	2 564 961	-7,9
	February	1 867 106	-12,3	577 445	-34,7	807 145	43,7	3 251 696	-9,1
	March	2 185 216	8,3	1 049 153	35,4	725 835	7,4	3 960 204	14,2
	April	2 201 390	-6,5	776 988	20,0	660 028	18,3	3 638 406	2,2
	May	1 548 776	-39,3	663 838	-9,8	653 887	10,8	2 866 501	-26,0
	June	2 154 745	-12,4	806 665	35,2	693 593	7,8	3 655 003	-1,2
	July	2 139 469	-17,9	1 395 525	22,9	831 078	18,7	4 366 072	-1,7
	August	2 265 574	-8,9	1 022 059	87,5	797 729	9,7	4 085 362	8,7
	September	2 494 760	17,9	1 105 573	13,7	837 695	35,3	4 438 028	19,7
	October	2 482 458	8,8	905 810	-22,8	754 822	-4,3	4 143 090	-2,4
	November	2 058 264	-12,9	1 219 781	85,5	1 045 311	30,0	4 323 356	13,0
	December	2 129 284	-3,5	870 116	49,8	612 103	56,9	3 611 503	13,7
	Total	24 932 253	-8,2	11 015 738	19,4	8 956 191	15,9	44 904 182	1,8
2009	January	1 535 648	9,3	567 160	-8,9	773 257	44,0	2 876 065	12,1
	February*	1 771 771	-5,1	908 608	57,3	879 931	9,0	3 560 310	9,5
	March*	1 679 947	-23,1	938 196	-10,6	1 259 383	73,5	3 877 526	-2,1
	April	1 351 257	-38,6	809 154	4,1	469 144	-28,9	2 629 555	-27,7
	May 2/	1 334 862	-13,8	839 033	26,4	636 561	-2,6	2 810 456	-2,0

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

*Revised.

Table 8 – Seasonally adjusted values and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	%change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2008	January	2 024 038	-1,0	837 927	17,3	595 772	26,1	3 457 737	7,0
	February	2 062 450	1,9	605 783	-27,7	784 044	31,6	3 452 277	-0,2
	March	2 274 658	10,3	882 629	45,7	688 898	-12,1	3 846 185	11,4
	April	2 482 959	9,2	938 326	6,3	751 704	9,1	4 172 989	8,5
	May	1 609 804	-35,2	684 027	-27,1	708 918	-5,7	3 002 749	-28,0
	June	2 079 175	29,2	837 373	22,4	706 074	-0,4	3 622 622	20,6
	July	2 007 564	-3,4	1 311 983	56,7	802 997	13,7	4 122 544	13,8
	August	2 076 481	3,4	999 285	-23,8	785 009	-2,2	3 860 775	-6,3
	September	2 278 254	9,7	1 045 333	4,6	810 728	3,3	4 134 315	7,1
	October	2 299 647	0,9	694 834	-33,5	711 073	-12,3	3 705 554	-10,4
	November	1 815 029	-21,1	1 124 653	61,9	829 606	16,7	3 769 288	1,7
	December	1 965 062	8,3	1 072 528	-4,6	746 955	-10,0	3 784 545	0,4
2009	January	2 191 064	11,5	773 530	-27,9	853 261	14,2	3 817 855	0,9
	February	1 952 180	-10,9	925 886	19,7	848 938	-0,5	3 727 004	-2,4
	March	1 750 917	-10,3	794 315	-14,2	1 186 303	39,7	3 731 535	0,1
	April	1 524 281	-12,9	951 066	19,7	533 731	-55,0	3 009 078	-19,4
	May	1 398 121	-8,3	900 156	-5,4	713 118	33,6	3 011 395	0,1
	Dec.08 - Feb.09	6 108 306		2 771 944		2 449 154		11 329 404	
	Mar. - May 09 2/	4 673 319	-23,5	2 645 537	-4,6	2 433 152	-0,7	9 752 008	-13,9

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	May 2008*	Apr. 2009	May 2009	Jan. - May 2008	Jan. - May 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 819	1 456	1 713	10 164	10 086	-0,8
		square metres	86 226	65 509	76 177	470 999	441 696	-6,2
		R'000	212 649	133 517	160 678	1 085 437	810 535	-25,3
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 970	1 051	1 205	9 739	5 756	-40,9
		square metres	499 231	284 336	347 364	2 490 465	1 525 915	-38,7
		R'000	1 860 560	1 132 539	1 463 603	9 367 177	6 118 144	-34,7
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	2 063	1 227	1 270	13 902	5 969	-57,1
		square metres	217 365	112 708	132 221	1 616 499	588 828	-63,6
		R'000	816 059	471 463	524 529	6 597 682	2 463 052	-62,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	16 064	9 162	22 005	121 921	88 280	-27,6
		R'000	57 924	40 114	139 126	496 184	431 316	-13,1
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	2 947 192	1 777 633	2 287 936	17 546 480	9 823 047	-44,0
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	127 371	109 021	116 032	467 971	407 952	-12,8
		R'000	702 047	637 792	667 137	2 233 830	2 217 186	-0,7
	2. Shopping space	square metres	46 617	21 356	332 313	705 925	617 539	-12,5
		R'000	182 678	88 916	1 667 830	3 128 720	2 933 606	-6,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	175 291	129 251	123 172	877 605	738 864	-15,8
		R'000	492 909	412 973	379 016	2 615 689	2 257 166	-13,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	23 579	15 079	17 290	109 271	139 669	27,8
		R'000	90 978	57 906	68 803	421 573	613 829	45,6
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 468 612	1 197 587	2 782 786	8 399 812	8 021 787	-4,5
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	334 094	233 755	262 748	1 648 778	1 261 204	-23,5
		R'000	1 203 688	891 933	986 854	5 910 260	4 719 396	-20,1
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	114 420	547 838	81 238	705 343	882 299	25,1
		R'000	555 178	2 454 387	364 724	3 146 438	3 913 389	24,4
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 758 866	3 346 320	1 351 578	9 056 698	8 632 785	-4,7
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	6 174 670	6 321 540	6 422 300	35 002 990	26 477 619	-24,4

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

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

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

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

*Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	May 2008	Apr. 2009	May 2009	Jan. - May 2008	Jan. - May 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	190	412	591	1 583	2 067	30,6
		square metres	9 895	17 079	25 031	78 462	87 369	11,4
		R'000	29 257	26 601	40 799	164 177	144 323	-12,1
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	413	185	207	2 294	1 010	-56,0
		square metres	100 588	53 266	58 794	579 277	285 643	-50,7
		R'000	379 510	220 135	244 331	2 170 110	1 162 986	-46,4
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	183	378	208	3 336	1 311	-60,7
		square metres	22 634	25 963	20 345	354 250	121 177	-65,8
		R'000	86 362	113 519	74 069	1 306 992	483 969	-63,0
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 434	1 001	10 622	11 988	27 447	129,0
		R'000	7 758	4 004	80 608	40 509	162 539	301,2
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	502 887	364 259	439 807	3 681 788	1 953 817	-46,9
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	10 034	2 930	6 363	73 766	55 841	-24,3
		R'000	39 560	13 114	30 429	290 862	244 050	-16,1
	2. Shopping space	square metres	2 401	9 561	3 876	69 307	38 187	-44,9
		R'000	9 449	40 177	16 159	262 858	162 344	-38,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	21 075	27 692	24 151	239 381	101 173	-57,7
		R'000	62 188	104 014	98 193	765 515	374 734	-51,0
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	4 260	2 800	2 498	52 765	20 836	-60,5
		R'000	17 672	11 186	11 010	211 223	80 430	-61,9
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	128 869	168 491	155 791	1 530 458	861 558	-43,7
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	94 908	68 136	78 286	446 316	357 991	-19,8
		R'000	322 876	256 168	296 329	1 471 353	1 311 420	-10,9
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	41 819	31 273	24 901	150 431	113 627	-24,5
		R'000	181 055	174 325	137 302	681 418	640 030	-6,1
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	503 931	430 493	433 631	2 152 771	1 951 450	-9,4
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 135 687	963 243	1 029 229	7 365 017	4 766 825	-35,3

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

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

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

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

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	May 2008	Apr. 2009	May 2009	Jan. - May 2008	Jan. - May 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	27	430	72	255	1 757	589,0
		square metres	1 264	17 501	3 369	11 438	72 138	530,7
		R'000	2 410	31 509	7 462	18 640	96 128	415,7
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	63	85	80	402	404	0,5
		square metres	18 134	17 996	19 467	113 422	88 382	-22,1
		R'000	54 446	64 442	67 875	367 680	307 294	-16,4
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	26	13	36	30	212	606,7
		square metres	3 138	1 089	3 797	3 636	19 577	438,4
		R'000	7 348	3 411	11 464	8 611	58 470	579,0
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	458	286	1 685	744	-55,8
		R'000	0	947	715	4 400	1 662	-62,2
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	64 204	100 309	87 516	399 331	463 554	16,1
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	1 265	282	2 135	15 708	9 169	-41,6
		R'000	3 650	924	6 581	45 129	28 184	-37,5
	2. Shopping space	square metres	120	0	543	122 382	7 255	-94,1
		R'000	331	0	1 610	452 113	20 809	-95,4
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 217	662	9 257	20 316	42 107	107,3
		R'000	2 564	1 935	20 604	44 765	93 986	110,0
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 059	1 711	1 390	3 818	10 722	180,8
		R'000	2 711	4 330	4 418	10 716	31 643	195,3
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	9 256	7 189	33 213	552 723	174 622	-68,4
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	19 209	16 329	32 678	88 659	117 019	32,0
		R'000	45 865	53 109	99 742	220 879	354 020	60,3
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	7 970	12 530	10 046	20 978	36 827	75,6
		R'000	23 974	38 336	34 664	62 560	113 660	81,7
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	69 839	91 445	134 406	283 439	467 680	65,0
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	143 299	198 943	255 135	1 235 493	1 105 856	-10,5

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2008*	Apr. 2009	May 2009	Jan. - May 2008	Jan. - May 2009	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	0	2	11	4	-63,6
		square metres	58	0	118	519	205	-60,5
		R'000	162	0	234	1 403	522	-62,8
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	19	8	13	97	59	-39,2
		square metres	4 709	1 944	4 189	20 896	13 944	-33,3
		R'000	16 034	7 496	13 754	69 754	49 904	-28,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	0	6	12	112	25	-77,7
		square metres	0	276	393	7 642	1 467	-80,8
		R'000	0	828	1 179	20 206	5 047	-75,0
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 712	0	0	4 119	328	-92,0
		R'000	5 805	0	0	14 110	1 246	-91,2
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	22 001	8 324	15 167	105 473	56 719	-46,2	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	642	4 561	642	-85,9
		R'000	0	0	1 926	13 152	1 926	-85,4
	2. Shopping space	square metres	647	336	0	3 587	936	-73,9
		R'000	1 812	1 512	0	12 111	4 212	-65,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	5 200	1 148	3 291	7 986	142,7
		R'000	0	15 000	3 311	8 805	23 880	171,2
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	475	0	0	1 692	2 300	35,9
		R'000	1 425	0	0	4 666	7 850	68,2
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	3 237	16 512	5 237	38 734	37 868	-2,2
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 034	3 021	2 419	20 717	15 039	-27,4
		R'000	6 128	9 691	7 547	62 659	48 703	-22,3
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	598	493	280	3 316	2 428	-26,8
		R'000	1 992	1 663	1 646	10 378	9 693	-6,6
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	8 120	11 354	9 193	73 037	58 396	-20,0
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	33 358	36 190	29 597	217 244	152 983	-29,6

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

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

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

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

* Revised.

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

			May 2008	Apr. 2009	May 2009	Jan. - May 2008	Jan. - May 2009	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	12	240	139	58	861	1 384,5
		square metres	837	9 722	5 585	3 760	35 349	840,1
		R'000	2 303	12 811	7 404	9 160	48 620	430,8
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	155	72	52	535	349	-34,8
		square metres	33 609	16 018	12 328	125 948	77 949	-38,1
		R'000	107 112	50 103	39 374	373 653	252 299	-32,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	18	362	91	165	519	214,5
		square metres	1 746	36 596	6 131	19 131	51 880	171,2
		R'000	6 008	146 384	24 160	54 672	203 995	273,1
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	70	0	534	348	534	53,4
		R'000	315	0	1 602	1 235	1 602	29,7
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	115 738	209 298	72 540	438 720	506 516	15,5
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	649	0	0	7 328	896	-87,8
		R'000	2 000	0	0	24 313	4 032	-83,4
	2. Shopping space	square metres	700	2 153	2 584	5 698	22 259	290,6
		R'000	3 150	7 942	8 493	19 529	93 563	379,1
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	15 874	0	0	25 854	12 336	-52,3
		R'000	33 503	0	0	60 625	28 331	-53,3
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	385	836	1 348	4 826	4 529	-6,2
		R'000	1 733	2 983	5 914	15 906	16 166	1,6
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	40 386	10 925	14 407	120 373	142 092	18,0
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	16 967	9 623	8 787	71 858	52 794
R'000			47 670	28 779	26 015	184 448	158 114	-14,3
2. Other buildings 4/		square metres	1 269	6 880	642	10 081	10 346	2,6
		R'000	5 455	25 586	2 911	49 972	46 309	-7,3
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	53 125	54 365	28 926	234 420	204 423	-12,8
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	209 249	274 588	115 873	793 513	853 031	7,5

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

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

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

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

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	May 2008*	Apr. 2009	May 2009	Jan. - May 2008	Jan. - May 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	295	43	78	1 641	260	-84,2
		square metres	11 285	2 309	4 082	59 259	14 209	-76,0
		R'000	31 766	8 452	16 783	148 441	55 479	-62,6
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	169	137	129	937	646	-31,1
		square metres	40 877	35 181	35 959	264 633	169 752	-35,9
		R'000	171 866	170 965	224 560	1 214 344	895 423	-26,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	663	94	124	2 808	799	-71,5
		square metres	71 248	19 381	22 289	406 365	126 858	-68,8
		R'000	309 710	105 394	103 361	1 992 550	631 454	-68,3
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 393	1 540	5 842	13 767	7 975	-42,1
		R'000	7 191	5 200	28 000	68 217	36 165	-47,0
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	520 533	290 011	372 704	3 423 552	1 618 521	-52,7
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	18 993	17 462	35 145	90 146	101 649	12,8
		R'000	90 679	87 971	175 725	395 027	485 547	22,9
	2. Shopping space	square metres	18 571	4 294	48 983	129 614	77 300	-40,4
		R'000	67 480	18 947	186 661	636 015	301 114	-52,7
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	31 682	47 141	24 575	186 972	199 318	6,6
		R'000	92 559	141 580	74 830	550 019	651 844	18,5
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	5 467	2 857	2 686	13 686	42 653	211,7
		R'000	27 330	13 285	16 956	62 131	209 273	236,8
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	278 048	261 783	454 172	1 643 192	1 647 778	0,3
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	47 095	31 699	32 569	251 975	167 921	-33,4
		R'000	197 509	144 167	153 502	1 067 314	763 796	-28,4
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	35 768	13 829	11 168	138 202	96 010	-30,5
		R'000	246 262	58 251	52 862	718 042	409 431	-43,0
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	443 771	202 418	206 364	1 785 356	1 173 227	-34,3
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 242 352	754 212	1 033 240	6 852 100	4 439 526	-35,2

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

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

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

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

*Revised.

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

			May 2008*	Apr. 2009	May 2009	Jan. - May 2008	Jan. - May 2009	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	112	92	82	367	2 041	456,1
		square metres	5 746	5 146	4 321	20 764	96 739	365,9
		R'000	14 866	17 710	15 101	47 331	167 914	254,8
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	234	83	81	964	542	-43,8
		square metres	50 762	20 376	15 322	196 241	104 277	-46,9
		R'000	163 279	73 148	52 212	580 347	355 202	-38,8
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	51	32	26	479	213	-55,5
		square metres	19 930	2 536	1 996	65 444	18 170	-72,2
		R'000	71 216	10 473	7 583	207 659	70 005	-66,3
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	4 917	0	0	7 381	3 465	-53,1
		R'000	20 649	0	0	28 583	11 066	-61,3
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	270 010	101 331	74 896	863 920	604 187	-30,1
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	15 704	8 325	-47,0
		R'000	0	0	0	44 915	33 171	-26,1
	2. Shopping space	square metres	7 259	730	7 414	23 753	42 331	78,2
		R'000	23 229	3 652	31 372	66 090	171 764	159,9
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 717	527	2 684	16 100	4 317	-73,2
		R'000	13 922	2 371	5 314	30 833	10 817	-64,9
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 337	3 921	591	3 297	5 539	68,0
		R'000	4 588	15 226	1 773	9 600	20 672	115,3
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	41 739	21 249	38 459	151 438	236 424	56,1
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	15 571	10 892	11 383	57 659	60 315	4,6
		R'000	46 215	34 856	33 535	141 310	182 494	29,1
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 770	1 182	730	11 887	10 268	-13,6
		R'000	9 877	4 215	4 679	37 977	34 361	-9,5
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	56 092	39 071	38 214	179 287	216 855	21,0
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	367 841	161 651	151 569	1 194 645	1 057 466	-11,5

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

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

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

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

*Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	May 2008*	Apr. 2009	May 2009	Jan. - May 2008	Jan. - May 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	882	214	716	5 521	2 898	-47,5
		square metres	43 139	12 140	31 407	259 960	124 149	-52,2
		R'000	113 866	30 268	64 333	629 851	264 150	-58,1
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	689	350	478	3 482	1 975	-43,3
		square metres	191 352	110 173	160 767	948 002	601 343	-36,6
		R'000	751 204	447 792	675 769	3 801 819	2 461 562	-35,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	802	299	599	5 897	2 491	-57,8
		square metres	71 810	23 306	60 171	661 388	210 636	-68,2
		R'000	245 164	77 005	228 816	2 668 712	849 263	-68,2
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 390	4 138	2 830	73 152	38 742	-47,0
		R'000	8 460	25 232	20 408	309 275	188 624	-39,0
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	1 118 694	580 297	989 326	7 409 657	3 763 599	-49,2
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	79 403	85 236	70 817	224 679	219 293	-2,4
		R'000	496 079	524 879	449 274	1 283 499	1 374 327	7,1
	2. Shopping space	square metres	15 397	2 679	268 695	252 195	418 862	66,1
		R'000	71 716	11 099	1 422 772	1 258 804	2 148 221	70,7
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	80 985	41 887	50 890	328 075	338 898	3,3
		R'000	234 080	128 109	144 253	989 381	968 399	-2,1
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	7 797	2 301	4 412	15 346	39 073	154,6
		R'000	29 641	8 529	16 003	65 417	198 898	204,0
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	831 516	672 616	2 032 302	3 597 101	4 689 845	30,4
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	116 866	73 959	76 387	593 786	392 394	-33,9
		R'000	473 101	298 760	300 815	2 414 280	1 561 886	-35,3
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	20 786	480 078	29 138	349 383	600 841	72,0
		R'000	70 644	2 147 710	116 050	1 511 698	2 619 838	73,3
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	543 745	2 446 470	416 865	3 925 978	4 181 724	6,5
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	2 493 955	3 699 383	3 438 493	14 932 736	12 635 168	-15,4

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

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

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

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

*Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	May 2008*	Apr. 2009	May 2009	Jan. - May 2008	Jan. - May 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	292	15	17	665	135	-79,7
		square metres	13 451	979	1 194	32 758	7 461	-77,2
		R'000	16 311	3 837	4 774	53 982	18 637	-65,5
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	164	94	114	660	527	-20,2
		square metres	37 969	21 551	27 323	157 633	128 171	-18,7
		R'000	138 191	70 612	98 389	504 462	434 049	-14,0
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	103	34	174	485	339	-30,1
		square metres	10 277	2 306	17 099	43 120	32 264	-25,2
		R'000	30 456	9 680	73 897	145 530	135 013	-7,2
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 355	925	1 508	3 075	103,9
		R'000	0	3 390	4 412	4 509	10 550	134,0
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	184 958	87 519	181 472	708 483	598 249	-15,6
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	14 771	2 482	930	26 303	9 840	-62,6
		R'000	61 944	9 331	3 202	107 119	39 227	-63,4
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	1 603	218	77 861	4 878	-93,7
		R'000	0	5 587	763	346 710	17 584	-94,9
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	18 191	2 736	5 217	49 081	14 858	-69,7
		R'000	50 085	7 722	16 241	138 347	42 606	-69,2
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	333	0	2 191	3 499	8 254	135,9
		R'000	945	0	8 413	11 540	31 816	175,7
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	112 974	22 640	28 619	603 716	131 233	-78,3
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 655	13 301	13 337	81 422	68 567	-15,8
		R'000	43 155	43 484	45 005	231 633	236 906	2,3
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	523	318	3 899	11 894	6 425	-46,0
		R'000	2 037	1 791	13 458	46 251	24 622	-46,8
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	45 192	45 275	58 463	277 884	261 528	-5,9
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	343 124	155 434	268 554	1 590 083	991 010	-37,7

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

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

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

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

* Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	May 2008*	Apr. 2009	May 2009	Jan. - May 2008	Jan. - May 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	8	10	16	63	63	0,0
		square metres	551	633	1 070	4 079	4 077	0,0
		R'000	1 708	2 329	3 788	12 452	14 762	18,6
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	64	37	51	368	244	-33,7
		square metres	21 231	7 831	13 215	84 413	56 454	-33,1
		R'000	78 918	27 846	47 339	285 008	199 425	-30,0
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	217	9	0	590	60	-89,8
		square metres	16 582	1 255	0	55 523	6 799	-87,8
		R'000	59 795	4 769	0	192 750	25 836	-86,6
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 148	670	966	7 973	5 970	-25,1
		R'000	7 746	1 341	3 381	25 346	17 862	-29,5
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	148 167	36 285	54 508	515 556	257 885	-50,0
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	2 256	629	0	9 776	2 297	-76,5
		R'000	8 135	1 573	0	29 814	6 722	-77,5
	2. Shopping space	square metres	1 522	0	0	21 528	5 531	-74,3
		R'000	5 511	0	0	74 490	13 995	-81,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 550	3 406	5 250	8 535	17 871	109,4
		R'000	4 008	12 242	16 270	27 399	62 569	128,4
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 466	653	2 174	10 342	5 763	-44,3
		R'000	4 933	2 367	4 316	30 374	17 081	-43,8
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	22 587	16 182	20 586	162 077	100 367	-38,1
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 789	6 795	6 902	36 386	29 164	-19,8
		R'000	21 169	22 919	24 364	116 384	102 057	-12,3
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 917	1 255	434	9 171	5 527	-39,7
		R'000	13 882	2 510	1 152	28 142	15 445	-45,1
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	35 051	25 429	25 516	144 526	117 502	-18,7
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	205 805	77 896	100 610	822 159	475 754	-42,1

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

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

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

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

* Revised.

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

			May 2008*	Apr. 2009	May 2009	Jan. - May 2008	Jan. - May 2009	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 770	2 502	1 391	8 856	9 833	11,0
		square metres	83 700	106 019	63 197	394 772	425 827	7,9
		R'000	185 430	201 765	143 039	812 018	837 018	3,1
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 437	1 003	1 193	8 184	5 951	-27,3
		square metres	336 320	251 637	307 365	1 828 891	1 521 038	-16,8
		R'000	1 175 301	908 419	1 115 272	6 340 373	5 584 595	-11,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	1 544	1 854	1 316	9 319	8 527	-8,5
		square metres	144 102	186 109	139 553	973 028	938 655	-3,5
		R'000	518 570	751 755	605 556	3 737 994	3 852 979	3,1
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 947	5 585	2 410	48 085	63 647	32,4
		R'000	11 092	20 343	8 978	182 523	276 184	51,3
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	1 890 393	1 882 282	1 872 845	11 072 908	10 550 776	-4,7
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	63 464	34 841	71 190	358 742	315 436	-12,1
		R'000	260 514	174 507	363 890	1 610 487	1 492 143	-7,3
	2. Shopping space	square metres	56 075	82 094	87 982	280 691	305 141	8,7
		R'000	206 956	412 712	378 334	1 168 453	1 322 362	13,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	93 441	112 636	87 287	439 580	622 038	41,5
		R'000	278 189	377 640	254 781	1 226 271	1 924 115	56,9
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	5 085	9 310	10 566	47 232	75 420	59,7
		R'000	12 444	28 782	35 005	141 074	227 871	61,5
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	758 103	993 641	1 032 010	4 146 285	4 966 491	19,8
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	186 493	157 041	190 894	841 706	1 013 868	20,5
		R'000	582 914	511 234	660 450	2 709 028	3 472 367	28,2
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	36 555	29 829	54 964	321 451	437 646	36,1
		R'000	199 789	118 826	221 187	1 245 002	1 754 014	40,9
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	782 703	630 060	881 637	3 954 030	5 226 381	32,2
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	3 431 199	3 505 983	3 786 492	19 173 223	20 743 648	8,2

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

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

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

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

* Revised.

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

			May 2008	Apr. 2009	May 2009	Jan. - May 2008	Jan. - May 2009	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	352	328	317	1 123	2 527	125,0
		square metres	15 742	14 145	13 701	49 225	109 061	121,6
		R'000	28 822	23 978	19 565	88 968	184 757	107,7
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	371	224	257	2 152	1 459	-32,2
		square metres	82 340	62 905	70 092	478 434	392 081	-18,0
		R'000	273 415	222 391	244 570	1 540 821	1 360 944	-11,7
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	270	175	159	2 275	2 141	-5,9
		square metres	32 393	23 547	22 949	214 816	246 618	14,8
		R'000	109 379	89 798	77 239	738 901	906 234	22,6
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	4 400	1 508	17 531	6 166	-64,8
		R'000	0	16 803	4 524	70 419	22 101	-68,6
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	411 616	352 970	345 898	2 439 109	2 474 036	1,4
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	21 242	1 789	7 591	80 651	80 529	-0,2
		R'000	70 640	5 904	26 776	269 085	331 014	23,0
	2. Shopping space	square metres	9 011	0	28 963	63 782	75 859	18,9
		R'000	30 832	0	87 927	252 566	251 320	-0,5
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	40 539	11 528	40 521	174 495	165 654	-5,1
		R'000	133 385	41 425	119 912	506 102	529 734	4,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	258	3 608	7 074	12 288	22 887	86,3
		R'000	779	13 168	26 369	31 889	74 310	133,0
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	235 636	60 497	260 984	1 059 642	1 186 378	12,0
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	63 575	62 191	79 534	302 991	422 988
R'000			170 580	181 000	238 294	842 061	1 227 503	45,8
2. Other buildings 4/		square metres	10 739	9 179	23 082	106 605	117 804	10,5
		R'000	41 935	40 277	110 299	434 944	484 073	11,3
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	212 515	221 277	348 593	1 277 005	1 711 576	34,0
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	859 767	634 744	955 475	4 775 756	5 371 990	12,5

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2008	Apr. 2009	May 2009	Jan. - May 2008	Jan. - May 2009	% Change 1/
Category of building								
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	67	282	179	356	851	139,0
		square metres	3 082	11 325	7 608	15 843	35 055	121,3
		R'000	5 856	18 200	13 630	26 017	55 303	112,6
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	48	61	50	426	355	-16,7
		square metres	10 009	14 509	9 956	89 631	82 440	-8,0
		R'000	25 225	41 917	30 408	246 206	250 944	1,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	4	5	186	258	251	-2,7
		square metres	532	750	16 923	26 638	26 794	0,6
		R'000	988	2 343	42 190	75 988	69 633	-8,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	440	0	0	2 611	147	-94,4
		R'000	819	0	0	5 147	397	-92,3
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	32 888	62 460	86 228	353 358	376 277	6,5
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	4 078	6 685	10 555	57,9
		R'000	0	0	11 960	20 423	29 270	43,3
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	1 595	0	27 364	4 197	-84,7
		R'000	0	4 785	0	88 295	12 989	-85,3
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	305	5 896	1 376	24 978	20 428	-18,2
		R'000	671	14 764	4 098	45 603	48 769	6,9
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 756	340	977	5 768	13 275	130,1
		R'000	5 926	993	2 665	13 058	31 335	140,0
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	6 597	20 542	18 723	167 379	122 363	-26,9
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 042	13 777	13 491	46 418	40,5
			R'000	20 970	31 634	33 726	103 016	49,4
		2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 320	2 056	2 729	31 595	-36,1
			R'000	6 511	5 291	6 965	63 389	-16,0
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	27 481	36 925	40 691	166 405	207 197	24,5
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	66 966	119 927	145 642	687 142	705 837	2,7

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2008	Apr. 2009	May 2009	Jan. - May 2008	Jan. - May 2009	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	103	1	34	130	282,4
		square metres	0	3 770	65	1 467	4 940	236,7
		R'000	0	4 090	135	1 843	6 422	248,5
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	8	9	4	64	37	-42,2
		square metres	1 740	1 637	1 526	11 366	8 009	-29,5
		R'000	4 912	5 875	5 017	33 500	27 332	-18,4
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	12	0	0	79	19	-75,9
		square metres	2 219	0	0	9 899	2 525	-74,5
		R'000	6 213	0	0	27 682	9 372	-66,1
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	320	96	0	1 352	546	-59,6
		R'000	1 200	240	0	4 090	1 905	-53,4
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	12 325	10 205	5 152	67 115	45 031	-32,9
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	812	3 083	279,7
		R'000	0	0	0	3 116	9 249	196,8
	2. Shopping space	square metres	2 711	0	0	3 063	2 844	-7,1
		R'000	7 591	0	0	9 008	10 829	20,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 086	0	848	2 388	1 866	-21,9
		R'000	5 841	0	2 617	6 505	6 304	-3,1
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	851	0	0	2 209	475	-78,5
		R'000	2 383	0	0	6 184	1 283	-79,3
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	15 815	0	2 617	24 813	27 665	11,5
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 938	3 280	2 397	15 785	12 784
R'000			9 240	9 928	7 548	44 400	39 147	-11,8
2. Other buildings 4/		square metres	1 064	880	108	3 074	4 952	61,1
		R'000	3 608	3 072	324	8 462	16 790	98,4
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	12 848	13 000	7 872	52 862	55 937	5,8
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	40 988	23 205	15 641	144 790	128 633	-11,2

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2008*	Apr. 2009	May 2009	Jan. - May 2008	Jan. - May 2009	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	40	319	9	184	366	98,9
		square metres	2 219	12 959	540	9 823	16 025	63,1
		R'000	4 048	22 844	847	16 231	28 912	78,1
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	53	73	98	298	423	41,9
		square metres	10 766	16 868	33 898	52 707	104 234	97,8
		R'000	31 458	45 254	87 395	135 247	261 861	93,6
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	10	31	0	73	288	294,5
		square metres	922	5 015	0	9 362	36 599	290,9
		R'000	3 037	11 369	0	22 988	102 273	344,9
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 660	0	0	11 234	7 684	-31,6
		R'000	5 976	0	0	28 448	34 745	22,1
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	44 519	79 467	88 242	202 914	427 791	110,8	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	2 710	0	6 252	2 710	-56,7
		R'000	0	8 130	0	21 848	8 130	-62,8
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	15 817	0	0	21 242	..
		R'000	0	68 322	0	0	86 997	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	326	148	1 044	5 713	13 825	142,0
		R'000	815	296	2 610	13 201	39 766	201,2
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	2 354	1 159	1 260	7 613	504,2
		R'000	0	5 885	2 393	2 596	17 110	559,1
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	815	82 633	5 003	37 645	152 003	303,8
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 427	6 889	9 121	29 894	47 019	57,3
		R'000	7 808	15 689	20 286	68 436	103 961	51,9
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	964	534	2 646	5 204	17 181	230,1
		R'000	2 426	3 943	6 828	18 449	49 236	166,9
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	10 234	19 632	27 114	86 885	153 197	76,3
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	55 568	181 732	120 359	327 444	732 991	123,9

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

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

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

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

* Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	May 2008*	Apr. 2009	May 2009	Jan. - May 2008	Jan. - May 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	208	185	227	978	986	0,8
		square metres	7 616	6 088	8 589	37 408	36 089	-3,5
		R'000	19 163	14 542	25 071	97 907	102 315	4,5
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	84	82	123	614	534	-13,0
		square metres	16 265	21 133	33 479	137 386	133 197	-3,0
		R'000	70 752	98 493	157 264	598 975	630 227	5,2
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	115	320	298	995	1 429	43,6
		square metres	22 089	32 982	39 827	172 323	185 591	7,7
		R'000	83 146	161 841	230 734	706 755	946 118	33,9
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	352	0	902	439	902	105,5
		R'000	2 712	0	4 454	3 147	4 454	41,5
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	175 773	274 876	417 523	1 406 784	1 683 114	19,6
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	3 484	10 638	24 184	53 957	73 944	37,0
		R'000	15 580	53 134	92 969	261 263	311 230	19,1
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	10 392	21 594	7 108	58 576	724,1
		R'000	0	56 774	105 129	23 867	271 485	1 037,5
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	11 919	56 533	24 822	90 979	203 382	123,5
		R'000	33 697	199 814	70 296	260 716	672 396	157,9
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	381	0	193	7 545	15 699	108,1
		R'000	1 905	0	965	33 098	58 164	75,7
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	51 182	309 722	269 359	578 944	1 313 275	126,8
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 403	19 338	23 803	120 346	8,1
			R'000	65 581	95 096	115 480	546 135	15,8
		2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	11 334	4 645	4 407	100 471	-54,0
			R'000	34 330	19 581	20 005	339 052	-48,9
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	99 911	114 677	135 485	885 187	805 638	-9,0
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	326 866	699 275	822 367	2 870 915	3 802 027	32,4

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

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

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

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

*Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	May 2008*	Apr. 2009	May 2009	Jan. - May 2008	Jan. - May 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	52	93	157	769	385	-49,9
		square metres	3 105	5 596	9 300	28 697	22 821	-20,5
		R'000	9 542	19 553	32 351	44 765	79 329	77,2
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	118	51	49	637	412	-35,3
		square metres	25 092	13 307	10 452	136 300	88 445	-35,1
		R'000	79 429	50 862	31 432	404 453	292 196	-27,8
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	108	23	16	638	336	-47,3
		square metres	13 711	3 384	1 864	60 226	31 640	-47,5
		R'000	46 642	12 198	8 308	201 007	107 630	-46,5
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	175	0	0	451	0	..
		R'000	385	0	0	1 337	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	135 998	82 613	72 091	651 562	479 155	-26,5
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	2 841	0	0	13 019	1 248	-90,4
		R'000	6 252	0	0	35 167	2 848	-91,9
	2. Shopping space	square metres	35 695	609	6 361	40 162	13 828	-65,6
		R'000	125 558	2 740	25 100	136 378	52 224	-61,7
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	987	0	0	3 173	8 179	157,8
		R'000	2 171	0	0	6 671	22 200	232,8
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	439	0	0	3 721	893	-76,0
		R'000	809	0	0	8 836	3 572	-59,6
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	134 790	2 740	25 100	187 052	80 844	-56,8
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 349	5 208	680	20 213	15 717	-22,2
		R'000	14 369	12 109	2 828	38 911	41 520	6,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	16	544	398	1 224	1 207	-1,4
		R'000	61	2 287	1 157	9 161	4 453	-51,4
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	14 430	14 396	3 985	48 072	45 973	-4,4
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	285 218	99 749	101 176	886 686	605 972	-31,7

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

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

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

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

*Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	May 2008*	Apr. 2009	May 2009	Jan. - May 2008	Jan. - May 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	740	668	465	4 479	3 179	-29,0
		square metres	36 879	28 285	21 172	206 658	136 305	-34,0
		R'000	95 408	49 047	44 497	474 056	275 319	-41,9
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	604	371	448	3 236	2 118	-34,5
		square metres	155 419	102 217	122 873	749 304	603 527	-19,5
		R'000	576 959	381 634	478 137	2 856 395	2 408 248	-15,7
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	969	1 037	609	4 700	3 680	-21,7
		square metres	67 366	94 996	52 281	451 987	372 514	-17,6
		R'000	251 178	386 936	225 971	1 869 575	1 584 052	-15,3
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	13 209	45 613	245,3
		R'000	0	0	0	66 413	205 261	209,1
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	923 545	817 617	748 605	5 266 439	4 472 880	-15,1
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	29 570	17 596	35 337	189 877	117 890	-37,9
		R'000	148 277	101 623	232 185	975 998	707 544	-27,5
	2. Shopping space	square metres	7 578	53 681	29 613	131 935	123 819	-6,2
		R'000	40 164	280 091	155 943	636 840	620 066	-2,6
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	27 513	28 415	18 676	115 910	183 427	58,2
		R'000	76 786	82 868	55 248	329 573	514 247	56,0
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	3 008	662	10 962	12 022	9,7
		R'000	0	8 736	1 611	36 027	35 081	-2,6
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	265 227	473 318	444 987	1 978 438	1 876 938	-5,1
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	71 504	36 357	55 012	254 707	265 232	4,1
		R'000	249 094	135 684	221 963	926 865	1 083 122	16,9
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	9 697	11 991	21 594	66 795	229 019	242,9
		R'000	108 887	44 234	75 609	351 283	969 314	175,9
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	357 981	179 918	297 572	1 278 148	2 052 436	60,6
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 546 753	1 470 853	1 491 164	8 523 025	8 402 254	-1,4

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

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

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

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

*Revised.

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

			May 2008*	Apr. 2009	May 2009	Jan. - May 2008	Jan. - May 2009	% Change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	267	21	29	826	110	-86,7	
		square metres	12 275	1 176	1 741	38 777	6 336	-83,7	
		R'000	12 260	3 898	5 196	38 500	19 429	-49,5	
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	108	121	145	562	533	-5,2	
		square metres	26 237	16 755	21 309	134 098	90 950	-32,2	
		R'000	86 890	53 813	65 724	394 471	284 590	-27,9	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	34	252	30	173	296	71,1	
		square metres	3 122	23 778	2 121	17 560	27 454	56,3	
		R'000	11 684	80 851	8 740	61 258	94 909	54,9	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	196	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	491	..	
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	110 834	138 562	79 660	494 229	399 419	-19,2	
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	4 259	1 765	0	5 421	10 702	97,4
			R'000	12 308	4 413	0	16 130	36 714	127,6
2. Shopping space		square metres	0	0	1 451	2 742	4 776	74,2	
		R'000	0	0	4 235	8 095	16 452	103,2	
3. Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	9 766	7 958	0	20 701	23 119	11,7	
		R'000	24 823	30 273	0	54 899	82 499	50,3	
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	0	501	719	804	11,8	
		R'000	0	0	1 002	1 655	1 760	6,3	
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	37 131	34 686	5 237	80 779	137 425	70,1	
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 762	9 695	6 691	40 645	52 992	30,4
	R'000		18 694	29 001	19 748	104 195	184 481	77,1	
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	421	0	0	5 465	1 060	-80,6	
		R'000	2 031	141	0	18 110	3 782	-79,1	
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	20 725	29 142	19 748	122 305	188 263	53,9	
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	168 690	202 390	104 645	697 313	725 107	4,0	

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

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

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

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

*Revised.

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

			May 2008*	Apr. 2009	May 2009	Jan. - May 2008	Jan. - May 2009	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	44	503	7	107	1 299	1 114,0
		square metres	2 782	22 675	481	6 874	59 195	761,1
		R'000	10 331	45 613	1 747	23 731	85 232	259,2
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	43	11	19	195	80	-59,0
		square metres	8 452	2 306	3 780	39 665	18 155	-54,2
		R'000	26 261	8 180	15 325	130 305	68 253	-47,6
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	22	11	18	128	87	-32,0
		square metres	1 748	1 657	3 588	10 217	8 920	-12,7
		R'000	6 303	6 419	12 374	33 840	32 758	-3,2
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 089	0	1 258	2 393	90,2
		R'000	0	3 300	0	3 522	6 830	93,9
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	42 895	63 512	29 446	191 398	193 073	0,9	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	2 068	343	0	2 068	14 775	614,5
		R'000	7 457	1 303	0	7 457	56 144	652,9
	2. Shopping space	square metres	1 080	0	0	4 535	0	..
		R'000	2 811	0	0	13 404	0	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	2 158	0	1 243	2 158	73,6
		R'000	0	8 200	0	3 001	8 200	173,2
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	400	0	0	2 760	1 752	-36,5
		R'000	642	0	0	7 731	5 256	-32,0
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	10 910	9 503	0	31 593	69 600	120,3
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 493	306	165	10 707	1 873	-82,5
		R'000	26 578	1 093	577	35 009	6 164	-82,4
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	0	1 018	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	2 152	0	..
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	26 578	1 093	577	37 161	6 164	-83,4
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	80 383	74 108	30 023	260 152	268 837	3,3

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

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

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

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

*Revised.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Explanatory notes

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| Introduction | 1 | Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and therefore do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses, supplied by the Housing Subsidy System and Provincial Housing Departments and co-ordinated by the National Department of Housing, are shown in tables 29 and 30 (page 37). |
| | 2 | In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available. |
| Purpose of the survey | 3 | The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector. |
| Scope of the survey | 4 | This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings. |
| Classification | 5 | Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities, (SIC) Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02</i> . The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC)</i> with suitable adaptations for local conditions. |
| Response rate | 6 | The preliminary response rate for the survey on building statistics for May 2009 was 91,2%. Improved response rate for April 2009 was 97,3%. |
| Statistical unit | 7 | The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities. |
| Survey methodology and design | 8 | Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 90 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.

According to the municipalities, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses, supplied by the provincial governments and co-ordinated by the National Department of Housing, are shown in tables 29 and 30 (page 37). |
| Constant prices | 9 | The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2005. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: <i>JBCC Contract Price Adjustment Provisions Work Group Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base February 1991=100) are converted to the base year 2005=100. |

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

Symbols and abbreviations

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

2010 World Cup note

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

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

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

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