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Results for January to May 2013

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:
January to May 2012 versus January to May 2013**

Estimates at current prices	January to May 2012 1/	January to May 2013 1/	Difference in value between January to May 2012 and January to May 2013	% change between January to May 2012 and January to May 2013
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	12 038 692	15 083 412	3 044 720	25,3
-Dwelling-houses	9 081 441	10 699 309	1 617 868	17,8
-Flats and townhouses	2 784 629	4 108 735	1 324 106	47,6
-Other residential buildings	172 622	275 368	102 746	59,5
Non-residential buildings	5 771 415	9 282 954	3 511 539	60,8
Additions and alterations	8 394 896	9 458 897	1 064 001	12,7
Total	26 205 003	33 825 263	7 620 260	29,1

1/ 2012 and 2013 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 29,1% (R7 620,3 million) during January to May 2013 compared with January to May 2012 (see Table A).

The biggest increase was reported for non-residential buildings (60,8% or R3 511,5 million), followed by residential buildings (25,3% or R3 044,7 million) and additions and alterations (12,7% or R1 064,0 million).

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to May 2012 versus January to May 2013**

Estimates at current prices	January to May 2012 1/	January to May 2013 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to May 2012	% change between January to May 2012 and January to May 2013	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January to May 2012 and January to May 2013	Difference in value between January to May 2012 and January to May 2013
	R'000	R'000			2/	
Western Cape	5 527 934	7 023 684	21,1	27,1	5,7	1 495 750
Eastern Cape	1 554 758	2 331 286	5,9	49,9	3,0	776 528
Northern Cape	354 304	332 296	1,4	-6,2	-0,1	-22 008
Free State	1 026 004	867 802	3,9	-15,4	-0,6	-158 202
KwaZulu-Natal	3 744 336	4 929 710	14,3	31,7	4,5	1 185 374
North West	1 214 727	1 502 586	4,6	23,7	1,1	287 859
Gauteng	10 464 280	14 370 853	39,9	37,3	14,9	3 906 573
Mpumalanga	1 654 158	1 738 625	6,3	5,1	0,3	84 467
Limpopo	664 502	728 421	2,5	9,6	0,2	63 919
Total	26 205 003	33 825 263	100,0	29,1	29,1	7 620 260

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2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between Jan. to May 2012 and Jan. to May 2013 with the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during Jan. to May 2012, divided by 100.

Seven provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of building plans passed during January to May 2013. The increase in the value of building plans passed was dominated by Gauteng (contributing 14,9 percentage points or R3 906,6 million) (see Table B).

**Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2010 prices:
January to May 2012 versus January to May 2013**

Estimates at constant 2010 prices	January to May 2012 1/	January to May 2013 1/	Difference in value between January to May 2012 and January to May 2013	% change between January to May 2012 and January to May 2013
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	10 948 575	12 944 020	1 995 445	18,2
Non-residential buildings	5 245 744	7 983 357	2 737 613	52,2
Additions and alterations	7 637 769	8 117 732	479 963	6,3
Total	23 832 088	29 045 109	5 213 021	21,9

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Real value of recorded building plans passed

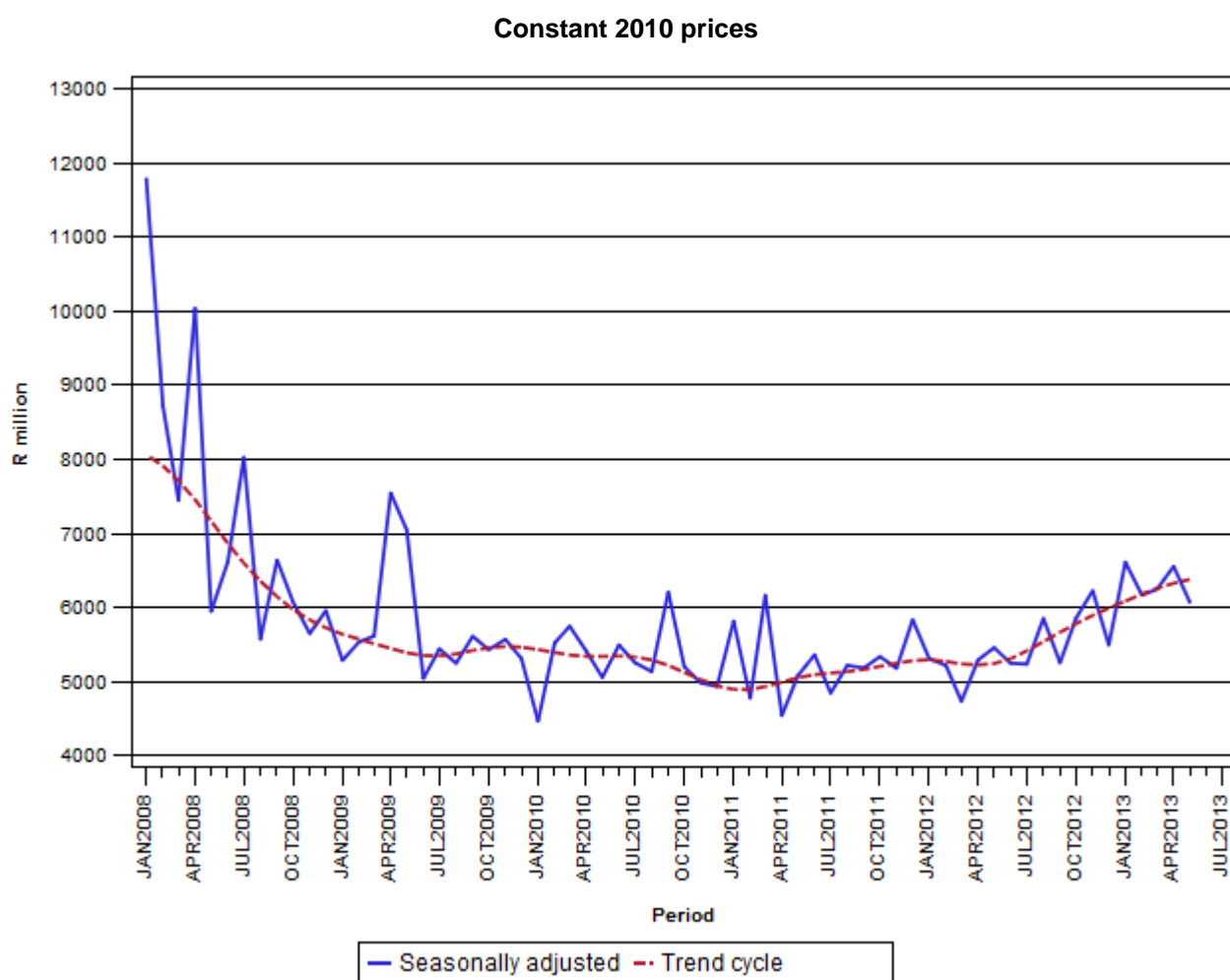
The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2010 prices) increased year-on-year by 21,9% (R5 213,0 million) during January to May 2013. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (52,2% or R2 737,6 million), followed by residential buildings (18,2% or R1 995,4 million) and additions and alterations (6,3% or R480,0 million) (see Table C).

**Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by
larger municipalities at constant 2010 prices**

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2010 prices	December 2012 to February 2013	March to May 2013	% change between December 2012 to February 2013 and March to May 2013
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 076 865	8 539 972	5,7
Non-residential buildings	5 243 890	4 821 831	-8,0
Additions and alterations	4 944 865	5 508 903	11,4
Total	18 265 620	18 870 706	3,3

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed increased by 3,3% during the three months ended May 2013 compared with the previous three months. The biggest percentage increase was reported for additions and alterations (11,4%), followed by residential buildings (5,7%). A decrease was reported for non-residential buildings (-8,0%) (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 2012 versus January to May 2013**

Estimates at current prices	January to May 2012 1/	January to May 2013 1/	Difference in value between January to May 2012 and January to May 2013	% change between January to May 2012 and January to May 2013
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 498 879	9 968 223	1 469 344	17,3
-Dwelling-houses	6 461 780	6 982 604	520 824	8,1
-Flats and townhouses	1 992 001	2 723 959	731 958	36,7
-Other residential buildings	45 098	261 660	216 562	480,2
Non-residential buildings	5 200 768	5 471 855	271 087	5,2
Additions and alterations	4 349 027	5 586 330	1 237 303	28,5
Total	18 048 674	21 026 408	2 977 734	16,5

1/ 2012 and 2013 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 16,5% (R2 977,7 million) during January to May 2013 compared with January to May 2012.

The biggest percentage increase was reported for additions and alterations (28,5% or R1 237,3 million), followed by residential buildings (17,3% or R1 469,3 million) and non-residential buildings (5,2% or R271,1 million) during the above-mentioned period.

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to May 2012 versus January to May 2013**

Estimates at current prices	January to May 2012 1/	January to May 2013 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to May 2012	% change between January to May 2012 and January to May 2013	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January to May 2012 and January to May 2013 2/	Difference in value between January to May 2012 and January to May 2013
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	4 381 062	6 833 468	24,3	56,0	13,6	2 452 406
Eastern Cape	661 465	973 451	3,7	47,2	1,7	311 986
Northern Cape	203 895	88 141	1,1	-56,8	-0,6	-115 754
Free State	473 476	478 746	2,6	1,1	0,0	5 270
KwaZulu-Natal	2 429 821	2 867 099	13,5	18,0	2,4	437 278
North West	468 967	518 925	2,6	10,7	0,3	49 958
Gauteng	8 410 238	8 290 024	46,6	-1,4	-0,7	-120 214
Mpumalanga	837 279	741 771	4,6	-11,4	-0,5	-95 508
Limpopo	182 471	234 783	1,0	28,7	0,3	52 312
Total	18 048 674	21 026 408	100,0	16,5	16,5	2 977 734

1/ 2012 and 2013 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 2012 and Jan. to May 2013 with the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during Jan. to May 2012, divided by 100.

Six provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to May 2013. The year-on-year increase was dominated by Western Cape (contributing 13,6 percentage points or R2 452,4 million) (see Table F).

**Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2010 prices:
January to May 2012 versus January to May 2013**

Estimates at constant 2010 prices	January to May 2012 1/	January to May 2013 1/	Difference in value between January to May 2012 and January to May 2013	% change between January to May 2012 and January to May 2013
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 025 557	8 927 360	901 803	11,2
Non-residential buildings	5 173 560	5 130 300	-43 260	-0,8
Additions and alterations	4 196 804	5 079 908	883 104	21,0
Total	17 395 921	19 137 568	1 741 647	10,0

1/ 2012 and 2013 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Real value of buildings reported as completed

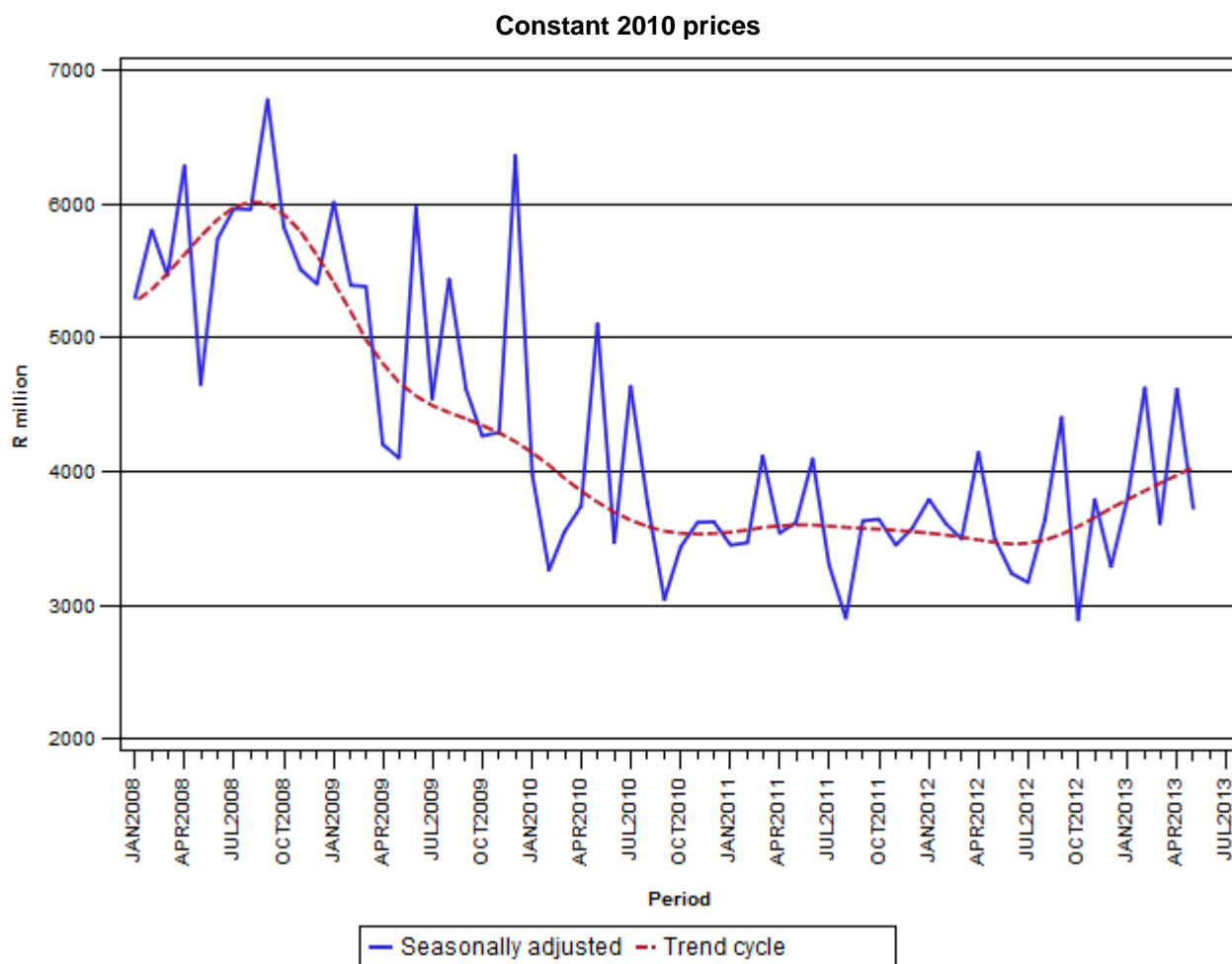
The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2010 prices) increased year-on-year by 10,0% (R1 741,6 million) during January to May 2013. Increases were reported for additions and alterations (21,0% or R883,1 million) and residential buildings (11,2% or R901,8 million). A decrease was reported for non-residential buildings (-0,8% or -R43,3 million) during the above-mentioned period.

**Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to
larger municipalities at constant 2010 prices**

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2010 prices	December 2012 to February 2013	March to May 2013	% change between December 2012 to February 2013 and March to May 2013
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 916 372	5 859 047	-1,0
Non-residential buildings	3 052 508	2 877 115	-5,7
Additions and alterations	2 761 242	3 216 942	16,5
Total	11 730 122	11 953 104	1,9

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 1,9% during the three months ended May 2013 compared with the previous three months. An increase was reported for additions and alterations (16,5%) while decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-5,7%) and residential buildings (-1,0%) (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/
2012 2/	January	1 999 971	27,6	816 060	-50,7	1 487 414	17,0	4 303 445	-4,3
	February	2 540 679	28,9	1 320 373	19,1	1 800 708	0,3	5 661 760	16,2
	March	2 334 556	-24,1	855 381	-14,5	1 649 695	-16,7	4 839 632	-20,1
	April	2 128 577	5,3	1 159 307	72,4	1 678 620	18,9	4 966 504	21,0
	May	3 034 909	24,9	1 620 294	7,3	1 778 459	4,3	6 433 662	14,0
	June	2 512 903	-14,7	2 088 703	54,1	1 828 739	4,7	6 430 345	6,3
	July	2 959 391	9,3	1 119 565	8,4	2 094 759	21,5	6 173 715	13,0
	August	3 223 347	19,0	1 504 377	26,1	2 185 910	16,0	6 913 634	19,5
	September	2 776 958	11,3	1 652 004	-0,2	2 034 225	5,0	6 463 187	6,2
	October	3 428 405	52,2	1 938 786	-22,3	2 324 138	23,5	7 691 329	16,0
	November	3 755 893	28,3	1 790 067	78,8	2 260 925	0,4	7 806 885	26,3
	December	2 278 150	7,2	1 541 654	16,9	1 377 417	-22,9	5 197 221	-0,6
	Total	32 973 739	12,8	17 406 571	8,8	22 501 009	5,3	72 881 319	9,4
2013 2/	January	2 172 570	8,6	2 268 204	177,9	1 490 780	0,2	5 931 554	37,8
	February	3 310 108	30,3	1 711 020	29,6	2 010 618	11,7	7 031 746	24,2
	March	2 955 321	26,6	2 074 686	142,5	1 693 296	2,6	6 723 303	38,9
	April	3 123 662	46,7	1 227 575	5,9	2 212 541	31,8	6 563 778	32,2
	May	3 521 751	16,0	2 001 469	23,5	2 051 662	15,4	7 574 882	17,7

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/
2012	January	2 759 163	2,0	942 866	-37,0	2 076 115	-2,3	5 778 144	-8,7
	February	2 586 726	-6,2	1 343 771	42,5	1 789 905	-13,8	5 720 402	-1,0
	March	2 508 362	-3,0	899 960	-33,0	1 793 689	0,2	5 202 011	-9,1
	April	2 431 343	-3,1	1 521 394	69,1	1 867 708	4,1	5 820 445	11,9
	May	2 757 199	13,4	1 421 540	-6,6	1 847 946	-1,1	6 026 685	3,5
	June	2 293 927	-16,8	1 645 968	15,8	1 887 841	2,2	5 827 736	-3,3
	July	2 734 217	19,2	1 188 351	-27,8	1 915 590	1,5	5 838 158	0,2
	August	2 938 710	7,5	1 572 333	32,3	2 033 301	6,1	6 544 344	12,1
	September	2 617 523	-10,9	1 500 011	-4,6	1 773 210	-12,8	5 890 744	-10,0
	October	2 963 209	13,2	1 717 924	14,5	1 937 122	9,2	6 618 255	12,4
	November	3 360 380	13,4	1 773 913	3,3	1 941 127	0,2	7 075 420	6,9
	December	2 906 886	-13,5	1 724 265	-2,8	1 636 097	-15,7	6 267 248	-11,4
2013	January	2 990 435	2,9	2 573 786	49,3	2 040 357	24,7	7 604 578	21,3
	February	3 388 537	13,3	1 725 012	-33,0	1 998 443	-2,1	7 111 992	-6,5
	March	3 196 411	-5,7	2 235 524	29,6	1 855 972	-7,1	7 287 907	2,5
	April	3 572 908	11,8	1 645 710	-26,4	2 466 919	32,9	7 685 537	5,5
	May	3 224 005	-9,8	1 748 013	6,2	2 132 633	-13,6	7 104 651	-7,6
	Dec. 12 - Feb. 13	9 285 858		6 023 063		5 674 897		20 983 818	
	Mar. - May 13 2/	9 993 324	7,6	5 629 247	-6,5	6 455 524	13,8	22 078 095	5,2

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 2010 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/
2012 2/	January	1 844 992	20,0	752 823	-53,7	1 372 153	10,0	3 969 968	-10,0
	February	2 320 255	21,1	1 205 820	11,8	1 644 482	-5,8	5 170 557	9,1
	March	2 120 396	-28,1	776 913	-19,1	1 498 361	-21,1	4 395 670	-24,3
	April	1 926 314	-0,5	1 049 147	62,8	1 519 113	12,3	4 494 574	14,3
	May	2 736 618	17,6	1 461 041	1,0	1 603 660	-1,8	5 801 319	7,3
	June	2 257 774	-19,6	1 876 642	45,3	1 643 072	-1,3	5 777 488	0,2
	July	2 642 313	3,3	999 612	2,5	1 870 321	14,9	5 512 246	6,8
	August	2 877 988	12,8	1 343 194	19,4	1 951 705	9,9	6 172 887	13,2
	September	2 472 803	5,7	1 471 063	-5,3	1 811 420	-0,4	5 755 286	0,8
	October	3 044 765	44,5	1 721 835	-26,2	2 064 066	17,3	6 830 666	10,1
	November	3 320 860	21,8	1 582 729	69,8	1 999 050	-4,7	6 902 639	19,9
	December	2 007 181	1,8	1 358 285	11,0	1 213 583	-26,8	4 579 049	-5,6
	Total	29 572 259	6,6	15 599 104	2,7	20 190 986	-0,4	65 362 349	3,4
2013 2/	January	1 895 785	2,8	1 979 236	162,9	1 300 855	-5,2	5 175 876	30,4
	February	2 870 866	23,7	1 483 972	23,1	1 743 814	6,0	6 098 652	17,9
	March	2 525 915	19,1	1 773 236	128,2	1 447 262	-3,4	5 746 413	30,7
	April	2 651 666	37,7	1 042 084	-0,7	1 878 218	23,6	5 571 968	24,0
	May	2 999 788	9,6	1 704 829	16,7	1 747 583	9,0	6 452 200	11,2

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 2010 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/
2012	January	2 532 214	1,6	864 400	-37,4	1 908 599	-2,6	5 305 213	-9,0
	February	2 355 585	-7,0	1 227 543	42,0	1 633 809	-14,4	5 216 937	-1,7
	March	2 284 757	-3,0	821 639	-33,1	1 625 056	-0,5	4 731 452	-9,3
	April	2 207 035	-3,4	1 383 437	68,4	1 699 112	4,6	5 289 584	11,8
	May	2 495 285	13,1	1 286 963	-7,0	1 672 666	-1,6	5 454 914	3,1
	June	2 063 992	-17,3	1 482 069	15,2	1 699 421	1,6	5 245 482	-3,8
	July	2 447 964	18,6	1 067 972	-27,9	1 717 567	1,1	5 233 503	-0,2
	August	2 628 466	7,4	1 404 665	31,5	1 817 264	5,8	5 850 395	11,8
	September	2 336 909	-11,1	1 335 267	-4,9	1 580 303	-13,0	5 252 479	-10,2
	October	2 627 478	12,4	1 512 326	13,3	1 715 550	8,6	5 855 354	11,5
	November	2 953 930	12,4	1 561 279	3,2	1 709 142	-0,4	6 224 351	6,3
	December	2 545 601	-13,8	1 511 701	-3,2	1 434 135	-16,1	5 491 437	-11,8
2013	January	2 598 907	2,1	2 234 257	47,8	1 776 286	23,9	6 609 450	20,4
	February	2 932 357	12,8	1 497 932	-33,0	1 734 444	-2,4	6 164 733	-6,7
	March	2 740 865	-6,5	1 923 091	28,4	1 582 391	-8,8	6 246 347	1,3
	April	3 042 547	11,0	1 405 043	-26,9	2 105 373	33,1	6 552 963	4,9
	May	2 756 560	-9,4	1 493 697	6,3	1 821 139	-13,5	6 071 396	-7,3
	Dec. 12 - Feb. 13	8 076 865		5 243 890		4 944 865		18 265 620	
	Mar. - May 13 2/	8 539 972	5,7	4 821 831	-8,0	5 508 903	11,4	18 870 706	3,3

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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/
2012 2/	January	1 251 787	11,2	687 384	54,7	636 117	-14,2	2 575 288	11,4
	February	1 751 099	11,4	876 714	28,9	954 095	-9,4	3 581 908	8,4
	March	2 121 476	7,6	731 675	-27,3	1 031 193	-22,7	3 884 344	-9,9
	April	1 625 781	8,4	1 648 650	60,0	947 935	17,8	4 222 366	26,6
	May	1 748 736	-2,5	1 256 345	17,0	779 687	-3,8	3 784 768	2,9
	June	1 741 107	-6,2	683 960	-35,9	897 998	-15,3	3 323 065	-16,6
	July	2 143 594	22,2	659 797	-18,5	726 627	-22,1	3 530 018	1,0
	August	2 173 023	41,6	736 458	33,2	1 027 924	14,4	3 937 405	31,9
	September	1 896 278	-4,5	1 600 107	146,0	831 207	-14,6	4 327 592	19,9
	October	1 944 496	-5,1	599 012	-47,8	820 473	-12,4	3 363 981	-18,6
	November	2 586 248	18,9	1 482 104	62,5	866 728	-22,3	4 935 080	17,4
	December	2 088 044	1,2	755 250	7,0	664 981	-18,1	3 508 275	-2,0
	Total	23 071 669	7,9	11 717 456	16,2	10 184 965	-11,2	44 974 090	4,8
2013 2/	January	1 633 635	30,5	402 131	-41,5	787 064	23,7	2 822 830	9,6
	February	2 121 423	21,1	1 502 515	71,4	1 233 823	29,3	4 857 761	35,6
	March	1 984 387	-6,5	1 078 631	47,4	1 158 924	12,4	4 221 942	8,7
	April	2 281 322	40,3	1 258 675	-23,7	1 364 886	44,0	4 904 883	16,2
	May	1 947 456	11,4	1 229 903	-2,1	1 041 633	33,6	4 218 992	11,5

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/
2012	January	1 847 481	2,5	1 189 528	37,9	848 181	-15,6	3 885 190	5,9
	February	1 918 436	3,8	923 357	-22,4	884 864	4,3	3 726 657	-4,1
	March	1 973 115	2,9	697 422	-24,5	977 594	10,5	3 648 131	-2,1
	April	1 908 043	-3,3	1 474 219	111,4	917 527	-6,1	4 299 789	17,9
	May	1 846 964	-3,2	960 724	-34,8	848 239	-7,6	3 655 927	-15,0
	June	1 801 865	-2,4	728 689	-24,2	885 323	4,4	3 415 877	-6,6
	July	2 038 511	13,1	710 056	-2,6	623 722	-29,5	3 372 289	-1,3
	August	2 017 231	-1,0	942 433	32,7	906 906	45,4	3 866 570	14,7
	September	1 879 733	-6,8	1 964 261	108,4	848 816	-6,4	4 692 810	21,4
	October	1 851 733	-1,5	407 522	-79,3	861 067	1,4	3 120 322	-33,5
	November	2 104 253	13,6	1 190 663	192,2	787 394	-8,6	4 082 310	30,8
	December	1 820 842	-13,5	928 067	-22,1	820 885	4,3	3 569 794	-12,6
2013	January	2 402 700	32,0	701 048	-24,5	1 060 746	29,2	4 164 494	16,7
	February	2 326 988	-3,2	1 579 481	125,3	1 133 137	6,8	5 039 606	21,0
	March	1 832 705	-21,2	1 034 375	-34,5	1 091 102	-3,7	3 958 182	-21,5
	April	2 683 561	46,4	1 104 470	6,8	1 312 477	20,3	5 100 508	28,9
	May	2 056 001	-23,4	932 055	-15,6	1 143 466	-12,9	4 131 522	-19,0
	Dec. 12 - Feb. 13	6 550 530		3 208 596		3 014 768		12 773 894	
	Mar. - May 13 2/	6 572 267	0,3	3 070 900	-4,3	3 547 045	17,7	13 190 212	3,3

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 2010 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/
2012 2/	January	1 191 228	5,5	684 645	48,7	624 256	-17,2	2 500 129	6,7
	February	1 664 481	5,6	874 964	24,6	928 108	-12,9	3 467 553	3,7
	March	2 002 975	1,8	728 760	-29,7	989 629	-26,4	3 721 364	-14,4
	April	1 529 855	2,3	1 638 817	54,3	907 984	12,2	4 076 656	21,1
	May	1 637 018	-8,2	1 246 374	12,7	746 827	-7,7	3 630 219	-1,8
	June	1 627 901	-11,4	676 518	-38,1	856 051	-18,9	3 160 470	-20,7
	July	1 987 353	15,1	647 495	-21,3	686 144	-26,1	3 320 992	-4,5
	August	2 004 347	33,7	716 399	28,0	968 826	8,1	3 689 572	24,9
	September	1 739 544	-9,6	1 535 611	134,2	779 744	-19,6	4 054 899	14,3
	October	1 775 953	-10,5	573 766	-50,3	767 514	-17,5	3 117 233	-23,4
	November	2 353 142	11,8	1 419 640	55,9	807 009	-27,1	4 579 791	11,1
	December	1 895 311	-4,6	719 971	2,5	616 865	-23,2	3 232 147	-7,4
	Total	21 409 108	1,9	11 462 960	11,7	9 678 957	-15,6	42 551 025	-0,5
2013 2/	January	1 471 481	23,5	379 727	-44,5	726 074	16,3	2 577 282	3,1
	February	1 910 031	14,8	1 416 131	61,9	1 126 779	21,4	4 452 941	28,4
	March	1 779 745	-11,1	1 011 849	38,8	1 052 610	6,4	3 844 204	3,3
	April	2 035 427	33,0	1 177 432	-28,2	1 235 191	36,0	4 448 050	9,1
	May	1 730 676	5,7	1 145 161	-8,1	939 254	25,8	3 815 091	5,1

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 2010 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/
2012	January	1 764 779	1,9	1 199 049	39,3	827 445	-15,9	3 791 273	6,0
	February	1 826 560	3,5	925 941	-22,8	857 398	3,6	3 609 899	-4,8
	March	1 857 091	1,7	699 135	-24,5	939 701	9,6	3 495 927	-3,2
	April	1 795 179	-3,3	1 467 768	109,9	880 618	-6,3	4 143 565	18,5
	May	1 729 552	-3,7	951 203	-35,2	815 915	-7,3	3 496 670	-15,6
	June	1 676 802	-3,0	714 584	-24,9	845 682	3,6	3 237 068	-7,4
	July	1 887 257	12,6	691 526	-3,2	591 358	-30,1	3 170 141	-2,1
	August	1 862 141	-1,3	911 661	31,8	859 751	45,4	3 633 553	14,6
	September	1 731 572	-7,0	1 877 438	105,9	796 504	-7,4	4 405 514	21,2
	October	1 696 026	-2,1	390 109	-79,2	804 701	1,0	2 890 836	-34,4
	November	1 915 947	13,0	1 144 914	193,5	729 450	-9,4	3 790 311	31,1
	December	1 648 591	-14,0	886 355	-22,6	754 493	3,4	3 289 439	-13,2
2013	January	2 171 018	31,7	669 444	-24,5	974 355	29,1	3 814 817	16,0
	February	2 096 763	-3,4	1 496 709	123,6	1 032 394	6,0	4 625 866	21,3
	March	1 639 389	-21,8	976 043	-34,8	993 037	-3,8	3 608 469	-22,0
	April	2 392 691	46,0	1 034 550	6,0	1 190 001	19,8	4 617 242	28,0
	May	1 826 967	-23,6	866 522	-16,2	1 033 904	-13,1	3 727 393	-19,3
	Dec. 12 - Feb. 13	5 916 372		3 052 508		2 761 242		11 730 122	
	Mar. - May 13 2/	5 859 047	-1,0	2 877 115	-5,7	3 216 942	16,5	11 953 104	1,9

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 2012	Apr. 2013	May 2013	Jan. - May 2012	Jan. - May 2013	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	1 638	1 705	1 113	7 561	7 179	-5,1
		square metres	77 800	79 831	53 862	365 041	359 090	-1,6
		R'000	221 423	263 924	186 348	1 093 505	1 151 220	5,3
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	1 358	1 399	1 374	6 553	6 816	4,0
		square metres	338 138	358 108	390 403	1 507 649	1 692 246	12,2
		R'000	1 818 290	2 037 031	2 194 906	7 987 936	9 548 089	19,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	1 641	1 989	2 171	5 279	7 588	43,7
		square metres	158 617	129 624	201 244	505 125	681 996	35,0
		R'000	953 701	776 080	1 136 078	2 784 629	4 108 735	47,6
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	9 682	5 473	977	36 719	43 029	17,2
		R'000	41 495	46 627	4 419	172 622	275 368	59,5
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	3 034 909	3 123 662	3 521 751	12 038 692	15 083 412	25,3
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	79 164	21 451	35 453	186 584	244 134
R'000			541 322	172 425	269 024	1 208 497	1 754 308	45,2
2. Shopping space		square metres	77 559	43 340	166 962	303 146	571 583	88,6
		R'000	419 171	247 984	1 040 087	1 605 225	3 634 802	126,4
3. Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	150 536	156 417	88 529	611 075	693 740	13,5
		R'000	585 517	663 087	369 854	2 464 163	3 033 574	23,1
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	14 995	25 115	61 294	100 228	157 856	57,5
		R'000	74 284	144 079	322 504	493 530	860 270	74,3
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 620 294	1 227 575	2 001 469	5 771 415	9 282 954	60,8
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	260 722	288 226	255 159	1 232 780	1 231 799
	R'000		1 282 800	1 536 104	1 328 791	6 119 614	6 491 620	6,1
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	89 436	101 794	104 113	369 804	436 650	18,1
		R'000	495 659	676 437	722 871	2 275 282	2 967 277	30,4
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 778 459	2 212 541	2 051 662	8 394 896	9 458 897	12,7
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	6 433 662	6 563 778	7 574 882	26 205 003	33 825 263	29,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2012 and 2013.

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 2012	Apr. 2013	May 2013	Jan. - May 2012	Jan. - May 2013	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	479	535	315	1 979	2 213	11,8
		square metres	21 568	23 108	14 672	90 090	99 447	10,4
		R'000	49 495	65 143	50 100	229 950	297 764	29,5
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	254	325	348	1 259	1 360	8,0
		square metres	66 389	75 444	91 464	303 860	335 184	10,3
		R'000	338 283	449 894	525 010	1 534 149	1 934 907	26,1
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	329	937	293	1 176	1 679	42,8
		square metres	24 459	46 658	26 337	102 867	125 413	21,9
		R'000	134 382	307 873	174 233	537 352	832 803	55,0
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	605	256	2 606	4 241	62,7
		R'000	0	5 657	1 792	13 655	28 142	106,1
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	522 160	828 567	751 135	2 315 106	3 093 616	33,6
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	2 652	8 142	1 625	36 069	19 417	-46,2
		R'000	13 320	60 458	12 391	193 382	143 867	-25,6
	2. Shopping space	square metres	11 720	8 203	0	50 657	39 952	-21,1
		R'000	60 547	62 070	0	279 561	296 897	6,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 288	23 715	3 766	99 254	116 921	17,8
		R'000	8 577	122 435	16 047	459 284	630 921	37,4
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 906	9 363	23 148	14 529	50 791	249,6
		R'000	9 476	54 010	87 097	74 938	234 724	213,2
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	91 920	298 973	115 535	1 007 165	1 306 409	29,7
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	72 588	71 845	84 002	337 148	342 820	1,7
		R'000	328 518	347 893	406 940	1 543 311	1 671 091	8,3
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	21 479	26 944	19 658	90 717	115 114	26,9
		R'000	123 400	225 615	181 759	662 352	952 568	43,8
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	451 918	573 508	588 699	2 205 663	2 623 659	19,0
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 065 998	1 701 048	1 455 369	5 527 934	7 023 684	27,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2012 and 2013.

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 2012	Apr. 2013	May 2013	Jan. - May 2012	Jan. - May 2013	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	50	18	41	291	109	-62,5
		square metres	2 170	990	2 555	14 351	6 263	-56,4
		R'000	5 466	4 231	8 958	35 326	22 674	-35,8
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	70	60	72	302	315	4,3
		square metres	15 029	13 788	15 553	64 360	72 715	13,0
		R'000	62 611	60 101	70 015	275 984	338 148	22,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	15	412	42	465	498	7,1
		square metres	1 015	22 266	7 277	28 728	35 162	22,4
		R'000	4 050	104 891	32 699	118 256	160 582	35,8
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	8 345	470	0	9 045	1 935	-78,6
		R'000	35 751	3 055	0	39 951	8 221	-79,4
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	107 878	172 278	111 672	469 517	529 625	12,8
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	1 992	2 407	13 365	455,3
		R'000	0	0	6 972	9 880	51 755	423,8
	2. Shopping space	square metres	32 824	5 209	118 017	47 176	143 956	205,1
		R'000	145 689	20 341	706 469	197 118	819 551	315,8
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 623	3 020	21 993	52 347	70 334	34,4
		R'000	5 333	9 729	67 122	154 624	241 781	56,4
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 597	3 934	5 240	15 153	12 733	-16,0
		R'000	13 736	13 451	18 650	62 154	44 537	-28,3
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	164 758	43 521	799 213	423 776	1 157 624	173,2
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	28 840	31 737	24 315	120 496	112 061	-7,0
		R'000	117 391	133 488	101 616	494 831	481 798	-2,6
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	9 304	6 566	3 390	50 262	37 615	-25,2
		R'000	28 646	28 786	14 082	166 634	162 239	-2,6
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	146 037	162 274	115 698	661 465	644 037	-2,6
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	418 673	378 073	1 026 583	1 554 758	2 331 286	49,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2012 and 2013.

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 2012	Apr. 2013	May 2013	Jan. - May 2012	Jan. - May 2013	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	0	0	0	502	1	-99,8
		square metres	0	0	0	20 859	69	-99,7
		R'000	0	0	0	87 584	290	-99,7
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	25	53	36	80	146	82,5
		square metres	5 648	6 880	9 116	19 269	24 951	29,5
		R'000	23 904	29 704	40 730	82 228	109 376	33,0
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	0	9	0	2	50	2 400,0
		square metres	0	1 068	0	142	5 963	4 099,3
		R'000	0	4 486	0	639	26 267	4 010,6
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	191	0	7 283	..
		R'000	0	0	860	0	42 565	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	23 904	34 190	41 590	170 451	178 498	4,7
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	229	0	0	3 635	3 250	-10,6
		R'000	916	0	0	15 582	12 675	-18,7
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	473	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	1 663	0	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	437	356	1 188	8 476	613,5
		R'000	0	1 968	1 709	5 170	40 264	678,8
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	105	300	2 934	405	-86,2
		R'000	0	473	1 351	11 182	1 824	-83,7
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	916	2 441	3 060	33 597	54 763	63,0
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 353	2 635	2 778	22 708	16 029	-29,4
		R'000	18 460	11 587	11 996	97 199	69 792	-28,2
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 843	2 177	1 593	11 715	5 035	-57,0
		R'000	16 795	11 046	8 381	53 057	29 243	-44,9
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	35 255	22 633	20 377	150 256	99 035	-34,1
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	60 075	59 264	65 027	354 304	332 296	-6,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2012 and 2013.

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 2012	Apr. 2013	May 2013	Jan. - May 2012	Jan. - May 2013	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	14	80	90	213	506	137,6
		square metres	748	4 465	5 133	11 145	27 361	145,5
		R'000	2 025	9 404	11 890	24 308	56 451	132,2
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	58	93	56	312	332	6,4
		square metres	13 338	20 186	11 125	68 258	65 785	-3,6
		R'000	56 168	88 500	50 487	276 979	290 843	5,0
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	20	0	215	165	271	64,2
		square metres	1 336	0	15 093	15 516	23 536	51,7
		R'000	6 012	0	82 144	74 654	128 270	71,8
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 085	0	0	12 570	556	-95,6
		R'000	4 736	0	0	67 289	3 380	-95,0
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	68 941	97 904	144 521	443 230	478 944	8,1
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	3 705	0	0	4 667	472	-89,9
		R'000	18 202	0	0	21 748	2 596	-88,1
	2. Shopping space	square metres	649	2 094	0	17 826	2 999	-83,2
		R'000	3 570	12 142	0	95 850	17 003	-82,3
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	15 964	164	969	19 545	1 750	-91,0
		R'000	62 405	492	3 390	75 645	5 733	-92,4
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	138	0	898	3 462	3 414	-1,4
		R'000	484	0	2 694	13 847	16 863	21,8
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	84 661	12 634	6 084	207 090	42 195	-79,6
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 395	18 963	10 830	62 970	-5,8
			R'000	41 079	80 710	46 521	230 378	12,9
		2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 029	3 016	89	27 288	-72,0
			R'000	12 943	17 244	2 526	145 306	-40,5
		3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	54 022	97 954	49 047	375 684	-7,7
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	207 624	208 492	199 652	1 026 004	867 802	-15,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2012 and 2013.

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 2012	Apr. 2013	May 2013	Jan. - May 2012	Jan. - May 2013	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	67	44	134	167	254	52,1
		square metres	4 019	2 604	4 627	9 804	11 780	20,2
		R'000	19 604	18 910	15 639	57 635	61 594	6,9
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	114	99	122	517	491	-5,0
		square metres	29 305	27 020	38 590	147 511	149 376	1,3
		R'000	212 339	177 156	281 285	1 033 123	1 058 670	2,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	123	59	645	486	1 113	129,0
		square metres	18 528	7 411	42 766	68 518	105 906	54,6
		R'000	128 918	52 607	229 039	433 217	686 359	58,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	366	0	0	3 176	..
		R'000	0	3 148	0	0	15 087	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	360 861	251 821	525 963	1 523 975	1 821 710	19,5
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	7 236	0	5 367	24 381	43 567	78,7
		R'000	50 989	0	39 877	182 552	305 504	67,4
	2. Shopping space	square metres	8 792	0	29 230	19 679	47 172	139,7
		R'000	47 781	0	227 309	114 895	334 120	190,8
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	85 501	59 220	11 897	162 266	182 400	12,4
		R'000	340 248	235 728	63 683	644 780	760 582	18,0
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	4 127	2 123	17 835	19 626	24 621	25,5
		R'000	22 884	14 861	140 612	107 862	183 813	70,4
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	461 902	250 589	471 481	1 050 089	1 584 019	50,8
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	27 460	27 703	28 012	129 030	127 370	-1,3
		R'000	177 780	190 223	176 435	835 768	842 951	0,9
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	10 792	16 866	24 487	47 609	94 110	97,7
		R'000	66 646	127 315	186 441	334 504	681 030	103,6
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	244 426	317 538	362 876	1 170 272	1 523 981	30,2
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 067 189	819 948	1 360 320	3 744 336	4 929 710	31,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2012 and 2013.

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 2012	Apr. 2013	May 2013	Jan. - May 2012	Jan. - May 2013	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	26	8	8	92	517	462,0
		square metres	1 469	403	495	4 824	30 852	539,6
		R'000	3 018	1 630	2 165	10 455	60 953	483,0
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	107	84	107	504	465	-7,7
		square metres	28 091	18 103	28 738	111 426	104 959	-5,8
		R'000	137 732	76 815	129 973	494 990	469 612	-5,1
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	39	114	91	197	665	237,6
		square metres	4 429	12 054	6 531	18 194	52 373	187,9
		R'000	20 018	57 221	31 326	74 981	256 880	242,6
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	252	0	530	252	7 392	2 833,3
		R'000	1 008	0	1 767	1 008	38 064	3 676,2
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	161 776	135 666	165 231	581 434	825 509	42,0
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	1 128	2 119	2 323	9,6
		R'000	0	0	5 640	7 648	10 908	42,6
	2. Shopping space	square metres	1 451	764	5 170	36 508	49 377	35,2
		R'000	5 919	3 029	24 490	177 091	239 886	35,5
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 713	450	0	15 785	5 417	-65,7
		R'000	8 139	2 520	0	47 162	20 298	-57,0
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	229	422	7 538	2 818	-62,6
		R'000	0	1 590	1 772	35 780	12 059	-66,3
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	14 058	7 139	31 902	267 681	283 151	5,8
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 961	14 527	15 700	69 272	73 197	5,7
		R'000	54 175	62 453	65 782	274 886	301 502	9,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	6 694	4 501	8 609	22 707	19 993	-12,0
		R'000	28 769	22 036	38 797	90 726	92 424	1,9
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	82 944	84 489	104 579	365 612	393 926	7,7
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	258 778	227 294	301 712	1 214 727	1 502 586	23,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2012 and 2013.

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 2012	Apr 2013	May 2013	Jan. - May 2012	Jan. - May 2013	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	950	847	447	4 017	3 104	-22,7
		square metres	44 503	39 052	22 130	196 984	156 971	-20,3
		R'000	127 011	123 101	76 201	583 859	528 319	-9,5
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	562	523	437	2 701	2 679	-0,8
		square metres	139 772	151 784	146 037	600 230	710 978	18,5
		R'000	815 265	955 577	883 046	3 452 017	4 344 817	25,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	1 068	398	788	2 345	2 857	21,8
		square metres	101 006	31 941	90 720	220 837	283 512	28,4
		R'000	627 578	215 909	537 469	1 322 595	1 813 499	37,1
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	4 032	0	12 106	14 659	21,1
		R'000	0	34 767	0	50 229	122 387	143,7
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	1 569 854	1 329 354	1 496 716	5 408 700	6 809 022	25,9
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	61 579	12 898	21 121	103 012	147 524
R'000			440 961	110 472	180 677	733 015	1 163 555	58,7
2. Shopping space		square metres	21 990	5 327	8 295	50 419	218 138	332,7
		R'000	155 201	35 450	55 531	328 701	1 592 470	384,5
3. Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	30 762	55 522	44 196	195 321	261 513	33,9
		R'000	115 223	235 748	191 785	807 953	1 134 570	40,4
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	4 321	8 777	5 844	28 319	49 823	75,9
		R'000	19 730	57 316	31 712	155 266	304 059	95,8
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	731 115	438 986	459 705	2 024 935	4 194 654	107,2
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	86 636	99 083	72 261	413 218	406 990
	R'000		481 540	612 541	444 845	2 323 374	2 463 226	6,0
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	33 426	39 109	43 083	110 557	146 307	32,3
		R'000	209 160	232 339	275 585	707 271	903 951	27,8
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	690 700	844 880	720 430	3 030 645	3 367 177	11,1
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	2 991 669	2 613 220	2 676 851	10 464 280	14 370 853	37,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2012 and 2013.

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 2012	Apr. 2013	May 2013	Jan. - May 2012	Jan. - May 2013	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	30	140	32	241	301	24,9
		square metres	1 963	7 305	1 505	13 365	16 069	20,2
		R'000	7 720	32 192	6 520	44 614	69 662	56,1
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	121	105	154	666	814	22,2
		square metres	27 403	29 321	39 313	138 801	168 338	21,3
		R'000	110 570	129 977	166 825	581 190	729 733	25,6
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	18	18	33	173	185	6,9
		square metres	3 341	3 817	4 383	18 583	20 685	11,3
		R'000	13 364	15 268	17 532	85 463	84 805	-0,8
	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	131 654	177 437	190 877	711 267	884 200	24,3
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	411	4 080	3 739	11 871	217,5
		R'000	0	1 495	22 837	13 474	53 676	298,4
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	21 743	846	79 068	62 946	-20,4
		R'000	0	114 952	2 900	405 657	305 261	-24,7
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	8 938	6 667	4 702	46 817	29 925	-36,1
		R'000	34 298	29 190	23 525	190 133	134 207	-29,4
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	579	500	7 309	7 186	9 725	35,3
		R'000	2 777	2 000	37 481	26 842	47 282	76,1
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	37 075	147 637	86 743	636 106	540 426	-15,0
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 609	13 840	15 141	51 041	66 257	29,8
		R'000	42 747	62 681	65 246	200 547	277 911	38,6
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 869	1 517	1 207	7 366	5 618	-23,7
		R'000	9 300	7 123	7 272	106 238	36 088	-66,0
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	52 047	69 804	72 518	306 785	313 999	2,4
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	220 776	394 878	350 138	1 654 158	1 738 625	5,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2012 and 2013.

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 2012	Apr. 2013	May 2013	Jan. - May 2012	Jan. - May 2013	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	22	33	46	59	174	194,9
		square metres	1 360	1 904	2 745	3 619	10 278	184,0
		R'000	7 084	9 313	14 875	19 774	53 513	170,6
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	47	57	42	212	214	0,9
		square metres	13 163	15 582	10 467	53 934	59 960	11,2
		R'000	61 418	69 307	47 535	257 276	271 983	5,7
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	29	42	64	270	270	0,0
		square metres	4 503	4 409	8 137	31 740	29 446	-7,2
		R'000	19 379	17 825	31 636	137 472	119 270	-13,2
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	140	3 787	2 605,0
		R'000	0	0	0	490	17 522	3 475,9
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	87 881	96 445	94 046	415 012	462 288	11,4
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	3 763	0	140	6 555	2 345	-64,2
		R'000	16 934	0	630	31 216	9 772	-68,7
	2. Shopping space	square metres	133	0	5 404	1 340	7 043	425,6
		R'000	464	0	23 388	4 689	29 614	531,6
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 747	7 222	650	18 552	17 004	-8,3
		R'000	11 294	25 277	2 593	79 412	65 218	-17,9
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 327	84	298	1 481	3 526	138,1
		R'000	5 197	378	1 135	5 659	15 109	167,0
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	33 889	25 655	27 746	120 976	119 713	-1,0
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 880	7 893	2 120	26 897	27 765
R'000			21 110	34 528	9 410	119 320	123 168	3,2
2. Other buildings 4/		square metres	0	1 098	1 997	1 583	5 215	229,4
		R'000	0	4 933	8 028	9 194	23 252	152,9
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	21 110	39 461	17 438	128 514	146 420	13,9
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	142 880	161 561	139 230	664 502	728 421	9,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2012 and 2013.

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 2012	Apr. 2013	May 2013	Jan. - May 2012	Jan. - May 2013	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	2 179	2 209	1 050	7 585	8 048	6,1
		square metres	95 295	96 651	50 247	341 031	367 936	7,9
		R'000	219 959	250 914	149 825	894 524	947 965	6,0
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	978	1 115	893	4 640	4 615	-0,5
		square metres	237 433	274 192	240 339	1 112 304	1 125 490	1,2
		R'000	1 200 899	1 474 270	1 296 676	5 567 256	6 034 639	8,4
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	629	962	1 187	4 232	5 215	23,2
		square metres	61 321	90 463	100 513	394 530	482 538	22,3
		R'000	325 395	533 165	498 275	1 992 001	2 723 959	36,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	936	4 174	670	10 921	49 861	356,6
		R'000	2 483	22 973	2 680	45 098	261 660	480,2
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	1 748 736	2 281 322	1 947 456	8 498 879	9 968 223	17,3
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	47 460	77 200	38 397	163 389	364 119	122,9
		R'000	347 228	483 926	317 751	1 053 822	2 498 610	137,1
	2. Shopping space	square metres	8 275	58 244	68 424	320 599	187 697	-41,5
		R'000	42 301	284 222	336 037	1 801 586	944 381	-47,6
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	183 680	78 526	83 266	501 298	327 262	-34,7
		R'000	708 918	368 222	380 733	1 968 903	1 448 314	-26,4
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	30 471	23 448	44 597	73 775	117 025	58,6
		R'000	157 898	122 305	195 382	376 457	580 550	54,2
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 256 345	1 258 675	1 229 903	5 200 768	5 471 855	5,2
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	128 336	190 111	148 716	624 292	794 155	27,2
		R'000	561 296	886 743	700 043	2 806 901	3 641 840	29,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	37 111	102 925	70 712	242 699	355 893	46,6
		R'000	218 391	478 143	341 590	1 542 126	1 944 490	26,1
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	779 687	1 364 886	1 041 633	4 349 027	5 586 330	28,5
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	3 784 768	4 904 883	4 218 992	18 048 674	21 026 408	16,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2012 and 2013.

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 2012	Apr. 2013	May 2013	Jan. - May 2012	Jan. - May 2013	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	586	904	424	1 917	2 946	53,7
		square metres	25 439	39 788	18 520	81 816	127 578	55,9
		R'000	56 095	88 331	39 228	190 477	258 941	35,9
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	259	327	320	1 156	1 328	14,9
		square metres	65 682	84 417	81 103	280 308	320 715	14,4
		R'000	265 899	412 770	382 451	1 189 725	1 490 826	25,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	165	264	648	827	1 651	99,6
		square metres	15 736	26 801	57 702	85 290	166 973	95,8
		R'000	73 068	135 923	274 401	369 050	835 684	126,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	3 131	0	720	30 329	4 112,4
		R'000	0	18 801	0	4 531	153 940	3 297,5
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	395 062	655 825	696 080	1 753 783	2 739 391	56,2
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	17 184	2 229	13 540	76 797
R'000			0	68 779	9 685	71 165	355 992	400,2
2. Shopping space		square metres	245	12 668	38 125	62 090	65 160	4,9
		R'000	832	62 992	185 665	317 760	311 963	-1,8
3. Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	53 674	22 528	26 612	146 777	105 844	-27,9
		R'000	217 287	101 058	103 557	614 366	444 881	-27,6
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	2 375	21 265	1 542	9 946	45 532	357,8
		R'000	12 814	107 713	6 089	34 938	224 992	544,0
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	230 933	340 542	304 996	1 038 229	1 337 828	28,9
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	54 999	86 742	80 636	255 805	410 548
	R'000		195 410	326 325	302 946	930 727	1 542 850	65,8
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	19 153	85 502	43 711	85 695	241 277	181,6
		R'000	127 598	372 993	205 373	658 323	1 213 399	84,3
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	323 008	699 318	508 319	1 589 050	2 756 249	73,5
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	949 003	1 695 685	1 509 395	4 381 062	6 833 468	56,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2012 and 2013.

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 2012	Apr. 2013	May 2013	Jan. - May 2012	Jan. - May 2013	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	241	298	16	1 038	964	-7,1
		square metres	10 129	12 482	749	42 976	39 891	-7,2
		R'000	20 823	25 566	1 874	72 503	80 194	10,6
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	39	71	39	219	240	9,6
		square metres	9 151	13 235	8 725	44 185	47 988	8,6
		R'000	35 825	48 290	38 326	165 643	188 550	13,8
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	35	3	6	318	348	9,4
		square metres	2 547	930	653	25 103	20 547	-18,1
		R'000	10 524	2 790	2 269	83 150	70 022	-15,8
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	390	0	0	5 894	8 795	49,2
		R'000	1 365	0	0	16 534	37 351	125,9
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	68 537	76 646	42 469	337 830	376 117	11,3
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	16 158	7 567	-53,2
		R'000	0	0	0	49 178	29 207	-40,6
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	27 754	3 492	5 991	41 111	586,2
		R'000	0	99 712	12 233	30 401	147 101	383,9
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	629	1 777	4 827	8 113	21 520	165,3
		R'000	1 922	10 166	16 895	26 226	76 755	192,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	153	89	731	11 836	1 519,2
		R'000	0	449	312	2 785	54 918	1 871,9
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 922	110 327	29 440	108 590	307 981	183,6
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 931	14 649	8 727	42 448	62 155
R'000			37 280	51 758	32 929	141 223	216 244	53,1
2. Other buildings 4/		square metres	8 570	1 040	7 775	20 897	21 391	2,4
		R'000	32 355	4 226	26 822	73 822	73 109	-1,0
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	69 635	55 984	59 751	215 045	289 353	34,6
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	140 094	242 957	131 660	661 465	973 451	47,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2012 and 2013.

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 2012	Apr. 2013	May 2013	Jan. - May 2012	Jan. - May 2013	% 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	3	1	-66,7
		square metres	0	42	0	173	42	-75,7
		R'000	0	202	0	679	202	-70,3
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	8	3	4	36	27	-25,0
		square metres	1 593	431	802	6 899	5 971	-13,5
		R'000	6 987	1 943	3 482	30 001	26 794	-10,7
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	11	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	1 414	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	6 453	0	..
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	1 538	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	7 382	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	6 987	2 145	3 482	37 133	34 378	-7,4
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	190	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	855	0	..
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	124	0	0	259	..
		R'000	0	595	0	0	1 203	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 425	0	0	7 521	1 339	-82,2
		R'000	28 193	0	0	32 300	6 427	-80,1
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	0	262	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	996	..
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	28 193	595	0	33 155	8 626	-74,0
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 249	1 987	1 626	24 668	7 798	-68,4
		R'000	22 423	8 706	7 224	105 064	34 108	-67,5
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	346	0	1 484	6 846	2 408	-64,8
		R'000	1 453	0	6 594	28 543	11 029	-61,4
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	23 876	8 706	13 818	133 607	45 137	-66,2
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	59 056	11 446	17 300	203 895	88 141	-56,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2012 and 2013.

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 2012	Apr. 2013	May 2013	Jan. - May 2012	Jan. - May 2013	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	0	28	27	261	178	-31,8
		square metres	0	1 393	1 367	13 658	9 271	-32,1
		R'000	0	3 032	2 678	25 521	17 057	-33,2
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	24	83	34	229	199	-13,1
		square metres	6 799	14 655	8 741	46 229	47 867	3,5
		R'000	25 830	52 867	36 461	155 371	179 852	15,8
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	37	56	51,4
		square metres	0	0	0	4 204	3 897	-7,3
		R'000	0	0	0	15 858	21 236	33,9
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	670	0	2 366	..
		R'000	0	0	2 680	0	12 010	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	25 830	55 899	41 819	196 750	230 155	17,0
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 690	0
R'000			0	0	0	6 266	0	..
2. Shopping space		square metres	0	1 022	15 171	30 848	18 481	-40,1
		R'000	0	4 598	83 440	137 850	98 336	-28,7
3. Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	199	6 764	0	199	7 127	3 481,4
		R'000	597	40 584	0	597	41 673	6 880,4
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	0	1 921	961	1 921	99,9
		R'000	0	0	6 265	3 319	6 265	88,8
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	597	45 182	89 705	148 032	146 274	-1,2
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 317	5 665	4 895	20 842	19 665
	R'000		6 872	19 549	16 271	64 267	67 688	5,3
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	798	2 733	2 015	11 346	7 543	-33,5
		R'000	3 650	10 803	9 601	64 427	34 629	-46,3
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	10 522	30 352	25 872	128 694	102 317	-20,5
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	36 949	131 433	157 396	473 476	478 746	1,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2012 and 2013.

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 2012	Apr. 2013	May 2013	Jan. - May 2012	Jan. - May 2013	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	30	56	27	163	152	-6,7
		square metres	1 709	2 889	1 509	9 835	8 217	-16,5
		R'000	10 391	16 331	9 189	61 770	48 601	-21,3
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	99	86	74	422	346	-18,0
		square metres	24 178	22 636	19 274	108 975	90 927	-16,6
		R'000	170 357	162 580	135 226	730 256	675 830	-7,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	92	180	51	355	677	90,7
		square metres	12 981	24 027	9 583	52 997	86 666	63,5
		R'000	83 102	160 534	61 254	339 447	622 099	83,3
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	2 651	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	18 060	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	263 850	339 445	205 669	1 149 533	1 346 530	17,1
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	127	1 288	0	6 948	52 480
R'000			965	4 637	0	37 315	381 478	922,3
2. Shopping space		square metres	3 449	489	5 521	57 501	13 893	-75,8
		R'000	11 726	2 415	19 324	253 746	84 357	-66,8
3. Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	35 909	1 713	1 365	64 592	20 018	-69,0
		R'000	143 634	7 537	5 870	261 980	87 157	-66,7
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	493	38 113	5 966	44 556	646,8
		R'000	0	3 451	163 887	34 289	203 953	494,8
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	156 325	18 040	189 081	587 330	756 945	28,9
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 267	15 523	19 427	73 908	74 507
	R'000		88 069	120 507	159 688	542 178	587 535	8,4
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 978	4 822	2 470	25 549	13 219	-48,3
		R'000	16 091	27 330	17 690	150 780	176 089	16,8
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	104 160	147 837	177 378	692 958	763 624	10,2
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	524 335	505 322	572 128	2 429 821	2 867 099	18,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2012 and 2013.

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 2012	Apr. 2013	May 2013	Jan. - May 2012	Jan. - May 2013	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	20	5	1	45	17	-62,2
		square metres	785	299	54	2 270	1 048	-53,8
		R'000	1 084	894	178	5 906	3 241	-45,1
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	45	53	34	254	208	-18,1
		square metres	9 969	9 662	8 463	54 299	43 501	-19,9
		R'000	49 369	37 593	37 269	218 800	178 039	-18,6
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	23	37	56	290	321	10,7
		square metres	1 649	4 484	4 064	19 847	25 733	29,7
		R'000	8 972	20 440	20 117	81 394	125 278	53,9
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	546	0	0	546	0	..
		R'000	1 118	0	0	1 118	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	60 543	58 927	57 564	307 218	306 558	-0,2
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	786	0	15 963	1 855
R'000			0	3 930	0	54 161	8 233	-84,8
2. Shopping space		square metres	748	5 815	0	963	19 139	1 887,4
		R'000	4 058	37 874	0	4 585	97 225	2 020,5
3. Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	4 832	4 855	0	13 704	12 492	-8,8
		R'000	15 149	16 993	0	45 853	47 608	3,8
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	0	0	0	164	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	984	..
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	19 207	58 797	0	104 599	154 050	47,3
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 028	3 944	2 070	14 934	12 920
	R'000		11 697	14 631	7 934	47 634	45 986	-3,5
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	169	1 134	283	2 360	2 621	11,1
		R'000	487	5 206	1 133	9 516	12 331	29,6
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	12 184	19 837	9 067	57 150	58 317	2,0
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	91 934	137 561	66 631	468 967	518 925	10,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2012 and 2013.

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 2012	Apr. 2013	May 2013	Jan. - May 2012	Jan. - May 2013	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	1 252	788	463	3 995	3 457	-13,5
		square metres	54 363	33 245	21 905	181 022	163 078	-9,9
		R'000	120 752	92 695	70 968	502 205	466 732	-7,1
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	381	372	313	1 772	1 751	-1,2
		square metres	95 347	107 235	97 609	449 468	465 261	3,5
		R'000	541 468	666 480	597 959	2 576 631	2 864 528	11,2
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	257	445	371	2 118	1 892	-10,7
		square metres	23 197	30 586	24 241	167 839	153 615	-8,5
		R'000	129 016	198 020	122 094	938 927	942 057	0,3
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	619	5 790	835,4
		R'000	0	0	0	2 475	46 805	1 791,1
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	791 236	957 195	791 021	4 020 238	4 320 122	7,5
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	44 797	56 991	35 657	104 350	219 444	110,3
		R'000	336 119	402 300	305 950	816 484	1 697 227	107,9
	2. Shopping space	square metres	3 833	10 036	6 115	161 742	29 100	-82,0
		R'000	25 685	74 524	35 375	1 051 352	202 030	-80,8
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	77 740	38 360	40 755	244 435	132 201	-45,9
		R'000	285 046	181 115	193 947	923 196	612 372	-33,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	11 926	1 393	2 108	39 504	6 721	-83,0
		R'000	68 701	9 828	14 651	222 595	45 817	-79,4
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	715 551	667 767	549 923	3 013 627	2 557 446	-15,1
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	31 451	54 135	22 418	155 528	11,1
			R'000	173 659	314 001	135 097	841 738	19,9
		2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	5 097	7 646	11 263	85 446	-26,1
			R'000	36 597	56 734	65 446	534 635	-24,5
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	210 256	370 735	200 543	1 376 373	1 412 456	2,6
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 717 043	1 995 697	1 541 487	8 410 238	8 290 024	-1,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2012 and 2013.

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 2012	Apr. 2013	May 2013	Jan. - May 2012	Jan. - May 2013	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	46	97	74	132	249	88,6
		square metres	2 606	4 955	5 259	7 378	14 523	96,8
		R'000	9 626	16 852	21 732	26 946	53 700	99,3
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	106	97	58	461	417	-9,5
		square metres	19 526	16 844	11 273	99 076	78 505	-20,8
		R'000	82 218	69 098	46 262	399 145	320 916	-19,6
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	29	28	43	231	187	-19,0
		square metres	1 905	3 108	2 903	30 133	15 256	-49,4
		R'000	8 151	13 086	12 317	129 158	63 581	-50,8
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 043	0	171	1 043	509,9
		R'000	0	4 172	0	1 000	4 172	317,2
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	99 995	103 208	80 311	556 249	442 369	-20,5
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	2 536	0	286	4 154	760	-81,7
		R'000	10 144	0	1 145	16 616	3 042	-81,7
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	1 464	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	5 892	0	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 272	2 529	9 707	13 416	23 170	72,7
		R'000	17 090	10 769	60 464	53 666	115 461	115,1
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	16 170	0	824	16 667	5 889	-64,7
		R'000	76 383	0	4 178	78 531	41 761	-46,8
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	103 617	10 769	65 787	154 705	160 264	3,6
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 002	6 934	7 724	32 163	30 831	-4,1
		R'000	21 460	28 912	32 751	116 526	125 740	7,9
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	563	1 400	2 854	103,9
		R'000	160	635	2 985	9 799	13 398	36,7
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	21 620	29 547	35 736	126 325	139 138	10,1
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	225 232	143 524	181 834	837 279	741 771	-11,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2012 and 2013.

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 2012	Apr. 2013	May 2013	Jan. - May 2012	Jan. - May 2013	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	4	32	18	31	84	171,0
		square metres	264	1 558	884	1 903	4 288	125,3
		R'000	1 188	7 011	3 978	8 517	19 297	126,6
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	17	23	17	91	99	8,8
		square metres	5 188	5 077	4 349	22 865	24 755	8,3
		R'000	22 946	22 649	19 240	101 684	109 304	7,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	28	5	12	45	83	84,4
		square metres	3 306	527	1 367	7 703	9 851	27,9
		R'000	12 562	2 372	5 823	28 564	44 002	54,0
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	320	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	1 380	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	36 696	32 032	29 041	140 145	172 603	23,2
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	951	225	396	5 216	1 217,2
		R'000	0	4 280	971	1 782	23 431	1 214,9
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	336	0	0	554	..
		R'000	0	1 512	0	0	2 166	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	2 541	3 551	39,7
		R'000	0	0	0	10 719	15 980	49,1
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	144	0	0	144	..
		R'000	0	864	0	0	864	..
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	6 656	971	12 501	42 441	239,5
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 092	532	1 193	3 996	2 985	-25,3
		R'000	4 426	2 354	5 203	17 544	12 646	-27,9
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	48	1 148	3 160	1 441	-54,4
		R'000	0	216	5 946	12 281	7 093	-42,2
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	4 426	2 570	11 149	29 825	19 739	-33,8
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	41 122	41 258	41 161	182 471	234 783	28,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2012 and 2013.

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 2013 was 94,6%. Improved collection rate for April 2013 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 86 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 2010. 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 2010=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 2010 is obtained by deflating the current value of dwelling-houses completed for January 2010 with the price index of a month six months prior to January 2010. 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

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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