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Results for January to May 2012

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:
January to May 2011 versus January to May 2012**

Estimates at current prices	January to May 2011 1/	January to May 2012 1/	Difference in value between January to May 2011 and January to May 2012	% change between January to May 2011 and January to May 2012
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	11 062 512	12 022 864	960 352	8,7
-Dwelling-houses	8 206 784	9 069 049	862 265	10,5
-Flats and townhouses	2 606 793	2 781 193	174 400	6,7
-Other residential buildings	248 935	172 622	-76 313	-30,7
Non-residential buildings	5 948 217	5 702 135	-246 082	-4,1
Additions and alterations	8 161 847	8 395 123	233 276	2,9
Total	25 172 576	26 120 122	947 546	3,8

1/ 2011 and 2012 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

The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) increased by 3,8% (R947,5 million) during January to May 2012 compared with January to May 2011 (see Table A).

The biggest increase was reported for residential buildings (8,7% or R960,4 million), followed by additions and alterations (2,9% or R233,3 million), as opposed to a decrease reported for non-residential buildings (-4,1% or -R246,1 million).

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to May 2011 versus January to May 2012**

Estimates at current prices	January to May 2011 1/	January to May 2012 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to May 2011	% change between January to May 2011 and January to May 2012	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January to May 2011 and January to May 2012	Difference in value between January to May 2011 and January to May 2012
	R'000	R'000			2/	R'000
Western Cape	4 954 645	5 527 934	19,7	11,6	2,3	573 289
Eastern Cape	1 320 995	1 554 349	5,2	17,7	0,9	233 354
Northern Cape	262 861	354 304	1,0	34,8	0,4	91 443
Free State	849 298	942 564	3,4	11,0	0,4	93 266
KwaZulu-Natal	4 789 148	3 757 076	19,0	-21,6	-4,1	-1 032 072
North West	980 482	1 205 377	3,9	22,9	0,9	224 895
Gauteng	9 747 700	10 464 280	38,7	7,4	2,8	716 580
Mpumalanga	1 748 184	1 650 256	6,9	-5,6	-0,4	-97 928
Limpopo	519 263	663 982	2,1	27,9	0,6	144 719
Total	25 172 576	26 120 122	100,0	3,8	3,8	947 546

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2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between Jan. to May 2011 and Jan. to May 2012 with the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during Jan. to May 2011, divided by 100.

Seven provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of building plans passed during January to May 2012. The increase in the value of building plans passed was dominated by Gauteng (contributing 2,8 percentage points or R716,6 million) and Western Cape (contributing 2,3 percentage points or R573,3 million). The decrease reported for KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -4,1 percentage points or -R1 032,1 million) counteracted the increase reported for building plans passed to a large extent (see Table B).

**Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices:
January to May 2011 versus January to May 2012**

Estimates at constant 2005 prices	January to May 2011 1/	January to May 2012 1/	Difference in value between January to May 2011 and January to May 2012	% change between January to May 2011 and January to May 2012
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	7 361 023	7 545 894	184 871	2,5
Non-residential buildings	3 970 724	3 575 823	-394 901	-9,9
Additions and alterations	5 435 865	5 271 063	-164 802	-3,0
Total	16 767 612	16 392 780	-374 832	-2,2

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Real value of recorded building plans passed

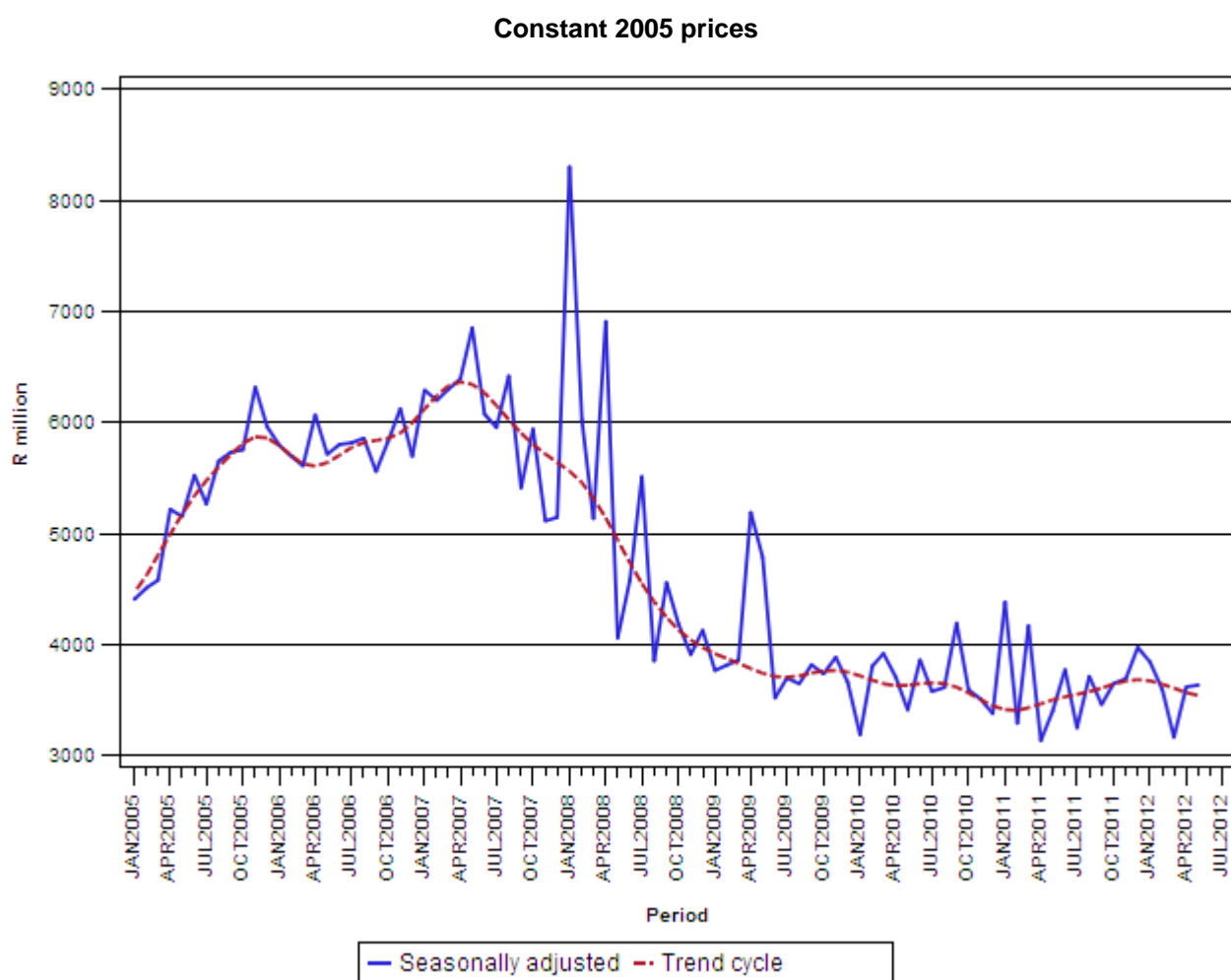
The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2005 prices) decreased year-on-year by 2,2% (-R374,8 million) during January to May 2012. Two of the three major building categories showed decreases, with the largest decrease reported for non-residential buildings (-9,9% or -R394,9 million) (see Table C).

**Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by
larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices**

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2005 prices	December 2011 to February 2012	March to May 2012	% change between December 2011 to February 2012 and March to May 2012
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 098 286	4 707 043	-7,7
Non-residential buildings	2 478 081	2 263 409	-8,7
Additions and alterations	3 827 110	3 442 549	-10,0
Total	11 403 477	10 413 001	-8,7

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed decreased by 8,7% during the three months ended May 2012 compared with the three months ended February 2012. The biggest decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-10,0%), followed by non-residential buildings (-8,7%) and residential buildings (-7,7%) (see Table D).

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

**Table E – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices:
January to May 2011 versus January to May 2012**

Estimates at current prices	January to May 2011 1/	January to May 2012 1/	Difference in value between January to May 2011 and January to May 2012	% change between January to May 2011 and January to May 2012
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	7 962 245	8 497 753	535 508	6,7
-Dwelling-houses	5 629 457	6 460 104	830 647	14,8
-Flats and townhouses	1 751 981	1 992 551	240 570	13,7
-Other residential buildings	580 807	45 098	-535 709	-92,2
Non-residential buildings	4 234 655	5 201 352	966 697	22,8
Additions and alterations	4 744 196	4 348 118	-396 078	-8,3
Total	16 941 096	18 047 223	1 106 127	6,5

1/ 2011 and 2012 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

As indicated in Table E, the value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 6,5% (R1 106,1 million) during January to May 2012 compared with January to May 2011.

Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (22,8% or R966,7 million) and residential buildings (6,7% or R535,5 million), while a decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-8,3% or -R396,1 million) during the above-mentioned period.

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to May 2011 versus January to May 2012**

Estimates at current prices	January to May 2011 1/	January to May 2012 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to May 2011	% change between January to May 2011 and January to May 2012	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January to May 2011 and January to May 2012 2/	Difference in value between January to May 2011 and January to May 2012
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	4 161 504	4 380 737	24,6	5,3	1,3	219 233
Eastern Cape	631 642	661 465	3,7	4,7	0,2	29 823
Northern Cape	97 225	203 895	0,6	109,7	0,6	106 670
Free State	391 254	473 072	2,3	20,9	0,5	81 818
KwaZulu-Natal	3 206 606	2 429 821	18,9	-24,2	-4,6	-776 785
North West	283 147	468 985	1,7	65,6	1,1	185 838
Gauteng	7 360 301	8 410 238	43,4	14,3	6,2	1 049 937
Mpumalanga	593 906	836 539	3,5	40,9	1,4	242 633
Limpopo	215 511	182 471	1,3	-15,3	-0,2	-33 040
Total	16 941 096	18 047 223	100,0	6,5	6,5	1 106 127

1/ 2011 and 2012 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between Jan. to May 2011 and Jan. to May 2012 with the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during Jan. to May 2011, divided by 100.

Seven provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to May 2012. The year-on-year increase was dominated by Gauteng (contributing 6,2 percentage points or R1 049,9 million). A large decrease was reported in KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -4,6 percentage points or -R776,8 million) (see Table F).

Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices: January to May 2011 versus January to May 2012

Estimates at constant 2005 prices	January to May 2011 1/	January to May 2012 1/	Difference in value between January to May 2011 and January to May 2012	% change between January to May 2011 and January to May 2012
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 487 969	5 535 952	47 983	0,9
Non-residential buildings	3 012 947	3 570 848	557 901	18,5
Additions and alterations	3 299 951	2 895 174	-404 777	-12,3
Total	11 800 867	12 001 974	201 107	1,7

1/ 2011 and 2012 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Real value of buildings reported as completed

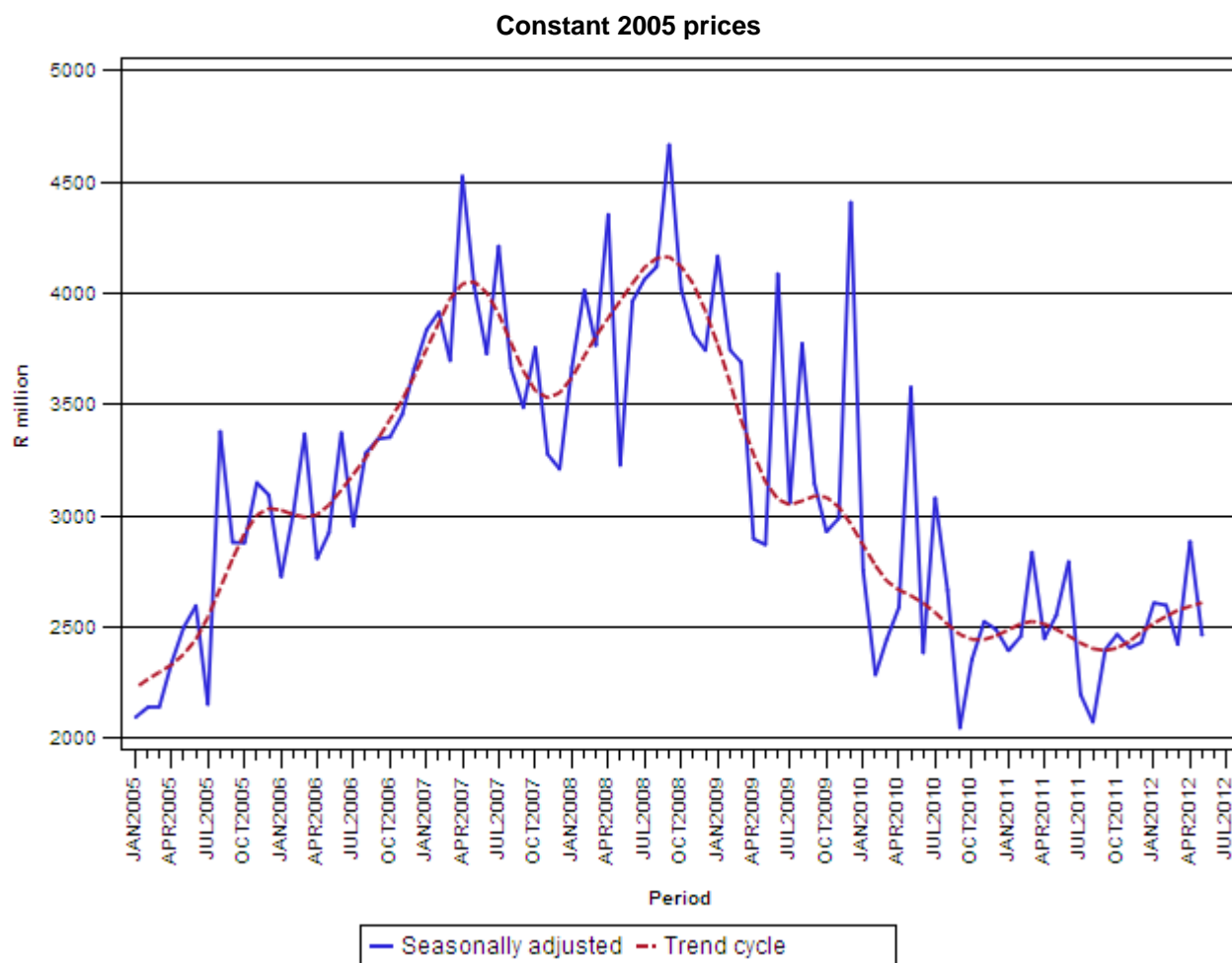
As indicated in Table G, the real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2005 prices) increased by 1,7% (R201,1 million) during January to May 2012 compared with January to May 2011. Increases reported for non-residential buildings (18,5% or R557,9 million) and residential buildings (0,9% or R48,0 million) counteracted the decrease reported for additions and alterations (-12,3% or -R404,8 million) to a certain extent.

Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2005 prices	December 2011 to February 2012	March to May 2012	% change between December 2011 to February 2012 and March to May 2012
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	3 722 880	3 734 707	0,3
Non-residential buildings	2 057 314	2 208 224	7,3
Additions and alterations	1 854 015	1 824 789	-1,6
Total	7 634 209	7 767 720	1,7

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 1,7% during the three months ended May 2012 compared with the three months ended February 2012, mainly due to an increase reported for non-residential buildings (7,3%) (see Table H).

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/
2011 2/	January	1 567 041	-3,3	1 656 955	218,7	1 271 047	17,0	4 495 043	39,3
	February	1 970 284	-6,3	1 108 714	-13,6	1 794 674	-11,2	4 873 672	-9,8
	March	3 074 325	48,0	1 000 239	-35,1	1 979 564	5,8	6 054 128	10,3
	April	2 021 691	1,3	672 605	-42,8	1 411 697	-6,7	4 105 993	-12,3
	May	2 429 171	-2,9	1 509 704	38,1	1 704 865	-6,5	5 643 740	4,2
	June	2 946 729	16,9	1 355 028	-11,9	1 746 673	-2,2	6 048 430	3,5
	July	2 708 689	9,8	1 032 367	2,9	1 724 471	-23,6	5 465 527	-4,6
	August	2 707 591	7,2	1 193 475	23,0	1 884 706	1,9	5 785 772	8,2
	September	2 494 082	-8,8	1 655 937	67,5	1 937 966	-40,1	6 087 985	-12,5
	October	2 253 071	-11,4	2 495 539	143,1	1 881 737	-26,6	6 630 347	8,1
	November	2 928 568	30,2	1 000 947	-21,3	2 252 316	16,9	6 181 831	13,5
	December	2 124 496	23,4	1 319 225	47,9	1 786 060	17,5	5 229 781	26,5
	Total	29 225 738	8,0	16 000 735	20,3	21 375 776	-8,8	66 602 249	4,4
2012 2/	January	1 999 952	27,6	732 864	-55,8	1 487 170	17,0	4 219 986	-6,1
	February	2 540 679	28,9	1 320 373	19,1	1 800 708	0,3	5 661 760	16,2
	March	2 334 147	-24,1	855 381	-14,5	1 649 695	-16,7	4 839 223	-20,1
	April	2 128 577	5,3	1 159 307	72,4	1 678 620	18,9	4 966 504	21,0
	May	3 019 509	24,3	1 634 210	8,2	1 778 930	4,3	6 432 649	14,0

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 2 – Seasonally adjusted 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/
2011	January	2 159 419	-1,9	2 597 628	153,6	1 875 170	5,7	6 632 217	32,6
	February	2 007 798	-7,0	1 113 673	-57,1	1 798 264	-4,1	4 919 735	-25,8
	March	3 219 813	60,4	1 025 190	-7,9	2 041 299	13,5	6 286 302	27,8
	April	2 330 788	-27,6	793 829	-22,6	1 631 048	-20,1	4 755 665	-24,3
	May	2 078 065	-10,8	1 257 835	58,5	1 767 789	8,4	5 103 689	7,3
	June	2 632 048	26,7	1 321 290	5,0	1 780 433	0,7	5 733 771	12,3
	July	2 498 171	-5,1	894 705	-32,3	1 562 070	-12,3	4 954 946	-13,6
	August	2 586 688	3,5	1 308 607	46,3	1 817 504	16,4	5 712 799	15,3
	September	2 282 208	-11,8	1 453 027	11,0	1 596 447	-12,2	5 331 682	-6,7
	October	1 976 798	-13,4	2 007 112	38,1	1 584 438	-0,8	5 568 348	4,4
	November	2 801 387	41,7	997 073	-50,3	1 981 561	25,1	5 780 021	3,8
	December	2 708 733	-3,3	1 496 888	50,1	2 061 177	4,0	6 266 798	8,4
2012	January	2 766 474	2,1	1 178 714	-21,3	2 191 658	6,3	6 136 846	-2,1
	February	2 607 215	-5,8	1 304 768	10,7	1 800 548	-17,8	5 712 531	-6,9
	March	2 457 128	-5,8	892 438	-31,6	1 684 517	-6,4	5 034 083	-11,9
	April	2 462 209	0,2	1 384 308	55,1	1 973 647	17,2	5 820 164	15,6
	May	2 591 387	5,2	1 354 049	-2,2	1 848 829	-6,3	5 794 265	-0,4
	Dec. 11 - Feb. 12	8 082 422		3 980 370		6 053 383		18 116 175	
	Mar. - May 12 2/	7 510 724	-7,1	3 630 795	-8,8	5 506 993	-9,0	16 648 512	-8,1

1/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the relevant month compared with the seasonally adjusted value 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 value of recorded building plans passed by municipalities for the latest three months compared with the seasonally adjusted value of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the previous three months 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/
2011 2/	January	1 060 962	-6,7	1 121 838	207,4	860 560	12,9	3 043 360	34,4
	February	1 322 338	-9,9	744 103	-16,9	1 204 479	-14,6	3 270 920	-13,3
	March	2 035 977	41,0	662 410	-38,2	1 310 970	0,8	4 009 357	5,0
	April	1 336 213	-3,5	444 551	-45,5	933 045	-11,1	2 713 809	-16,5
	May	1 605 533	-6,8	997 822	32,6	1 126 811	-10,2	3 730 166	-0,0
	June	1 937 363	12,0	890 880	-15,6	1 148 371	-6,3	3 976 614	-0,9
	July	1 764 618	4,0	672 552	-2,6	1 123 434	-27,6	3 560 604	-9,6
	August	1 760 462	1,2	775 992	16,1	1 225 427	-3,8	3 761 881	2,2
	September	1 614 293	-14,2	1 071 804	57,7	1 254 347	-43,7	3 940 444	-17,7
	October	1 453 594	-16,7	1 610 025	128,7	1 214 024	-30,9	4 277 643	1,7
	November	1 880 904	22,2	642 869	-26,2	1 446 574	9,7	3 970 347	6,5
	December	1 360 113	15,8	844 574	38,8	1 143 444	10,3	3 348 131	18,7
	Total	19 132 370	2,5	10 479 420	14,2	13 991 486	-13,5	43 603 276	-0,9
2012 2/	January	1 273 044	20,0	466 495	-58,4	946 639	10,0	2 686 178	-11,7
	February	1 600 932	21,1	831 993	11,8	1 134 662	-5,8	3 567 587	9,1
	March	1 463 415	-28,1	536 289	-19,0	1 034 292	-21,1	3 033 996	-24,3
	April	1 329 530	-0,5	724 114	62,9	1 048 482	12,4	3 102 126	14,3
	May	1 878 973	17,0	1 016 932	1,9	1 106 988	-1,8	4 002 893	7,3

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 4 – Seasonally adjusted 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/
2011	January	1 446 285	-2,7	1 675 379	142,5	1 259 637	5,1	4 381 301	29,8
	February	1 342 319	-7,2	744 995	-55,5	1 202 297	-4,6	3 289 611	-24,9
	March	2 127 548	58,5	691 784	-7,1	1 348 579	12,2	4 167 911	26,7
	April	1 540 343	-27,6	513 437	-25,8	1 079 400	-20,0	3 133 180	-24,8
	May	1 388 686	-9,8	838 390	63,3	1 173 810	8,7	3 400 886	8,5
	June	1 733 446	24,8	867 086	3,4	1 172 796	-0,1	3 773 328	11,0
	July	1 633 440	-5,8	590 583	-31,9	1 022 994	-12,8	3 247 017	-13,9
	August	1 690 841	3,5	834 171	41,2	1 187 235	16,1	3 712 247	14,3
	September	1 480 997	-12,4	939 406	12,6	1 038 237	-12,6	3 458 640	-6,8
	October	1 275 069	-13,9	1 349 809	43,7	1 021 203	-1,6	3 646 081	5,4
	November	1 788 524	40,3	636 542	-52,8	1 266 612	24,0	3 691 678	1,3
	December	1 715 859	-4,1	947 834	48,9	1 308 848	3,3	3 972 541	7,6
2012	January	1 744 464	1,7	710 219	-25,1	1 385 753	5,9	3 840 436	-3,3
	February	1 637 963	-6,1	820 028	15,5	1 132 509	-18,3	3 590 500	-6,5
	March	1 537 724	-6,1	571 959	-30,3	1 053 408	-7,0	3 163 091	-11,9
	April	1 537 711	-0,0	844 490	47,6	1 234 653	17,2	3 616 854	14,3
	May	1 631 608	6,1	846 960	0,3	1 154 488	-6,5	3 633 056	0,4
	Dec. 11 - Feb. 12	5 098 286		2 478 081		3 827 110		11 403 477	
	Mar. - May 12 2/	4 707 043	-7,7	2 263 409	-8,7	3 442 549	-10,0	10 413 001	-8,7

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2/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of recorded building plans passed by municipalities for the latest three months compared with the seasonally adjusted value of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the previous three months 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/
2011 2/	January	1 125 745	-8,0	444 436	-40,5	741 775	21,5	2 311 956	-10,4
	February	1 572 168	2,0	680 377	12,0	1 053 311	20,0	3 305 856	9,2
	March	1 970 910	23,7	1 006 080	-14,4	1 333 781	53,6	4 310 771	18,5
	April	1 499 150	-2,2	1 030 371	15,9	804 453	-16,8	3 333 974	-1,6
	May	1 794 272	-28,2	1 073 391	-27,2	810 876	-19,6	3 678 539	-26,1
	June	1 855 347	10,4	1 067 467	46,8	1 060 307	26,0	3 983 121	22,6
	July	1 753 772	-6,5	809 374	-46,1	932 648	-33,4	3 495 794	-26,8
	August	1 534 533	-14,8	552 989	-22,0	898 305	-24,6	2 985 827	-19,4
	September	1 985 697	29,9	650 495	2,4	973 206	21,6	3 609 398	21,8
	October	2 048 160	25,1	1 146 807	-19,3	936 292	15,4	4 131 259	6,8
	November	2 174 964	4,5	912 244	-10,5	1 115 957	2,1	4 203 165	0,2
	December	2 062 568	2,1	705 605	4,9	811 523	3,0	3 579 696	2,9
	Total	21 377 286	1,7	10 079 636	-12,9	11 472 434	1,9	42 929 356	-2,1
2012 2/	January	1 251 364	11,2	687 725	54,7	636 117	-14,2	2 575 206	11,4
	February	1 751 099	11,4	875 898	28,7	954 095	-9,4	3 581 092	8,3
	March	2 121 476	7,6	732 076	-27,2	1 030 792	-22,7	3 884 344	-9,9
	April	1 625 710	8,4	1 648 650	60,0	947 935	17,8	4 222 295	26,6
	May	1 748 104	-2,6	1 257 003	17,1	779 179	-3,9	3 784 286	2,9

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2011	January	1 714 339	-2,3	711 392	-14,6	988 319	3,8	3 414 050	-3,5
	February	1 744 293	1,7	751 273	5,6	1 018 358	3,0	3 513 924	2,9
	March	1 846 567	5,9	1 001 888	33,4	1 196 988	17,5	4 045 443	15,1
	April	1 767 307	-4,3	906 246	-9,5	836 900	-30,1	3 510 453	-13,2
	May	1 884 221	6,6	918 498	1,4	875 843	4,7	3 678 562	4,8
	June	1 873 702	-0,6	1 075 272	17,1	1 122 399	28,2	4 071 373	10,7
	July	1 731 086	-7,6	716 926	-33,3	779 137	-30,6	3 227 149	-20,7
	August	1 527 605	-11,8	673 351	-6,1	823 640	5,7	3 024 596	-6,3
	September	1 825 625	19,5	714 023	6,0	974 889	18,4	3 514 537	16,2
	October	1 843 425	1,0	823 182	15,3	956 987	-1,8	3 623 594	3,1
	November	1 790 447	-2,9	821 066	-0,3	952 831	-0,4	3 564 344	-1,6
	December	1 777 149	-0,7	864 836	5,3	971 473	2,0	3 613 458	1,4
2012	January	1 915 985	7,8	1 104 768	27,7	860 766	-11,4	3 881 519	7,4
	February	1 956 089	2,1	999 220	-9,6	924 965	7,5	3 880 274	-0,0
	March	1 980 067	1,2	734 286	-26,5	918 759	-0,7	3 633 112	-6,4
	April	1 924 358	-2,8	1 428 739	94,6	980 898	6,8	4 333 995	19,3
	May	1 834 546	-4,7	1 053 203	-26,3	839 745	-14,4	3 727 494	-14,0
	Dec. 11 - Feb. 12	5 649 223		2 968 824		2 757 204		11 375 251	
	Mar. - May 12 2/	5 738 971	1,6	3 216 228	8,3	2 739 402	-0,6	11 694 601	2,8

1/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the relevant month compared with the seasonally adjusted value 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 value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities for the latest three months compared with the seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the previous three months 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/
2011 2/	January	779 556	-11,4	317 908	-39,6	520 544	16,9	1 618 008	-12,6
	February	1 087 394	-1,4	484 254	14,9	735 552	15,6	2 307 200	6,8
	March	1 358 894	19,3	715 053	-12,7	927 525	48,4	3 001 472	16,2
	April	1 031 803	-5,8	732 839	17,9	558 260	-19,8	2 322 902	-3,7
	May	1 230 322	-31,3	762 893	-27,0	558 070	-23,5	2 551 285	-28,4
	June	1 267 623	5,9	754 394	43,0	727 733	19,4	2 749 750	17,8
	July	1 191 192	-10,0	567 982	-48,1	641 436	-36,0	2 400 610	-29,8
	August	1 033 990	-18,2	386 166	-24,8	618 667	-27,1	2 038 823	-22,4
	September	1 327 393	24,2	452 361	-1,1	669 330	17,6	2 449 084	16,9
	October	1 369 517	19,9	795 841	-22,2	642 176	11,3	2 807 534	2,4
	November	1 452 450	0,4	627 835	-14,8	763 831	-1,7	2 844 116	-4,0
	December	1 369 616	-2,3	484 286	-0,6	553 563	-0,6	2 407 465	-1,6
	Total	14 499 750	-2,4	7 081 812	-14,4	7 916 687	-1,9	29 498 249	-5,4
2012 2/	January	821 557	5,4	472 988	48,8	430 682	-17,3	1 725 227	6,6
	February	1 148 288	5,6	603 236	24,6	640 332	-12,9	2 391 856	3,7
	March	1 382 044	1,7	503 491	-29,6	682 644	-26,4	2 568 179	-14,4
	April	1 055 201	2,3	1 130 761	54,3	626 527	12,2	2 812 489	21,1
	May	1 128 862	-8,2	860 372	12,8	514 989	-7,7	2 504 223	-1,8

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 8 – Seasonally adjusted 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/
2011	January	1 190 080	-2,1	514 317	-15,1	688 392	3,3	2 392 789	-3,8
	February	1 210 317	1,7	538 604	4,7	708 182	2,9	2 457 103	2,7
	March	1 282 905	6,0	718 100	33,3	834 299	17,8	2 835 304	15,4
	April	1 215 697	-5,2	645 840	-10,1	584 743	-29,9	2 446 280	-13,7
	May	1 293 247	6,4	649 099	0,5	609 608	4,3	2 551 954	4,3
	June	1 270 029	-1,8	750 777	15,7	772 426	26,7	2 793 232	9,5
	July	1 167 943	-8,0	503 544	-32,9	524 288	-32,1	2 195 775	-21,4
	August	1 030 450	-11,8	464 596	-7,7	576 366	9,9	2 071 412	-5,7
	September	1 234 556	19,8	491 897	5,9	671 250	16,5	2 397 703	15,8
	October	1 234 557	-0,0	571 621	16,2	659 544	-1,7	2 465 722	2,8
	November	1 185 570	-4,0	569 161	-0,4	650 848	-1,3	2 405 579	-2,4
	December	1 176 926	-0,7	596 478	4,8	656 270	0,8	2 429 674	1,0
2012	January	1 260 207	7,1	768 377	28,8	579 038	-11,8	2 607 622	7,3
	February	1 285 747	2,0	692 459	-9,9	618 707	6,9	2 596 913	-0,4
	March	1 300 703	1,2	509 487	-26,4	610 470	-1,3	2 420 660	-6,8
	April	1 248 602	-4,0	982 088	92,8	653 215	7,0	2 883 905	19,1
	May	1 185 402	-5,1	716 649	-27,0	561 104	-14,1	2 463 155	-14,6
	Dec. 11 - Feb. 12	3 722 880		2 057 314		1 854 015		7 634 209	
	Mar. - May 12 2/	3 734 707	0,3	2 208 224	7,3	1 824 789	-1,6	7 767 720	1,7

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

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

			May 2011	Apr. 2012	May 2012	Jan. - May 2011	Jan. - May 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	1 526	1 501	1 637	8 526	7 560	-11,3
		square metres	75 437	73 476	77 729	413 392	364 970	-11,7
		R'000	182 385	229 619	221 176	913 461	1 092 830	19,6
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	1 534	1 191	1 353	5 955	6 548	10,0
		square metres	373 556	266 860	335 803	1 507 964	1 505 314	-0,2
		R'000	1 803 403	1 385 912	1 806 573	7 293 323	7 976 219	9,4
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	820	850	1 631	5 440	5 269	-3,1
		square metres	91 073	93 732	157 513	525 277	504 021	-4,0
		R'000	441 558	501 244	950 265	2 606 793	2 781 193	6,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	231	3 372	9 682	56 629	36 719	-35,2
		R'000	1 825	11 802	41 495	248 935	172 622	-30,7
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	2 429 171	2 128 577	3 019 509	11 062 512	12 022 864	8,7
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	68 367	10 062	80 340	233 296	187 760
R'000			490 857	66 192	548 966	1 613 434	1 216 141	-24,6
2. Shopping space		square metres	34 388	49 350	77 426	289 743	287 926	-0,6
		R'000	159 395	242 382	418 707	1 762 419	1 521 565	-13,7
3. Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	161 491	166 318	149 471	472 150	610 000	29,2
		R'000	605 452	683 158	581 792	1 833 701	2 460 408	34,2
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	52 179	32 057	17 175	150 123	102 418	-31,8
		R'000	254 000	167 575	84 745	738 663	504 021	-31,8
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 509 704	1 159 307	1 634 210	5 948 217	5 702 135	-4,1
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	287 342	232 881	260 830	1 271 960	1 232 888
	R'000		1 346 679	1 170 483	1 283 271	5 881 400	6 120 085	4,1
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	68 216	86 111	89 436	408 997	369 720	-9,6
		R'000	358 186	508 137	495 659	2 280 447	2 275 038	-0,2
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 704 865	1 678 620	1 778 930	8 161 847	8 395 123	2,9
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	5 643 740	4 966 504	6 432 649	25 172 576	26 120 122	3,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			May 2011	Apr. 2012	May 2012	Jan. - May 2011	Jan. - May 2012	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	560	590	479	2 814	1 979	-29,7	
		square metres	25 035	26 821	21 568	120 965	90 090	-25,5	
		R'000	56 289	68 484	49 495	220 394	229 950	4,3	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	283	240	254	1 148	1 259	9,7	
		square metres	70 054	61 820	66 389	299 778	303 860	1,4	
		R'000	328 867	315 388	338 283	1 347 534	1 534 149	13,8	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	85	123	329	974	1 176	20,7	
		square metres	13 968	14 218	24 459	104 152	102 867	-1,2	
		R'000	56 427	74 177	134 382	455 381	537 352	18,0	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	48 498	2 606	-94,6	
		R'000	0	0	0	218 482	13 655	-93,8	
		5. Total residential buildings	R'000	441 583	458 049	522 160	2 241 791	2 315 106	3,3
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	2 202	0	2 652	16 993	36 069	112,3	
		R'000	8 926	0	13 320	74 104	193 382	161,0	
	2. Shopping space	square metres	1 263	202	11 720	33 393	50 657	51,7	
		R'000	5 630	1 153	60 547	139 798	279 561	100,0	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	13 852	38 683	2 288	35 771	99 254	177,5	
		R'000	59 371	184 632	8 577	148 314	459 284	209,7	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	5 974	4 753	1 906	18 278	14 529	-20,5	
		R'000	29 461	31 027	9 476	85 048	74 938	-11,9	
		5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	103 388	216 812	91 920	447 264	1 007 165	125,2
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	75 893	68 007	72 588	343 070	337 148	-1,7
R'000			304 582	307 295	328 518	1 380 293	1 543 311	11,8	
2. Other buildings 4/		square metres	15 346	26 667	21 479	140 329	90 717	-35,4	
		R'000	83 113	191 871	123 400	885 297	662 352	-25,2	
		3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	387 695	499 166	451 918	2 265 590	2 205 663	-2,6
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	932 666	1 174 027	1 065 998	4 954 645	5 527 934	11,6	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			May 2011	Apr. 2012	May 2012	Jan. - May 2011	Jan. - May 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	14	31	50	106	291	174,5
		square metres	771	1 885	2 170	6 179	14 351	132,3
		R'000	2 423	5 886	5 466	21 585	34 917	61,8
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	71	66	70	350	302	-13,7
		square metres	15 928	13 205	15 029	74 567	64 360	-13,7
		R'000	62 886	59 077	62 611	306 950	275 984	-10,1
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	38	37	15	242	465	92,1
		square metres	2 549	2 490	1 015	22 943	28 728	25,2
		R'000	8 602	9 847	4 050	93 770	118 256	26,1
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	8 345	1 361	9 045	564,6
		R'000	0	0	35 751	3 133	39 951	1 175,2
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	73 911	74 810	107 878	425 438	469 108	10,3
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	33	224	0	5 169	2 407	-53,4
		R'000	99	993	0	20 827	9 880	-52,6
	2. Shopping space	square metres	13 149	6 259	32 824	31 326	47 176	50,6
		R'000	59 983	21 620	145 689	132 521	197 118	48,7
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 021	24 197	1 623	25 923	52 347	101,9
		R'000	10 716	68 470	5 333	91 974	154 624	68,1
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	10 631	3 627	2 597	20 255	15 153	-25,2
		R'000	52 573	11 698	13 736	80 761	62 154	-23,0
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	123 371	102 781	164 758	326 083	423 776	30,0
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	26 865	22 143	28 840	110 674	120 496	8,9
		R'000	108 824	99 977	117 391	427 503	494 831	15,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	12 119	17 104	9 304	46 227	50 262	8,7
		R'000	36 823	60 568	28 646	141 971	166 634	17,4
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	145 647	160 545	146 037	569 474	661 465	16,2
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	342 929	338 136	418 673	1 320 995	1 554 349	17,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			May 2011	Apr. 2012	May 2012	Jan. - May 2011	Jan. - May 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	0	1	0	2	502	25 000,0
		square metres	0	43	0	112	20 859	18 524,1
		R'000	0	141	0	397	87 584	21 961,5
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	31	11	25	113	80	-29,2
		square metres	4 904	2 194	5 648	18 759	19 269	2,7
		R'000	21 576	9 584	23 904	81 433	82 228	1,0
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	4	0	0	182	2	-98,9
		square metres	388	0	0	11 863	142	-98,8
		R'000	1 474	0	0	49 827	639	-98,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	23 050	9 725	23 904	131 657	170 451	29,5
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	402	212	229	1 347	3 635	169,9
		R'000	1 648	954	916	5 751	15 582	170,9
	2. Shopping space	square metres	688	358	0	1 545	473	-69,4
		R'000	3 096	1 289	0	6 952	1 663	-76,1
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	1 257	1 188	-5,5
		R'000	0	0	0	5 154	5 170	0,3
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	552	2 342	0	802	2 934	265,8
		R'000	2 119	9 169	0	3 144	11 182	255,7
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	6 863	11 412	916	21 001	33 597	60,0
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 514	3 394	4 353	18 137	22 708	25,2
		R'000	23 064	14 720	18 460	75 948	97 199	28,0
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	848	334	3 843	7 901	11 715	48,3
		R'000	5 394	2 373	16 795	34 255	53 057	54,9
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	28 458	17 093	35 255	110 203	150 256	36,3
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	58 371	38 230	60 075	262 861	354 304	34,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			May 2011	Apr. 2012	May 2012	Jan. - May 2011	Jan. - May 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	370	9	14	1 069	213	-80,1
		square metres	19 378	637	748	54 740	11 145	-79,6
		R'000	26 399	2 632	2 025	84 356	24 308	-71,2
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	82	59	58	309	312	1,0
		square metres	17 035	13 242	13 338	60 573	68 258	12,7
		R'000	61 844	53 852	56 168	225 233	276 979	23,0
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	39	59	20	383	165	-56,9
		square metres	4 145	7 577	1 336	43 411	15 516	-64,3
		R'000	17 847	34 565	6 012	186 952	74 654	-60,1
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	1 085	0	12 570	..
		R'000	0	0	4 736	0	67 289	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	106 090	91 049	68 941	496 541	443 230	-10,7
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	738	816	3 705	3 096	4 667	50,7
		R'000	2 600	2 854	18 202	11 494	21 748	89,2
	2. Shopping space	square metres	3 482	509	649	7 100	2 739	-61,4
		R'000	16 742	1 712	3 570	27 541	12 654	-54,1
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 586	1 528	15 964	9 680	19 545	101,9
		R'000	20 525	5 110	62 405	29 175	75 645	159,3
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	5 169	0	138	9 353	3 462	-63,0
		R'000	18 362	0	484	34 310	13 847	-59,6
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	58 229	9 676	84 661	102 520	123 894	20,8
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 462	12 438	10 395	53 447	62 970	17,8
		R'000	39 538	44 707	41 079	182 940	230 378	25,9
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 106	4 054	2 029	10 321	27 204	163,6
		R'000	10 048	20 183	12 943	67 297	145 062	115,6
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	49 586	64 890	54 022	250 237	375 440	50,0
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	213 905	165 615	207 624	849 298	942 564	11,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			May 2011	Apr. 2012	May 2012	Jan. - May 2011	Jan. - May 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	46	23	67	204	167	-18,1
		square metres	2 575	1 382	4 019	11 707	9 804	-16,3
		R'000	15 381	8 923	19 604	75 030	57 635	-23,2
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	142	82	114	583	517	-11,3
		square metres	43 443	22 016	29 305	166 224	147 511	-11,3
		R'000	269 346	141 642	212 339	1 094 438	1 033 123	-5,6
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	97	66	123	610	486	-20,3
		square metres	9 347	17 410	18 528	68 052	68 518	0,7
		R'000	56 525	101 395	128 918	420 804	433 217	2,9
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	231	0	0	1 816	0	..
		R'000	1 825	0	0	8 169	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	343 077	251 960	360 861	1 598 441	1 523 975	-4,7
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	670	7 236	46 759	24 381	-47,9
		R'000	0	3 300	50 989	336 359	182 552	-45,7
	2. Shopping space	square metres	5 324	2 761	8 792	122 156	19 679	-83,9
		R'000	19 360	17 168	47 781	718 107	114 895	-84,0
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	40 848	21 742	85 501	124 371	162 266	30,5
		R'000	161 762	87 933	340 248	487 853	644 780	32,2
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	6 635	9 896	6 958	41 146	22 457	-45,4
		R'000	38 165	53 108	35 624	234 626	120 602	-48,6
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	219 287	161 509	474 642	1 776 945	1 062 829	-40,2
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	35 268	27 212	27 460	152 518	129 030	-15,4
		R'000	224 169	174 680	177 780	971 420	835 768	-14,0
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	15 043	7 625	10 792	77 281	47 609	-38,4
		R'000	100 523	53 605	66 646	442 342	334 504	-24,4
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	324 692	228 285	244 426	1 413 762	1 170 272	-17,2
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	887 056	641 754	1 079 929	4 789 148	3 757 076	-21,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			May 2011	Apr. 2012	May 2012	Jan. - May 2011	Jan. - May 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	42	49	26	318	92	-71,1
		square metres	2 428	2 252	1 469	18 520	4 824	-74,0
		R'000	5 874	3 268	3 018	28 042	10 455	-62,7
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	182	92	105	553	502	-9,2
		square metres	38 320	20 506	25 915	115 281	109 250	-5,2
		R'000	165 832	88 210	128 373	432 443	485 631	12,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	83	14	39	321	197	-38,6
		square metres	7 517	650	4 429	27 652	18 194	-34,2
		R'000	27 981	3 575	20 018	105 884	74 981	-29,2
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	252	1 097	252	-77,0
		R'000	0	0	1 008	4 419	1 008	-77,2
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	199 687	95 053	152 417	570 788	572 075	0,2
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	4 068	0	0	4 434	2 119	-52,2
		R'000	15 865	0	0	17 337	7 648	-55,9
	2. Shopping space	square metres	239	32 254	1 451	8 601	36 508	324,5
		R'000	1 197	159 932	5 919	25 551	177 091	593,1
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	10 466	7 859	2 713	12 893	15 785	22,4
		R'000	38 826	23 099	8 139	46 455	47 162	1,5
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	4 349	0	5 619	7 538	34,2
		R'000	0	22 467	0	21 494	35 780	66,5
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	55 888	205 498	14 058	110 837	267 681	141,5
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	16 366	13 361	13 963	70 218	69 274	-1,3
		R'000	69 716	57 250	54 184	248 625	274 895	10,6
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 461	6 180	6 694	13 054	22 707	73,9
		R'000	8 962	24 175	28 769	50 232	90 726	80,6
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	78 678	81 425	82 953	298 857	365 621	22,3
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	334 253	381 976	249 428	980 482	1 205 377	22,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			May 2011	Apr. 2012	May 2012	Jan. - May 2011	Jan. - May 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	411	758	950	3 559	4 017	12,9
		square metres	20 905	37 973	44 503	177 803	196 984	10,8
		R'000	59 401	129 288	127 011	408 959	583 859	42,8
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	543	484	562	1 985	2 701	36,1
		square metres	140 844	101 418	139 772	570 519	600 230	5,2
		R'000	724 959	583 698	815 265	3 007 791	3 452 017	14,8
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	443	406	1 068	2 309	2 345	1,6
		square metres	50 393	41 583	101 006	214 459	220 837	3,0
		R'000	261 116	234 017	627 578	1 159 403	1 322 595	14,1
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	3 372	0	1 280	12 106	845,8
		R'000	0	11 802	0	6 231	50 229	706,1
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	1 045 476	958 805	1 569 854	4 582 384	5 408 700	18,0
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	57 954	7 005	61 579	147 666	103 012
R'000			448 353	52 314	440 961	1 115 938	733 015	-34,3
2. Shopping space		square metres	5 655	3 114	21 990	35 585	50 419	41,7
		R'000	33 267	21 401	155 201	226 369	328 701	45,2
3. Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	80 336	57 601	30 762	211 712	195 311	-7,7
		R'000	297 664	248 838	115 223	833 422	807 923	-3,1
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	3 409	6 363	4 321	27 617	28 329	2,6
		R'000	19 424	36 106	19 730	151 539	155 296	2,5
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	798 708	358 659	731 115	2 327 268	2 024 935	-13,0
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	94 235	75 238	86 636	431 683	413 218
	R'000		490 385	424 565	481 540	2 235 033	2 323 374	4,0
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	20 735	22 843	33 426	105 241	110 557	5,1
		R'000	110 121	149 740	209 160	603 015	707 271	17,3
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	600 506	574 305	690 700	2 838 048	3 030 645	6,8
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	2 444 690	1 891 769	2 991 669	9 747 700	10 464 280	7,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			May 2011	Apr. 2012	May 2012	Jan. - May 2011	Jan. - May 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	47	32	30	344	241	-29,9
		square metres	2 526	1 976	1 963	16 983	13 365	-21,3
		R'000	8 125	7 831	7 720	45 434	44 595	-1,8
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	153	117	116	706	661	-6,4
		square metres	30 656	24 155	26 864	148 652	138 262	-7,0
		R'000	113 160	94 551	106 880	560 209	577 500	3,1
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	22	57	18	285	173	-39,3
		square metres	1 906	3 607	3 341	18 024	18 583	3,1
		R'000	7 916	15 781	13 364	71 375	85 463	19,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	2 577	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	8 501	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	129 201	118 163	127 964	685 519	707 558	3,2
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	2 121	860	0	6 692	3 739	-44,1
		R'000	9 545	4 730	0	26 696	13 474	-49,5
	2. Shopping space	square metres	4 588	3 893	0	49 616	79 068	59,4
		R'000	20 120	18 107	0	484 106	405 657	-16,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 946	4 479	8 938	44 680	46 817	4,8
		R'000	14 929	19 045	34 298	167 605	190 133	13,4
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	19 809	727	579	26 869	7 186	-73,3
		R'000	93 896	4 000	2 777	127 042	26 842	-78,9
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	138 490	45 882	37 075	805 449	636 106	-21,0
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 409	6 399	11 528	59 376	50 960	-14,2
		R'000	50 973	25 586	42 554	221 230	200 354	-9,4
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	105	755	1 869	4 223	7 366	74,4
		R'000	1 616	3 718	9 300	35 986	106 238	195,2
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	52 589	29 304	51 854	257 216	306 592	19,2
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	320 280	193 349	216 893	1 748 184	1 650 256	-5,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			May 2011	Apr. 2012	May 2012	Jan. - May 2011	Jan. - May 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	36	8	21	110	58	-47,3
		square metres	1 819	507	1 289	6 383	3 548	-44,4
		R'000	8 493	3 166	6 837	29 264	19 527	-33,3
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	47	40	49	208	214	2,9
		square metres	12 372	8 304	13 543	53 611	54 314	1,3
		R'000	54 933	39 910	62 750	237 292	258 608	9,0
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	9	88	19	134	260	94,0
		square metres	860	6 197	3 399	14 721	30 636	108,1
		R'000	3 670	27 887	15 943	63 397	134 036	111,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	140	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	490	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	67 096	70 963	85 530	329 953	412 661	25,1
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	849	275	4 939	1 140	7 731	578,2
		R'000	3 821	1 047	24 578	4 928	38 860	688,6
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	421	1 207	186,7
		R'000	0	0	0	1 474	4 225	186,6
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	436	10 229	1 682	5 863	17 487	198,3
		R'000	1 659	46 031	7 569	23 749	75 687	218,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	676	184	830	351,1
		R'000	0	0	2 918	699	3 380	383,5
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	5 480	47 078	35 065	30 850	122 152	296,0
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 330	4 689	5 067	32 837	27 084	-17,5
		R'000	35 428	21 703	21 765	138 408	119 975	-13,3
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	453	549	0	4 420	1 583	-64,2
		R'000	1 586	1 904	0	20 052	9 194	-54,1
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	37 014	23 607	21 765	158 460	129 169	-18,5
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	109 590	141 648	142 360	519 263	663 982	27,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			May 2011	Apr. 2012	May 2012	Jan. - May 2011	Jan. - May 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	1 391	1 440	2 179	7 920	7 583	-4,3
		square metres	69 934	66 040	95 295	356 644	340 893	-4,4
		R'000	201 058	185 586	219 959	853 296	893 884	4,8
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	901	862	977	4 120	4 639	12,6
		square metres	214 321	208 697	237 266	1 029 328	1 112 137	8,0
		R'000	1 006 744	1 037 262	1 200 267	4 776 161	5 566 220	16,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	669	870	629	3 647	4 234	16,1
		square metres	84 175	80 634	61 321	345 695	394 668	14,2
		R'000	468 908	399 007	325 395	1 751 981	1 992 551	13,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	19 679	939	936	94 669	10 921	-88,5
		R'000	117 562	3 855	2 483	580 807	45 098	-92,2
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	1 794 272	1 625 710	1 748 104	7 962 245	8 497 753	6,7
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	57 037	44 282	47 460	154 617	163 389	5,7
		R'000	308 114	348 649	347 228	835 763	1 053 822	26,1
	2. Shopping space	square metres	78 837	179 405	8 346	312 145	320 670	2,7
		R'000	564 861	1 055 081	42 809	1 895 668	1 802 094	-4,9
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	31 117	45 425	183 680	293 967	501 298	70,5
		R'000	128 729	176 341	708 918	1 212 782	1 968 903	62,3
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	13 951	13 604	30 501	79 325	73 999	-6,7
		R'000	71 687	68 579	158 048	290 442	376 533	29,6
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 073 391	1 648 650	1 257 003	4 234 655	5 201 352	22,8
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	135 689	117 264	128 336	757 461	624 292	-17,6
		R'000	560 733	552 212	561 296	3 292 137	2 806 901	-14,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	48 599	68 328	37 040	283 430	242 499	-14,4
		R'000	250 143	395 723	217 883	1 452 059	1 541 217	6,1
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	810 876	947 935	779 179	4 744 196	4 348 118	-8,3
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	3 678 539	4 222 295	3 784 286	16 941 096	18 047 223	6,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			May 2011	Apr. 2012	May 2012	Jan. - May 2011	Jan. - May 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	390	336	586	2 676	1 917	-28,4
		square metres	16 474	14 171	25 439	113 179	81 816	-27,7
		R'000	29 435	34 897	56 095	190 231	190 477	0,1
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	236	204	259	1 033	1 156	11,9
		square metres	57 076	45 588	65 682	261 257	280 308	7,3
		R'000	231 262	182 878	265 899	1 041 061	1 189 725	14,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	89	209	165	943	827	-12,3
		square metres	14 963	22 187	15 736	85 061	85 290	0,3
		R'000	52 426	96 233	73 068	349 356	369 050	5,6
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	472	0	0	15 534	720	-95,4
		R'000	2 800	0	0	68 477	4 531	-93,4
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	315 923	314 008	395 062	1 649 125	1 753 783	6,3
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	7 043	0	0	40 747	13 540	-66,8
		R'000	31 341	0	0	179 401	71 165	-60,3
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	4 644	265	66 858	62 110	-7,1
		R'000	0	20 877	952	326 706	317 880	-2,7
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	7 867	1 987	53 674	67 796	146 777	116,5
		R'000	32 411	8 120	217 287	290 724	614 366	111,3
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	4 817	1 520	2 405	56 776	10 041	-82,3
		R'000	21 128	6 950	12 964	179 513	34 613	-80,7
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	84 880	35 947	231 203	976 344	1 038 024	6,3
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	57 201	42 118	54 999	264 066	255 805	-3,1
		R'000	196 464	153 393	195 410	947 429	930 727	-1,8
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	24 903	9 506	19 133	121 273	85 675	-29,4
		R'000	112 607	57 739	127 478	588 606	658 203	11,8
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	309 071	211 132	322 888	1 536 035	1 588 930	3,4
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	709 874	561 087	949 153	4 161 504	4 380 737	5,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			May 2011	Apr. 2012	May 2012	Jan. - May 2011	Jan. - May 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	205	89	241	1 290	1 038	-19,5
		square metres	8 322	3 856	10 129	52 634	42 976	-18,3
		R'000	14 024	8 211	20 823	98 872	72 503	-26,7
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	50	54	39	250	219	-12,4
		square metres	9 900	10 416	9 151	53 714	44 185	-17,7
		R'000	39 306	39 466	35 825	191 908	165 643	-13,7
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	24	258	35	75	318	324,0
		square metres	2 788	19 798	2 547	8 710	25 103	188,2
		R'000	8 064	62 035	10 524	28 897	83 150	187,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	390	247	5 894	2 286,2
		R'000	0	0	1 365	839	16 534	1 870,7
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	61 394	109 712	68 537	320 516	337 830	5,4
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	3 520	498	0	4 850	16 158	233,2
		R'000	11 582	1 631	0	15 325	49 178	220,9
	2. Shopping space	square metres	1 452	0	0	8 968	5 991	-33,2
		R'000	4 581	0	0	26 411	30 401	15,1
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 200	4 531	629	8 942	8 113	-9,3
		R'000	7 914	12 234	1 922	26 808	26 226	-2,2
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	783	567	0	1 929	828	-57,1
		R'000	2 567	2 149	0	7 140	3 057	-57,2
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	26 644	16 014	1 922	75 684	108 862	43,8
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 143	8 309	10 931	64 170	42 448	-33,9
		R'000	34 238	28 660	37 280	194 989	141 223	-27,6
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 600	5 480	8 570	12 726	20 800	63,4
		R'000	5 139	17 417	32 355	40 453	73 550	81,8
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	39 377	46 077	69 635	235 442	214 773	-8,8
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	127 415	171 803	140 094	631 642	661 465	4,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			May 2011	Apr. 2012	May 2012	Jan. - May 2011	Jan. - May 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	2	0	0	98	3	-96,9
		square metres	109	0	0	3 949	173	-95,6
		R'000	460	0	0	5 260	679	-87,1
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	8	4	8	28	36	28,6
		square metres	1 081	756	1 593	5 350	6 899	29,0
		R'000	4 797	3 348	6 987	22 179	30 001	35,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	0	4	0	9	11	22,2
		square metres	0	388	0	1 242	1 414	13,8
		R'000	0	1 630	0	4 805	6 453	34,3
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	5 257	4 978	6 987	32 244	37 133	15,2
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	1 520	0	0	1 536	190	-87,6
		R'000	4 864	0	0	4 930	855	-82,7
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	1 056	6 425	1 347	7 521	458,4
		R'000	0	3 927	28 193	5 097	32 300	533,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	830	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	2 905	0	..
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	4 864	3 927	28 193	12 932	33 155	156,4
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 623	2 384	5 249	11 177	120,7
			R'000	10 552	10 229	22 423	46 298	126,9
		2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	276	1 672	346	1 294	429,1
			R'000	1 172	5 685	1 453	5 751	396,3
		3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	11 724	15 914	23 876	52 049	156,7
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	21 845	24 819	59 056	97 225	203 895	109,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			May 2011	Apr. 2012	May 2012	Jan. - May 2011	Jan. - May 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	7	221	0	599	261	-56,4
		square metres	466	11 241	0	25 304	13 658	-46,0
		R'000	1 413	19 112	0	53 065	25 521	-51,9
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	54	54	24	198	229	15,7
		square metres	6 536	10 261	6 799	36 627	46 229	26,2
		R'000	31 952	30 321	25 830	128 224	154 967	20,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	0	2	0	33	37	12,1
		square metres	0	301	0	3 582	4 204	17,4
		R'000	0	783	0	12 077	15 858	31,3
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	33 365	50 216	25 830	193 366	196 346	1,5
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	130	0	365	1 690	363,0
		R'000	0	650	0	1 643	6 266	281,4
	2. Shopping space	square metres	587	117	0	9 285	30 848	232,2
		R'000	2 500	585	0	37 607	137 850	266,6
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	199	3 641	199	-94,5
		R'000	0	0	597	10 923	597	-94,5
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	220	0	821	961	17,1
		R'000	0	440	0	2 135	3 319	55,5
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 500	1 675	597	52 308	148 032	183,0
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 431	6 684	2 317	29 840	20 842	-30,2
		R'000	15 106	20 090	6 872	87 252	64 267	-26,3
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	639	4 649	798	14 367	11 346	-21,0
		R'000	4 279	30 079	3 650	58 328	64 427	10,5
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	19 385	50 169	10 522	145 580	128 694	-11,6
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	55 250	102 060	36 949	391 254	473 072	20,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			May 2011	Apr. 2012	May 2012	Jan. - May 2011	Jan. - May 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	18	38	30	179	163	-8,9
		square metres	1 064	2 434	1 709	10 135	9 835	-3,0
		R'000	6 967	16 646	10 391	66 838	61 770	-7,6
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	56	76	99	374	422	12,8
		square metres	17 262	17 764	24 178	105 893	108 975	2,9
		R'000	102 738	124 694	170 357	675 663	730 256	8,1
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	134	101	92	508	355	-30,1
		square metres	21 856	11 226	12 981	74 181	52 997	-28,6
		R'000	110 363	69 568	83 102	411 181	339 447	-17,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	3 802	2 651	-30,3
		R'000	0	0	0	21 808	18 060	-17,2
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	220 068	210 908	263 850	1 175 490	1 149 533	-2,2
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	2 067	1 788	127	33 191	6 948	-79,1
		R'000	12 936	7 152	965	224 930	37 315	-83,4
	2. Shopping space	square metres	64 591	44 198	3 500	81 632	57 552	-29,5
		R'000	477 973	176 792	12 114	584 825	254 134	-56,5
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 539	22 077	35 909	85 512	64 592	-24,5
		R'000	23 572	90 004	143 634	332 126	261 980	-21,1
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 768	1 700	0	4 904	5 966	21,7
		R'000	10 946	10 441	0	30 619	34 289	12,0
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	525 427	284 389	156 713	1 172 500	587 718	-49,9
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	15 581	17 725	12 267	88 844	73 908	-16,8
		R'000	113 119	127 377	88 069	628 045	542 178	-13,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	6 753	7 378	2 927	39 539	25 498	-35,5
		R'000	42 625	53 470	15 703	230 571	150 392	-34,8
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	155 744	180 847	103 772	858 616	692 570	-19,3
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	901 239	676 144	524 335	3 206 606	2 429 821	-24,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			May 2011	Apr. 2012	May 2012	Jan. - May 2011	Jan. - May 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	60	0	20	156	45	-71,2
		square metres	2 427	0	785	8 229	2 270	-72,4
		R'000	4 729	0	1 084	11 780	5 906	-49,9
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	45	26	45	228	254	11,4
		square metres	8 090	8 519	9 973	46 410	54 303	17,0
		R'000	29 702	31 744	49 387	167 438	218 818	30,7
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	4	16	23	148	290	95,9
		square metres	640	810	1 649	11 571	19 847	71,5
		R'000	2 560	3 566	8 972	43 167	81 394	88,6
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	546	0	546	..
		R'000	0	0	1 118	0	1 118	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	36 991	35 310	60 561	222 385	307 236	38,2
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	113	15 963	14 026,5
		R'000	0	0	0	509	54 161	10 540,7
	2. Shopping space	square metres	706	0	748	706	963	36,4
		R'000	3 875	0	4 058	3 875	4 585	18,3
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	4 832	1 508	13 704	808,8
		R'000	0	0	15 149	3 016	45 853	1 420,3
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	3 875	0	19 207	7 400	104 599	1 313,5
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 253	2 303	4 028	16 120	14 934	-7,4
		R'000	9 743	10 393	11 697	43 029	47 634	10,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	329	0	169	3 199	2 360	-26,2
		R'000	2 342	0	487	10 333	9 516	-7,9
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	12 085	10 393	12 184	53 362	57 150	7,1
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	52 951	45 703	91 952	283 147	468 985	65,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			May 2011	Apr. 2012	May 2012	Jan. - May 2011	Jan. - May 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	563	714	1 252	2 596	3 995	53,9
		square metres	33 978	32 012	54 363	125 533	181 022	44,2
		R'000	126 129	97 176	120 752	369 399	502 205	36,0
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	353	339	381	1 554	1 772	14,0
		square metres	92 913	89 612	95 347	434 470	449 468	3,5
		R'000	482 499	520 196	541 468	2 231 063	2 576 631	15,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	370	259	257	1 652	2 118	28,2
		square metres	39 752	23 706	23 197	139 246	167 839	20,5
		R'000	278 177	156 470	129 016	808 119	938 927	16,2
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	19 207	619	0	74 369	619	-99,2
		R'000	114 762	2 475	0	487 516	2 475	-99,5
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	1 001 567	776 317	791 236	3 896 097	4 020 238	3,2
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	42 887	40 248	44 797	66 926	104 350	55,9
		R'000	247 391	332 744	336 119	384 653	816 484	112,3
	2. Shopping space	square metres	11 501	129 051	3 833	134 401	161 742	20,3
		R'000	75 932	851 247	25 685	863 200	1 051 352	21,8
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	13 420	14 888	77 740	108 746	244 435	124,8
		R'000	58 141	58 689	285 046	475 601	923 196	94,1
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 166	9 597	11 926	8 107	39 504	387,3
		R'000	12 046	48 599	68 701	36 975	222 595	502,0
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	393 510	1 291 279	715 551	1 760 429	3 013 627	71,2
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	31 163	33 508	31 451	236 132	-34,1
			R'000	157 790	184 483	173 659	1 197 593	-29,7
		2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	14 099	37 264	5 097	87 940	-2,8
			R'000	81 946	222 293	36 597	506 182	5,6
		3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	239 736	406 776	210 256	1 703 775	-19,2
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 634 813	2 474 372	1 717 043	7 360 301	8 410 238	14,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			May 2011	Apr. 2012	May 2012	Jan. - May 2011	Jan. - May 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	135	32	46	234	130	-44,4
		square metres	6 423	1 753	2 606	12 241	7 240	-40,9
		R'000	14 927	7 012	9 626	32 793	26 306	-19,8
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	81	83	105	384	460	19,8
		square metres	16 670	19 744	19 355	68 745	98 905	43,9
		R'000	62 827	78 031	81 568	245 068	398 495	62,6
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	46	10	29	162	233	43,8
		square metres	3 880	618	1 905	11 606	30 271	160,8
		R'000	15 728	2 470	8 151	48 765	129 708	166,0
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	717	171	-76,2
		R'000	0	0	0	2 167	1 000	-53,9
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	93 482	87 513	99 345	328 793	555 509	69,0
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 618	2 536	5 633	4 154	-26,3
		R'000	0	6 472	10 144	18 719	16 616	-11,2
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	1 395	0	789	1 464	85,6
		R'000	0	5 580	0	3 551	5 892	65,9
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 091	0	4 272	14 912	13 416	-10,0
		R'000	6 691	0	17 090	60 565	53 666	-11,4
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	4 417	0	16 170	5 910	16 699	182,6
		R'000	25 000	0	76 383	30 972	78 660	154,0
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	31 691	12 052	103 617	113 807	154 834	36,0
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 649	3 553	6 002	45 250	32 163
R'000			21 014	13 896	21 460	139 471	116 526	-16,5
2. Other buildings 4/		square metres	0	0	0	3 092	1 368	-55,8
		R'000	33	0	160	11 835	9 670	-18,3
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	21 047	13 896	21 620	151 306	126 196	-16,6
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	146 220	113 461	224 582	593 906	836 539	40,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			May 2011	Apr. 2012	May 2012	Jan. - May 2011	Jan. - May 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	11	10	4	92	31	-66,3
		square metres	671	573	264	5 440	1 903	-65,0
		R'000	2 974	2 532	1 188	25 058	8 517	-66,0
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	18	22	17	71	91	28,2
		square metres	4 793	6 037	5 188	16 862	22 865	35,6
		R'000	21 661	26 584	22 946	73 557	101 684	38,2
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	2	11	28	117	45	-61,5
		square metres	296	1 600	3 306	10 496	7 703	-26,6
		R'000	1 590	6 252	12 562	45 614	28 564	-37,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	320	0	0	320	..
		R'000	0	1 380	0	0	1 380	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	26 225	36 748	36 696	144 229	140 145	-2,8
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 256	396	-68,5
		R'000	0	0	0	5 653	1 782	-68,5
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	9 506	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	49 493	0	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	886	0	1 563	2 541	62,6
		R'000	0	3 367	0	7 922	10 719	35,3
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	48	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	183	0	..
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	3 367	0	63 251	12 501	-80,2
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	645	680	1 092	1 862	3 996	114,6
		R'000	2 707	3 691	4 426	8 031	17 544	118,5
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	2 379	0	0	3 160	..
		R'000	0	9 040	0	0	12 281	..
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 707	12 731	4 426	8 031	29 825	271,4
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	28 932	52 846	41 122	215 511	182 471	-15,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and therefore do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the National Department of Housing.
	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.
Collection rate	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for May 2012 was 93,8%. Improved collection rate for April 2012 was 98,2%.
Statistical unit	7	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	8	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 88 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.
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 two years are therefore preliminary. Data are edited at municipal level.
- 15** Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* 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 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.
 - *Building Statistics (Report no. 50-11-01)* issued annually.

Rounding-off of figures

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

Symbols and abbreviations

18	..	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

2010 World Cup note

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

Glossary

Additions and alterations	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, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation, entertainment centres and casinos.
Percentage change	<p>When using monthly actual values, the percentage change is the change in actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the relevant month compared with the 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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