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Results for January to May 2019

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:
January to May 2018 versus January to May 2019**

Estimates at current prices	January to May 2018	January to May 2019	Difference in value between January to May 2018 and January to May 2019	% change between January to May 2018 and January to May 2019
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	23 921 692	22 907 018	-1 014 674	-4,2
-Dwelling-houses	13 284 810	11 618 667	-1 666 143	-12,5
-Flats and townhouses	9 362 179	10 861 754	1 499 575	16,0
-Other residential buildings	1 274 703	426 597	-848 106	-66,5
Non-residential buildings	10 870 125	9 678 791	-1 191 334	-11,0
Additions and alterations	11 597 410	11 660 838	63 428	0,5
Total	46 389 227	44 246 647	-2 142 580	-4,6

1/ 2018 and 2019 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) decreased by 4,6% (-R2 142,6 million) during January to May 2019 compared with January to May 2018.

Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-11,0% or -R1 191,3 million) and residential buildings (-4,2% or -R1 014,7 million) – see Table A.

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to May 2018 versus January to May 2019**

Estimates at current prices	January to May 2018	January to May 2019	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to May 2018	% change between January to May 2018 and January to May 2019	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January to May 2018 and January to May 2019	Difference in value between January to May 2018 and January to May 2019
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000			2/ R'000	R'000
Western Cape	14 393 188	12 732 504	31,0	-11,5	-3,6	-1 660 684
Eastern Cape	2 920 521	2 483 980	6,3	-14,9	-0,9	-436 541
Northern Cape	415 894	728 828	0,9	75,2	0,7	312 934
Free State	1 666 507	1 318 691	3,6	-20,9	-0,7	-347 816
KwaZulu-Natal	8 132 375	7 841 872	17,5	-3,6	-0,6	-290 503
North West	1 280 236	916 828	2,8	-28,4	-0,8	-363 408
Gauteng	15 256 982	15 717 169	32,9	3,0	1,0	460 187
Mpumalanga	1 530 364	1 387 113	3,3	-9,4	-0,3	-143 251
Limpopo	793 160	1 119 662	1,7	41,2	0,7	326 502
Total	46 389 227	44 246 647	100,0	-4,6	-4,6	-2 142 580

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2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January to May 2018 and January to May 2019 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during January to May 2018, divided by 100.

The largest negative contribution to the total decrease of 4,6% (-R2 142,6 million) was made by Western Cape (contributing -3,6 percentage points or -R1 660,7 million). Gauteng (contributing 1,0 percentage point or R460,2 million) was the largest positive contributor – see Table B.

**Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices:
January to May 2018 versus January to May 2019**

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to May 2018	January to May 2019	Difference in value between January to May 2018 and January to May 2019	% change between January to May 2018 and January to May 2019
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	20 747 096	19 002 210	-1 744 886	-8,4
Non-residential buildings	9 434 317	8 021 176	-1 413 141	-15,0
Additions and alterations	10 061 610	9 658 090	-403 520	-4,0
Total	40 243 023	36 681 476	-3 561 547	-8,9

1/ 2018 and 2019 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 8,9% (-R3 561,5 million) during January to May 2019 compared with January to May 2018. Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-15,0% or -R1 413,1 million), residential buildings (-8,4% or -R1 744,9 million) and additions and alterations (-4,0% or -R403,5 million) – see Table C.

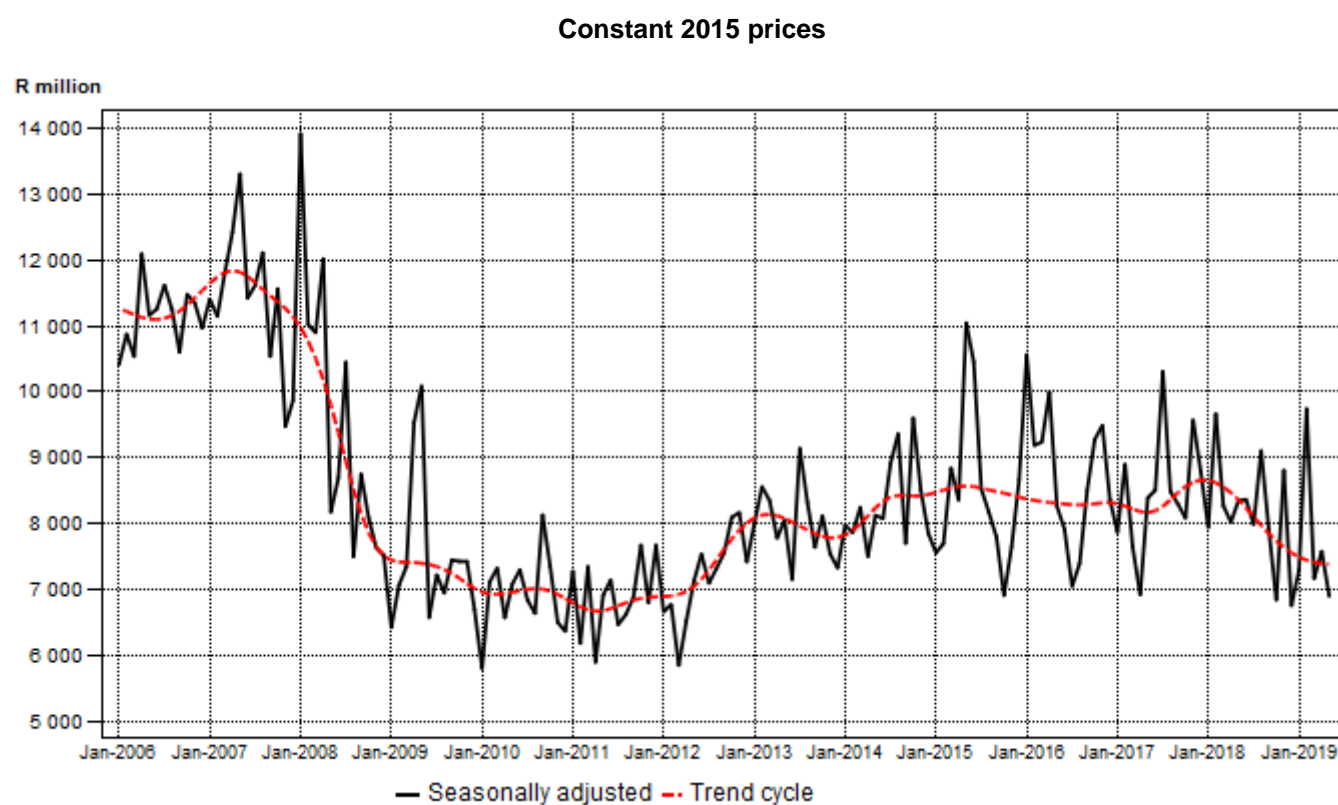
Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	December 2018 to February 2019	March to May 2019	% change between December 2018 to February 2019 and March to May 2019
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	13 822 610	10 327 940	-25,3
Non-residential buildings 1/	3 845 972	4 988 655	29,7
Additions and alterations	6 127 834	6 335 346	3,4
Total	23 796 416	21 651 941	-9,0

1/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed decreased by 9,0% in the three months ended May 2019 compared with the previous three months. Residential buildings decreased by 25,3%. Increases were recorded for non-residential buildings (29,7%) and additions and alterations (3,4%) – 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 2018 versus January to May 2019**

Estimates at current prices	January to May 2018	January to May 2019	Difference in value between January to May 2018 and January to May 2019	% change between January to May 2018 and January to May 2019
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	15 070 979	21 909 129	6 838 150	45,4
-Dwelling-houses	8 320 935	9 379 492	1 058 557	12,7
-Flats and townhouses	6 492 543	12 184 187	5 691 644	87,7
-Other residential buildings	257 501	345 450	87 949	34,2
Non-residential buildings	6 052 654	10 454 508	4 401 854	72,7
Additions and alterations	4 708 688	5 251 700	543 012	11,5
Total	25 832 321	37 615 337	11 783 016	45,6

1/ 2018 and 2019 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

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 45,6% (R11 783,0 million) during January to May 2019 compared with January to May 2018.

Increases were recorded for non-residential buildings (72,7% or R4 401,9 million), residential buildings (45,4% or R6 838,2 million) and additions and alterations (11,5% or R543,0 million) – see Table E.

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to May 2018 versus January to May 2019**

Estimates at current prices	January to May 2018	January to May 2019	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to May 2018	% change between January to May 2018 and January to May 2019	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January to May 2018 and January to May 2019	Difference in value between January to May 2018 and January to May 2019
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000			2/ %	R'000
Western Cape	7 636 804	8 950 591	29,6	17,2	5,1	1 313 787
Eastern Cape	829 176	1 357 093	3,2	63,7	2,0	527 917
Northern Cape	167 418	265 527	0,6	58,6	0,4	98 109
Free State	507 924	280 161	2,0	-44,8	-0,9	-227 763
KwaZulu-Natal	3 378 207	5 546 464	13,1	64,2	8,4	2 168 257
North West	1 089 771	850 090	4,2	-22,0	-0,9	-239 681
Gauteng	11 121 443	18 867 942	43,1	69,7	30,0	7 746 499
Mpumalanga	695 560	1 159 795	2,7	66,7	1,8	464 235
Limpopo	406 018	337 674	1,6	-16,8	-0,3	-68 344
Total	25 832 321	37 615 337	100,0	45,6	45,6	11 783 016

1/ 2018 and 2019 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January to May 2018 and January to May 2019 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January to May 2018, divided by 100.

Six provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to May 2019, of which Gauteng (contributing 30,0 percentage points or R7 746,5 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 8,4 percentage points or R2 168,3 million) and Western Cape (contributing 5,1 percentage points or R1 313,8 million) were the largest positive contributors – see Table F.

**Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices:
January to May 2018 versus January to May 2019**

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to May 2018	January to May 2019	Difference in value between January to May 2018 and January to May 2019	% change between January to May 2018 and January to May 2019
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	13 073 577	18 133 184	5 059 607	38,7
Non-residential buildings	5 250 097	8 658 585	3 408 488	64,9
Additions and alterations	4 085 598	4 348 003	262 405	6,4
Total	22 409 272	31 139 772	8 730 500	39,0

1/ 2018 and 2019 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 2015 prices) increased by 39,0% (R8 730,5 million) during January to May 2019 compared with January to May 2018. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (64,9% or R3 408,5 million), residential buildings (38,7% or R5 059,6 million) and additions and alterations (6,4% or R262,4 million) – see Table G.

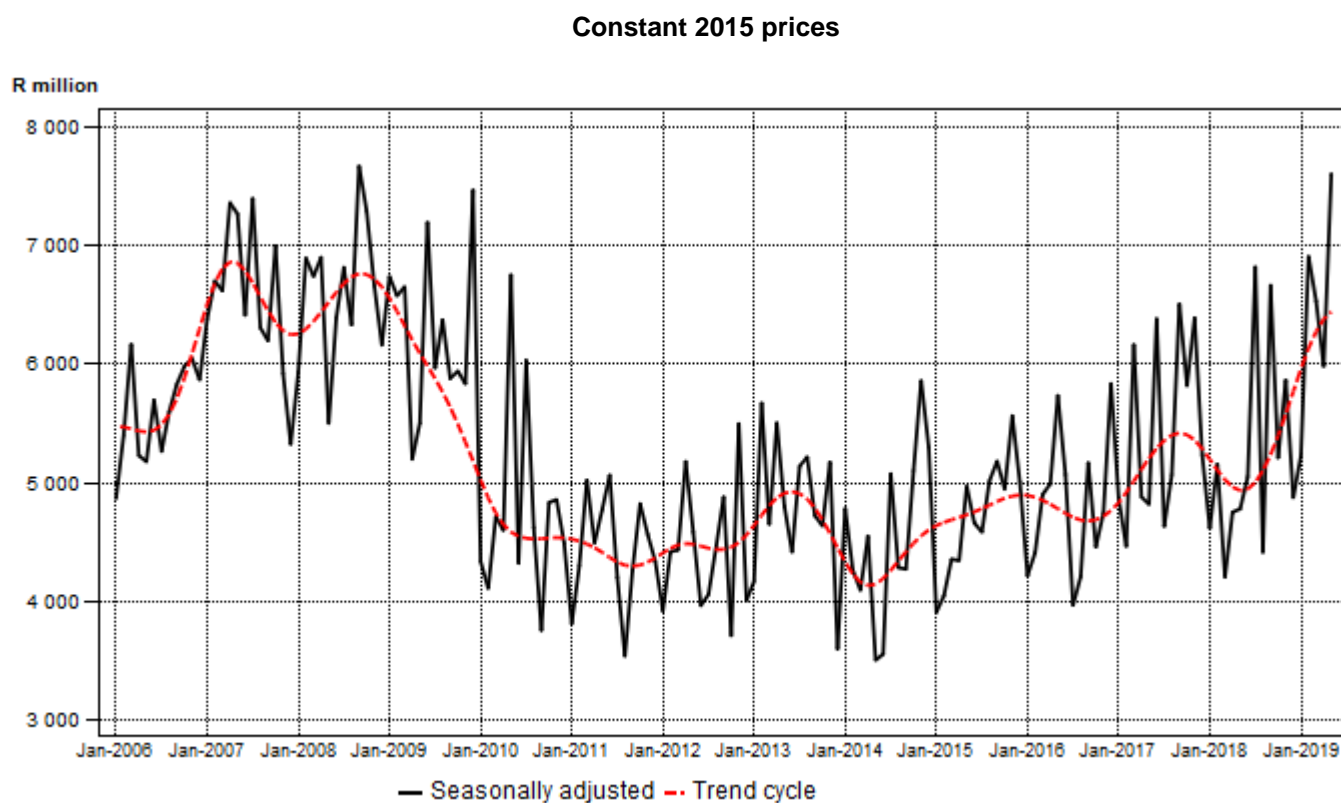
Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	December 2018 to February 2019	March to May 2019	% change between December 2018 to February 2019 and March to May 2019
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 998 573	12 190 204	21,9
Non-residential buildings 1/	4 600 045	5 066 206	10,1
Additions and alterations	2 408 723	2 854 922	18,5
Total	17 007 341	20 111 332	18,3

1/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 18,3% in the three months ended May 2019 compared with the previous three months. Increases were recorded for residential buildings (21,9%), additions and alterations (18,5%) and non-residential buildings (10,1%) – 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 2/		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/
2018	January	3 423 823	8,3	1 685 359	-12,1	2 048 834	20,3	7 158 016	5,6
	February	4 728 955	3,7	3 819 701	29,2	2 360 140	9,2	10 908 796	12,7
	March	4 473 589	-5,3	1 689 517	-5,9	2 549 303	11,9	8 712 409	-1,0
	April	5 632 240	38,8	1 769 055	70,1	2 162 953	9,0	9 564 248	35,1
	May	5 663 085	21,8	1 906 493	-21,2	2 476 180	1,4	10 045 758	5,6
	June	4 961 410	-3,1	2 201 982	-4,6	2 702 425	2,3	9 865 817	-2,0
	July	5 177 874	-16,7	1 928 957	-31,2	2 732 053	4,0	9 838 884	-15,5
	August	6 483 327	41,4	2 650 753	-7,8	2 464 165	-16,7	11 598 245	11,3
	September	4 829 388	-13,0	2 396 777	44,1	2 474 656	-8,5	9 700 821	-2,2
	October	4 179 241	-21,4	1 886 023	-2,3	3 170 956	5,9	9 236 220	-9,8
	November	5 434 664	16,1	3 089 401	-24,6	2 596 278	-6,8	11 120 343	-3,8
	December	4 134 159	-6,7	969 634	-61,8	1 866 810	-5,8	6 970 603	-22,1
	Total	59 121 755	3,6	25 993 652	-8,3	29 604 753	1,2	114 720 160	0,1
2019	January	3 513 041	2,6	1 611 299	-4,4	1 836 501	-10,4	6 960 841	-2,8
	February	6 990 891	47,8	2 002 011	-47,6	2 399 945	1,7	11 392 847	4,4
	March	3 721 595	-16,8	2 320 258	37,3	2 309 342	-9,4	8 351 195	-4,1
	April	4 276 398	-24,1	2 091 416	18,2	2 473 785	14,4	8 841 599	-7,6
	May	4 405 093	-22,2	1 653 807	-13,3	2 641 265	6,7	8 700 165	-13,4

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 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2018	January	4 791 375	-5,3	1 685 359	-33,5	2 674 154	5,1	9 150 888	-9,8
	February	4 831 703	0,8	3 819 701	126,6	2 470 909	-7,6	11 122 313	21,5
	March	5 005 272	3,6	1 689 517	-55,8	2 912 373	17,9	9 607 162	-13,6
	April	5 167 810	3,2	1 769 055	4,7	2 207 344	-24,2	9 144 209	-4,8
	May	5 343 969	3,4	1 906 493	7,8	2 407 773	9,1	9 658 235	5,6
	June	4 850 463	-9,2	2 201 982	15,5	2 621 718	8,9	9 674 163	0,2
	July	5 074 301	4,6	1 928 957	-12,4	2 406 211	-8,2	9 409 469	-2,7
	August	5 824 994	14,8	2 650 753	37,4	2 211 125	-8,1	10 686 872	13,6
	September	4 597 453	-21,1	2 396 777	-9,6	2 373 021	7,3	9 367 251	-12,3
	October	3 708 262	-19,3	1 886 023	-21,3	2 543 651	7,2	8 137 936	-13,1
	November	5 103 603	37,6	3 089 401	63,8	2 420 702	-4,8	10 613 706	30,4
	December	4 750 730	-6,9	969 634	-68,6	2 393 351	-1,1	8 113 715	-23,6
2019	January	4 659 217	-1,9	1 611 299	66,2	2 408 291	0,6	8 678 807	7,0
	February	7 140 043	53,2	2 002 011	24,2	2 519 836	4,6	11 661 890	34,4
	March	3 776 185	-47,1	2 320 258	15,9	2 522 463	0,1	8 618 906	-26,1
	April	4 529 317	19,9	2 091 416	-9,9	2 601 755	3,1	9 222 488	7,0
	May	4 146 061	-8,5	1 653 807	-20,9	2 615 681	0,5	8 415 549	-8,7
	Dec. 18 – Feb. 19	16 549 990		4 582 944		7 321 478		28 454 412	
	Mar. – May 19 2/	12 451 563	-24,8	6 065 481	32,3	7 739 899	5,7	26 256 943	-7,7

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.

3/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

Table 3 – Value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices by type of building

Year and month 2/		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/
2018	January	2 977 237	3,6	1 465 530	-15,9	1 781 595	15,1	6 224 362	1,0
	February	4 112 135	-0,1	3 321 479	24,4	2 052 296	5,2	9 485 910	8,6
	March	3 886 698	-8,6	1 467 869	-9,2	2 214 859	8,0	7 569 426	-4,4
	April	4 876 398	33,8	1 531 649	63,9	1 872 687	5,1	8 280 734	30,2
	May	4 894 628	18,3	1 647 790	-23,6	2 140 173	-1,6	8 682 591	2,5
	June	4 269 716	-6,6	1 894 993	-8,2	2 325 667	-1,5	8 490 376	-5,6
	July	4 402 954	-20,7	1 640 270	-34,5	2 323 174	-0,9	8 366 398	-19,5
	August	5 531 849	35,8	2 261 735	-11,4	2 102 530	-20,0	9 896 114	7,0
	September	4 082 323	-16,6	2 026 016	38,1	2 091 848	-12,3	8 200 187	-6,2
	October	3 503 136	-24,8	1 580 908	-6,5	2 657 968	1,4	7 742 012	-13,7
	November	4 544 033	11,6	2 583 111	-27,6	2 170 801	-10,5	9 297 945	-7,6
	December	3 468 254	-10,0	813 451	-63,1	1 566 116	-9,1	5 847 821	-24,8
	Total	50 549 361	-0,3	22 234 801	-11,6	25 299 714	-2,7	98 083 876	-3,7
2019	January	2 962 092	-0,5	1 358 599	-7,3	1 548 483	-13,1	5 869 174	-5,7
	February	5 845 227	42,1	1 673 922	-49,6	2 006 643	-2,2	9 525 792	0,4
	March	3 073 159	-20,9	1 915 985	30,5	1 906 971	-13,9	6 896 115	-8,9
	April	3 511 000	-28,0	1 717 090	12,1	2 031 022	8,5	7 259 112	-12,3
	May	3 610 732	-26,2	1 355 580	-17,7	2 164 971	1,2	7 131 283	-17,9

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 2015 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2018	January	4 176 032	-4,5	1 465 530	-33,5	2 302 182	3,8	7 943 744	-9,7
	February	4 204 027	0,7	3 321 479	126,6	2 140 637	-7,0	9 666 143	21,7
	March	4 331 179	3,0	1 467 869	-55,8	2 470 989	15,4	8 270 037	-14,4
	April	4 550 686	5,1	1 531 649	4,3	1 941 791	-21,4	8 024 126	-3,0
	May	4 626 456	1,7	1 647 790	7,6	2 077 112	7,0	8 351 358	4,1
	June	4 180 637	-9,6	1 894 993	15,0	2 289 569	10,2	8 365 199	0,2
	July	4 306 487	3,0	1 640 270	-13,4	2 042 939	-10,8	7 989 696	-4,5
	August	4 945 565	14,8	2 261 735	37,9	1 898 710	-7,1	9 106 010	14,0
	September	3 881 914	-21,5	2 026 016	-10,4	2 010 921	5,9	7 918 851	-13,0
	October	3 141 424	-19,1	1 580 908	-22,0	2 121 706	5,5	6 844 038	-13,6
	November	4 202 958	33,8	2 583 111	63,4	2 026 167	-4,5	8 812 236	28,8
	December	3 938 684	-6,3	813 451	-68,5	2 007 069	-0,9	6 759 204	-23,3
2019	January	3 909 608	-0,7	1 358 599	67,0	2 024 567	0,9	7 292 774	7,9
	February	5 974 318	52,8	1 673 922	23,2	2 096 198	3,5	9 744 438	33,6
	March	3 186 900	-46,7	1 915 985	14,5	2 066 683	-1,4	7 169 568	-26,4
	April	3 729 131	17,0	1 717 090	-10,4	2 132 663	3,2	7 578 884	5,7
	May	3 411 909	-8,5	1 355 580	-21,1	2 136 000	0,2	6 903 489	-8,9
	Dec. 18 – Feb. 19	13 822 610		3 845 972		6 127 834		23 796 416	
	Mar. – May 19 2/	10 327 940	-25,3	4 988 655	29,7	6 335 346	3,4	21 651 941	-9,0

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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.

3/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

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

Year and month 2/		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/
2018	January	2 685 943	13,8	807 034	-39,1	792 693	4,9	4 285 670	-3,4
	February	2 996 399	0,3	1 521 419	91,7	1 053 541	25,5	5 571 359	20,6
	March	2 823 654	-21,4	1 044 722	-57,7	1 068 288	-2,6	4 936 664	-31,0
	April	3 373 893	-9,4	1 205 988	44,3	890 508	29,3	5 470 389	4,3
	May	3 191 090	6,5	1 473 491	1,0	903 658	-3,7	5 568 239	3,2
	June	3 381 928	6,2	1 478 214	-47,4	1 020 156	-8,9	5 880 298	-17,3
	July	4 918 774	76,2	1 484 338	4,6	1 362 088	55,0	7 765 200	52,6
	August	2 862 038	-5,3	1 060 192	-31,1	1 181 840	5,4	5 104 070	-10,2
	September	4 790 862	58,8	2 712 580	-22,5	955 730	-22,6	8 459 172	9,1
	October	3 696 841	10,9	1 566 033	-41,3	1 142 493	37,4	6 405 367	-6,3
	November	5 964 109	62,8	1 078 925	-66,9	1 121 099	-1,8	8 164 133	1,3
	December	3 779 538	-9,1	1 201 138	39,1	825 065	-13,9	5 805 741	-2,9
	Total	44 465 069	14,5	16 634 074	-27,5	12 317 159	6,1	73 416 302	0,1
2019	January	3 215 693	19,7	1 129 725	40,0	704 984	-11,1	5 050 402	17,8
	February	3 662 196	22,2	3 157 234	107,5	991 268	-5,9	7 810 698	40,2
	March	5 459 272	93,3	1 420 463	36,0	1 490 196	39,5	8 369 931	69,5
	April	4 328 058	28,3	1 623 694	34,6	1 026 808	15,3	6 978 560	27,6
	May	5 243 910	64,3	3 123 392	112,0	1 038 444	14,9	9 405 746	68,9

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 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2018	January	3 472 470	-14,9	807 034	-6,5	1 045 322	-5,3	5 324 826	-12,0
	February	3 351 924	-3,5	1 521 419	88,5	1 055 141	0,9	5 928 484	11,3
	March	2 776 478	-17,2	1 044 722	-31,3	1 009 486	-4,3	4 830 686	-18,5
	April	3 396 679	22,3	1 205 988	15,4	871 490	-13,7	5 474 157	13,3
	May	3 118 491	-8,2	1 473 491	22,2	929 022	6,6	5 521 004	0,9
	June	3 417 701	9,6	1 478 214	0,3	962 834	3,6	5 858 749	6,1
	July	5 116 505	49,7	1 484 338	0,4	1 407 147	46,1	8 007 990	36,7
	August	3 005 342	-41,3	1 060 192	-28,6	1 098 949	-21,9	5 164 483	-35,5
	September	4 264 723	41,9	2 712 580	155,9	907 559	-17,4	7 884 862	52,7
	October	3 571 490	-16,3	1 566 033	-42,3	1 067 321	17,6	6 204 844	-21,3
	November	4 924 851	37,9	1 078 925	-31,1	1 031 806	-3,3	7 035 582	13,4
	December	3 694 539	-25,0	1 201 138	11,3	939 393	-9,0	5 835 070	-17,1
2019	January	4 158 267	12,6	1 129 725	-5,9	932 045	-0,8	6 220 037	6,6
	February	4 097 447	-1,5	3 157 234	179,5	1 005 287	7,9	8 259 968	32,8
	March	5 343 409	30,4	1 420 463	-55,0	1 125 715	12,0	7 889 587	-4,5
	April	4 374 699	-18,1	1 623 694	14,3	1 273 220	13,1	7 271 613	-7,8
	May	5 069 886	15,9	3 123 392	92,4	1 069 256	-16,0	9 262 534	27,4
	Dec. 18 – Feb. 19	11 950 253		5 488 097		2 876 725		20 315 075	
	Mar. – May 19 2/	14 787 994	23,7	6 167 549	12,4	3 468 191	20,6	24 423 734	20,2

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.

3/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

Table 7 – Value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices by type of building

Year and month 2/		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/
2018	January	2 335 603	8,9	701 769	-41,7	689 298	0,4	3 726 670	-7,6
	February	2 605 564	-3,4	1 322 973	84,7	916 123	20,9	4 844 660	16,2
	March	2 453 218	-24,1	907 665	-59,2	928 139	-6,0	4 289 022	-33,4
	April	2 921 119	-12,7	1 044 145	39,0	771 003	24,6	4 736 267	0,5
	May	2 758 073	3,3	1 273 545	-2,0	781 035	-6,5	4 812 653	0,2
	June	2 910 437	2,3	1 272 129	-49,3	877 931	-12,2	5 060 497	-20,4
	July	4 182 631	67,8	1 262 192	-0,4	1 158 238	47,7	6 603 061	45,3
	August	2 442 012	-9,0	904 601	-33,8	1 008 396	1,3	4 355 009	-13,7
	September	4 049 757	52,2	2 292 967	-25,7	807 887	-25,8	7 150 611	4,6
	October	3 098 777	6,2	1 312 685	-43,8	957 664	31,5	5 369 126	-10,3
	November	4 986 713	56,4	902 111	-68,2	937 374	-5,7	6 826 198	-2,7
	December	3 170 753	-12,3	1 007 666	34,2	692 169	-16,9	4 870 588	-6,4
	Total	37 914 657	9,9	14 204 448	-30,2	10 525 257	2,1	62 644 362	-3,8
2019	January	2 711 377	16,1	952 551	35,7	594 422	-13,8	4 258 350	14,3
	February	3 062 037	17,5	2 639 828	99,5	828 819	-9,5	6 530 684	34,8
	March	4 508 069	83,8	1 172 967	29,2	1 230 550	32,6	6 911 586	61,1
	April	3 553 414	21,6	1 333 082	27,7	843 028	9,3	5 729 524	21,0
	May	4 298 287	55,8	2 560 157	101,0	851 184	9,0	7 709 628	60,2

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 2015 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2018	January	3 007 640	-14,7	701 769	-6,5	905 122	-5,4	4 614 531	-11,8
	February	2 915 573	-3,1	1 322 973	88,5	917 880	1,4	5 156 426	11,7
	March	2 419 999	-17,0	907 665	-31,4	875 117	-4,7	4 202 781	-18,5
	April	2 948 194	21,8	1 044 145	15,0	758 023	-13,4	4 750 362	13,0
	May	2 700 641	-8,4	1 273 545	22,0	803 553	6,0	4 777 739	0,6
	June	2 946 434	9,1	1 272 129	-0,1	829 662	3,2	5 048 225	5,7
	July	4 358 354	47,9	1 262 192	-0,8	1 198 975	44,5	6 819 521	35,1
	August	2 569 626	-41,0	904 601	-28,3	937 476	-21,8	4 411 703	-35,3
	September	3 602 965	40,2	2 292 967	153,5	766 876	-18,2	6 662 808	51,0
	October	3 001 200	-16,7	1 312 685	-42,8	894 762	16,7	5 208 647	-21,8
	November	4 098 524	36,6	902 111	-31,3	862 946	-3,6	5 863 581	12,6
	December	3 080 609	-24,8	1 007 666	11,7	785 673	-9,0	4 873 948	-16,9
2019	January	3 490 588	13,3	952 551	-5,5	782 506	-0,4	5 225 645	7,2
	February	3 427 376	-1,8	2 639 828	177,1	840 544	7,4	6 907 748	32,2
	March	4 426 171	29,1	1 172 967	-55,6	930 969	10,8	6 530 107	-5,5
	April	3 600 071	-18,7	1 333 082	13,7	1 046 786	12,4	5 979 939	-8,4
	May	4 163 962	15,7	2 560 157	92,0	877 167	-16,2	7 601 286	27,1
	Dec. 18 – Feb. 19	9 998 573		4 600 045		2 408 723		17 007 341	
	Mar. – May 19 2/	12 190 204	21,9	5 066 206	10,1	2 854 922	18,5	20 111 332	18,3

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.

3/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

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

			May 2018	Apr. 2019	May 2019	Jan. - May 2018	Jan. - May 2019	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2 204	917	1 105	8 856	4 224	-52,3	
		square metres	99 512	46 043	53 007	407 427	211 904	-48,0	
		R'000	541 653	257 883	300 705	2 141 859	1 205 896	-43,7	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 294	1 131	1 157	5 909	5 203	-11,9	
		square metres	344 080	313 220	323 956	1 556 245	1 424 152	-8,5	
		R'000	2 404 911	2 303 010	2 346 813	11 142 951	10 412 771	-6,6	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2 206	2 236	1 818	11 171	11 817	5,8	
		square metres	295 548	192 080	202 660	1 215 872	1 285 934	5,8	
		R'000	2 366 059	1 503 838	1 726 870	9 362 179	10 861 754	16,0	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	35 003	28 382	5 854	121 677	57 901	-52,4	
		R'000	350 462	211 667	30 705	1 274 703	426 597	-66,5	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	5 663 085	4 276 398	4 405 093	23 921 692	22 907 018	-4,2
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	36 792	39 862	26 775	314 899	207 111	-34,2
R'000			335 440	391 435	223 423	3 019 457	1 850 925	-38,7	
Shopping space		square metres	45 423	17 317	52 685	298 025	226 291	-24,1	
		R'000	376 068	128 828	343 868	2 408 361	1 650 684	-31,5	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	169 836	151 174	141 786	671 581	661 002	-1,6	
		R'000	1 013 189	925 423	928 390	4 054 371	4 128 197	1,8	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	26 352	92 371	21 498	188 455	282 643	50,0	
		R'000	181 796	645 730	158 126	1 387 936	2 048 985	47,6	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 906 493	2 091 416	1 653 807	10 870 125	9 678 791	-11,0	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	244 087	226 731	263 847	1 113 702	1 112 527	-0,1
	R'000		1 774 534	1 688 150	1 938 576	8 031 579	8 358 475	4,1	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	89 902	59 568	63 039	397 977	286 060	-28,1	
		R'000	701 646	785 635	702 689	3 565 831	3 302 363	-7,4	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	2 476 180	2 473 785	2 641 265	11 597 410	11 660 838	0,5
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	10 045 758	8 841 599	8 700 165	46 389 227	44 246 647	-4,6	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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 2018	Apr. 2019	May 2019	Jan. - May 2018	Jan. - May 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 289	403	451	3 494	1 632	-53,3
		square metres	53 649	17 597	18 727	153 028	71 034	-53,6
		R'000	311 334	92 482	99 656	890 395	398 634	-55,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	415	403	409	2 110	1 778	-15,7
		square metres	114 238	94 036	97 713	509 966	438 723	-14,0
		R'000	766 799	632 561	621 337	3 457 066	2 883 468	-16,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 032	1 041	795	5 247	3 150	-40,0
		square metres	110 092	108 196	99 106	512 514	344 661	-32,8
		R'000	869 804	861 941	768 963	3 777 216	2 699 481	-28,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	40	14 574	564	21 651	27 096	25,1
		R'000	348	97 195	4 230	168 576	192 263	14,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 948 285	1 684 179	1 494 186	8 293 253	6 173 846	-25,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 537	0	875	38 572	35 445	-8,1
		R'000	21 950	0	7 726	315 419	268 831	-14,8
	Shopping space	square metres	20 965	1 621	14 012	74 573	76 207	2,2
		R'000	174 267	14 184	112 114	601 779	613 391	1,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	57 934	29 829	48 343	178 489	152 256	-14,7
		R'000	394 193	208 734	340 534	1 200 163	1 054 654	-12,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	5 518	76 944	13 326	79 710	162 989	104,5
		R'000	38 883	556 032	106 731	575 572	1 177 710	104,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	629 293	778 950	567 105	2 692 933	3 114 586	15,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	69 417	66 047	81 100	334 307	315 853	-5,5
		R'000	470 051	436 609	517 813	2 260 561	2 082 448	-7,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	22 396	28 905	27 525	109 722	122 167	11,3
		R'000	236 360	381 000	327 654	1 146 441	1 361 624	18,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	706 411	817 609	845 467	3 407 002	3 444 072	1,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 283 989	3 280 738	2 906 758	14 393 188	12 732 504	-11,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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 2018	Apr. 2019	May 2019	Jan. - May 2018	Jan. - May 2019	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	61	16	36	886	110	-87,6	
		square metres	2 812	965	2 220	39 300	6 632	-83,1	
		R'000	18 740	5 671	13 381	244 176	39 254	-83,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	139	54	99	510	380	-25,5	
		square metres	29 986	15 106	26 902	110 891	91 132	-17,8	
		R'000	193 022	99 361	173 216	704 360	601 872	-14,6	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	19	62	10	1 009	154	-84,7	
		square metres	1 864	4 386	1 860	61 532	18 390	-70,1	
		R'000	10 767	28 887	12 315	382 058	117 971	-69,1	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 350	273	0	1 574	273	-82,7	
		R'000	6 902	1 958	0	8 413	1 958	-76,7	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	229 431	135 877	198 912	1 339 007	761 055	-43,2
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	508	4 250	20 239	7 763	-61,6
R'000			0	3 363	28 070	124 103	50 579	-59,2	
Shopping space		square metres	885	2 134	3 976	3 236	18 455	470,3	
		R'000	4 892	13 886	20 762	18 574	101 008	443,8	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	4 891	10 089	13 112	64 868	106 177	63,7	
		R'000	26 527	65 804	86 815	361 283	684 146	89,4	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	3 091	1 881	1 444	13 975	5 049	-63,9	
		R'000	17 365	9 829	9 561	74 250	29 923	-59,7	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	48 784	92 882	145 208	578 210	865 656	49,7	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	26 501	18 720	25 091	109 972	96 149	-12,6
	R'000		159 200	121 178	156 134	676 196	620 162	-8,3	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	25 859	8 436	4 906	60 101	35 345	-41,2	
		R'000	112 541	58 987	34 841	327 108	237 107	-27,5	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	271 741	180 165	190 975	1 003 304	857 269	-14,6
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	549 956	408 924	535 095	2 920 521	2 483 980	-14,9	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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 2018	Apr. 2019	May 2019	Jan. - May 2018	Jan. - May 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	0	0	8	3	-62,5
		square metres	78	0	0	423	162	-61,7
		R'000	627	0	0	3 401	1 220	-64,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	10	14	12	70	70	0,0
		square metres	1 842	3 187	3 551	12 416	16 518	33,0
		R'000	13 207	22 245	25 654	83 397	115 523	38,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	17	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	1 286	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	8 996	0	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	588	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	4 116	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	13 834	22 245	25 654	99 910	116 743	16,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	818	0	229	8 087	928	-88,5
		R'000	6 578	0	1 718	65 028	6 961	-89,3
	Shopping space	square metres	1 583	0	0	1 583	380	-76,0
		R'000	12 729	0	0	12 729	3 055	-76,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	494	667	1 752	6 297	3 905	-38,0
		R'000	2 352	3 176	12 489	39 750	24 419	-38,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	200	184	0	2 199	50 370	2 190,6
		R'000	1 608	876	0	17 682	404 216	2 186,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	23 267	4 052	14 207	135 189	438 651	224,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 296	3 878	2 527	15 563	15 790	1,5
		R'000	39 678	29 485	17 104	112 899	116 178	2,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 027	2 877	0	8 373	7 116	-15,0
		R'000	7 671	22 008	295	67 896	57 256	-15,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	47 349	51 493	17 399	180 795	173 434	-4,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	84 450	77 790	57 260	415 894	728 828	75,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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 2018	Apr. 2019	May 2019	Jan. - May 2018	Jan. - May 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	25	25	42	87	109	25,3
		square metres	1 403	1 598	2 436	4 771	6 548	37,2
		R'000	9 716	11 684	18 558	29 136	48 065	65,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	54	71	73	285	293	2,8
		square metres	13 319	15 140	14 107	63 858	59 900	-6,2
		R'000	82 897	98 671	92 707	401 601	389 970	-2,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	27	13	20	220	193	-12,3
		square metres	1 901	598	1 234	10 791	19 015	76,2
		R'000	12 451	4 619	9 531	74 511	141 825	90,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 920	462	5 067	8 031	6 656	-17,1
		R'000	10 872	2 776	25 162	51 294	34 219	-33,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	115 936	117 750	145 958	556 542	614 079	10,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 854	439	-76,3
		R'000	0	0	0	13 497	2 180	-83,8
	Shopping space	square metres	187	41	6 893	17 883	14 175	-20,7
		R'000	1 385	317	43 249	122 593	81 732	-33,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	22 605	1 073	0	35 934	3 490	-90,3
		R'000	143 921	7 860	0	228 560	23 329	-89,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 821	99	2 938	3 779	24 093	537,5
		R'000	17 875	492	14 590	23 804	177 719	646,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	163 181	8 669	57 839	388 454	284 960	-26,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 379	6 667	9 356	56 277	40 785	-27,5
		R'000	57 430	42 232	58 972	363 708	261 420	-28,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 312	815	2 707	42 477	9 896	-76,7
		R'000	22 415	13 077	20 188	357 803	158 232	-55,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	79 845	55 309	79 160	721 511	419 652	-41,8
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	358 962	181 728	282 957	1 666 507	1 318 691	-20,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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 2018	Apr. 2019	May 2019	Jan. - May 2018	Jan. - May 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	32	22	82	88	7,3
		square metres	903	1 689	1 194	4 964	4 764	-4,0
		R'000	7 806	12 970	8 721	37 521	37 838	0,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	106	101	121	443	509	14,9
		square metres	31 325	32 184	37 838	136 737	157 088	14,9
		R'000	295 401	299 115	377 403	1 340 923	1 510 089	12,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	268	190	320	851	1 601	88,1
		square metres	31 341	25 533	34 779	101 648	180 422	77,5
		R'000	299 627	236 165	324 058	975 468	1 768 545	81,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	23 235	4 034	0	73 362	9 179	-87,5
		R'000	276 496	47 509	0	942 748	104 731	-88,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	879 330	595 759	710 182	3 296 660	3 421 203	3,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	4 912	19 591	13 124	97 473	36 768	-62,3
		R'000	47 340	206 573	139 098	1 027 261	366 662	-64,3
	Shopping space	square metres	2 198	1 910	1 617	39 808	23 824	-40,2
		R'000	24 208	16 054	12 546	416 225	216 083	-48,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	19 326	70 261	34 543	159 339	213 402	33,9
		R'000	115 410	418 632	207 958	964 779	1 290 392	33,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	8 446	2 084	2 794	22 251	11 200	-49,7
		R'000	68 413	20 117	21 868	188 466	96 674	-48,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	255 371	661 376	381 470	2 596 731	1 969 811	-24,1
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	38 054	29 784	37 911	132 329	25,3
			R'000	383 757	302 383	391 689	1 317 391	26,0
		Other buildings 4/	square metres	15 024	9 397	12 954	79 828	-29,5
			R'000	160 752	153 676	181 619	921 593	-14,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	544 509	456 059	573 308	2 238 984	2 450 858	9,5
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 679 210	1 713 194	1 664 960	8 132 375	7 841 872	-3,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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 2018	Apr. 2019	May 2019	Jan. - May 2018	Jan. - May 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	8	3	7	706	41	-94,2
		square metres	397	158	381	29 262	2 169	-92,6
		R'000	1 785	839	2 125	90 512	11 332	-87,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	65	50	69	286	251	-12,2
		square metres	15 490	11 852	19 297	72 571	65 007	-10,4
		R'000	82 860	70 852	111 116	397 979	378 982	-4,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	66	144	68	644	291	-54,8
		square metres	6 976	8 263	3 985	55 590	21 037	-62,2
		R'000	36 033	54 709	21 619	283 790	128 438	-54,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	6 314	0	0	6 314	0	..
		R'000	34 328	0	0	34 328	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	155 006	126 400	134 860	806 609	518 752	-35,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	791	0	0	2 996	2 510	-16,2
		R'000	4 153	0	0	15 272	13 019	-14,8
	Shopping space	square metres	153	548	1 134	13 899	10 002	-28,0
		R'000	767	2 419	6 281	77 588	65 300	-15,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	134	388	0	12 787	388	-97,0
		R'000	750	1 927	0	66 525	1 927	-97,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	996	2 777	2 373	-14,5
		R'000	0	0	5 376	13 339	12 185	-8,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	5 670	4 346	11 657	172 724	92 431	-46,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 789	7 326	8 861	51 563	39 505	-23,4
		R'000	76 929	41 008	48 464	272 137	220 326	-19,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 279	1 140	3 630	4 242	6 940	63,6
		R'000	16 542	44 986	26 986	28 766	85 319	196,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	93 471	85 994	75 450	300 903	305 645	1,6
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	254 147	216 740	221 967	1 280 236	916 828	-28,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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 2018	Apr. 2019	May 2019	Jan. - May 2018	Jan. - May 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	712	383	536	3 368	2 064	-38,7
		square metres	35 113	20 979	27 454	163 075	110 121	-32,5
		R'000	164 003	118 779	155 259	782 131	614 901	-21,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	335	312	279	1 577	1 416	-10,2
		square metres	92 776	102 404	92 788	476 058	449 113	-5,7
		R'000	713 465	845 223	751 594	3 777 148	3 662 537	-3,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	786	285	567	3 024	5 742	89,9
		square metres	142 845	20 338	59 158	457 737	664 851	45,2
		R'000	1 134 466	180 789	576 688	3 780 383	5 801 252	53,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 550	0	0	2 356	4 717	100,2
		R'000	17 431	0	0	22 326	26 239	17,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 029 365	1 144 791	1 483 541	8 361 988	10 104 929	20,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	20 647	18 547	971	137 043	99 775	-27,2
		R'000	209 087	175 173	6 393	1 405 041	1 012 262	-28,0
	Shopping space	square metres	17 383	7 707	3 065	111 963	37 885	-66,2
		R'000	148 079	64 933	28 671	978 720	303 829	-69,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	55 144	37 042	37 703	165 929	158 638	-4,4
		R'000	284 810	208 931	247 446	930 688	925 756	-0,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	5 757	4 797	0	55 203	12 342	-77,6
		R'000	34 859	26 090	0	452 104	78 139	-82,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	676 835	475 127	282 510	3 766 553	2 319 986	-38,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	61 174	73 904	80 210	331 660	356 233	7,4
		R'000	480 975	602 355	643 981	2 582 901	2 936 172	13,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	14 570	7 691	10 536	75 601	41 850	-44,6
		R'000	97 100	79 066	74 853	545 540	356 082	-34,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	578 075	681 421	718 834	3 128 441	3 292 254	5,2
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 284 275	2 301 339	2 484 885	15 256 982	15 717 169	3,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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 2018	Apr. 2019	May 2019	Jan. - May 2018	Jan. - May 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	35	55	11	91	132	45,1
		square metres	1 903	3 057	595	5 060	7 629	50,8
		R'000	11 403	15 458	3 005	26 472	39 035	47,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	120	82	59	412	316	-23,3
		square metres	29 901	21 508	18 934	107 553	79 641	-26,0
		R'000	177 992	137 339	123 222	635 551	506 893	-20,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	20	73	57	-21,9
		square metres	0	0	1 312	4 956	2 796	-43,6
		R'000	0	0	6 660	27 384	14 109	-48,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	594	1 989	0	7 492	2 707	-63,9
		R'000	4 085	10 096	0	41 588	13 741	-67,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	193 480	162 893	132 887	730 995	573 778	-21,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	6 019	693	0	6 505	14 537	123,5
		R'000	40 732	3 441	0	43 046	80 947	88,0
	Shopping space	square metres	795	3 356	2 043	17 566	9 694	-44,8
		R'000	4 004	17 035	10 209	85 691	51 553	-39,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	7 581	1 568	3 350	29 958	13 185	-56,0
		R'000	36 090	9 219	16 691	171 217	71 275	-58,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	152	6 382	0	5 997	12 473	108,0
		R'000	1 047	32 294	0	30 855	62 749	103,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	81 873	61 989	26 900	330 809	266 524	-19,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	15 078	13 781	14 168	63 085	55 015	-12,8
		R'000	83 694	75 773	77 969	347 392	310 858	-10,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 906	255	781	10 027	4 197	-58,1
		R'000	38 015	31 548	36 253	121 168	235 953	94,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	121 709	107 321	114 222	468 560	546 811	16,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	397 062	332 203	274 009	1 530 364	1 387 113	-9,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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 2018	Apr. 2019	May 2019	Jan. - May 2018	Jan. - May 2019	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	58	0	0	134	45	-66,4	
		square metres	3 254	0	0	7 544	2 845	-62,3	
		R'000	16 239	0	0	38 115	15 617	-59,0	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	50	44	36	216	190	-12,0	
		square metres	15 203	17 803	12 826	66 195	67 030	1,3	
		R'000	79 268	97 643	70 564	344 926	363 437	5,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	8	501	18	86	629	631,4	
		square metres	529	24 766	1 226	9 818	34 762	254,1	
		R'000	2 911	136 728	7 036	52 373	190 133	263,0	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	7 050	223	309	7 273	2 253,7	
		R'000	0	52 133	1 313	1 314	53 446	3 967,4	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	98 418	286 504	78 913	436 728	622 633	42,6
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 068	523	7 326	2 130	8 946	320,0
R'000			5 600	2 885	40 418	10 790	49 484	358,6	
Shopping space		square metres	1 274	0	19 945	17 514	35 669	103,7	
		R'000	5 737	0	110 036	94 462	214 733	127,3	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	1 727	257	2 983	17 980	9 561	-46,8	
		R'000	9 136	1 140	16 457	91 406	52 299	-42,8	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	367	0	0	2 564	1 754	-31,6	
		R'000	1 746	0	0	11 864	9 670	-18,5	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	22 219	4 025	166 911	208 522	326 186	56,4	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 399	6 624	4 623	18 946	27 416	44,7
	R'000		22 820	37 127	26 450	98 394	151 098	53,6	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 529	52	0	7 606	2 232	-70,7	
		R'000	10 250	1 287	0	49 516	19 745	-60,1	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	33 070	38 414	26 450	147 910	170 843	15,5
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	153 707	328 943	272 274	793 160	1 119 662	41,2	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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 2018	Apr. 2019	May 2019	Jan. - May 2018	Jan. - May 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	806	962	608	3 776	3 817	1,1
		square metres	43 374	47 026	32 946	188 490	191 687	1,7
		R'000	261 301	250 732	191 961	1 059 593	1 078 570	1,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	919	781	879	3 871	4 264	10,2
		square metres	236 694	231 387	242 265	995 628	1 104 609	10,9
		R'000	1 661 979	1 726 504	1 781 943	7 261 342	8 300 922	14,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 002	1 961	2 766	6 095	11 791	93,5
		square metres	164 419	251 310	390 542	826 542	1 461 769	76,9
		R'000	1 267 810	2 136 545	3 270 006	6 492 543	12 184 187	87,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	25 179	0	36 269	41 898	15,5
		R'000	0	214 277	0	257 501	345 450	34,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	3 191 090	4 328 058	5 243 910	15 070 979	21 909 129	45,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	44 365	28 740	136 521	208 515	262 031	25,7
		R'000	452 146	208 233	1 419 148	1 928 229	2 606 991	35,2
	Shopping space	square metres	74 523	53 116	73 492	150 628	327 271	117,3
		R'000	654 574	503 912	697 226	1 263 574	3 096 984	145,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	50 158	84 350	116 982	403 715	473 446	17,3
		R'000	292 921	536 584	765 322	2 348 200	2 984 492	27,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	11 748	55 040	27 709	71 481	248 303	247,4
		R'000	73 850	374 965	241 696	512 651	1 766 041	244,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 473 491	1 623 694	3 123 392	6 052 654	10 454 508	72,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	85 196	79 877	92 865	447 151	410 885	-8,1
		R'000	601 918	587 182	673 950	3 198 852	3 063 982	-4,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	30 864	44 743	38 346	161 968	210 801	30,1
		R'000	301 740	439 626	364 494	1 509 836	2 187 718	44,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	903 658	1 026 808	1 038 444	4 708 688	5 251 700	11,5
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	5 568 239	6 978 560	9 405 746	25 832 321	37 615 337	45,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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 2018	Apr. 2019	May 2019	Jan. - May 2018	Jan. - May 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	251	218	121	1 469	873	-40,6
		square metres	12 664	10 738	6 037	68 335	40 617	-40,6
		R'000	80 226	62 423	38 184	394 104	242 436	-38,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	324	247	278	1 309	1 207	-7,8
		square metres	73 071	63 094	67 786	303 518	289 479	-4,6
		R'000	493 073	441 309	465 796	2 031 566	1 993 188	-1,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	199	377	982	2 369	2 668	12,6
		square metres	31 863	45 484	99 318	219 592	318 454	45,0
		R'000	237 803	353 772	796 439	1 696 290	2 554 093	50,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	848	0	22 386	15 412	-31,2
		R'000	0	4 000	0	171 170	122 627	-28,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	811 102	861 504	1 300 419	4 293 130	4 912 344	14,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	6 663	9 894	11 841	33 372	22 490	-32,6
		R'000	53 538	73 410	86 238	245 354	166 254	-32,2
	Shopping space	square metres	5 798	6 332	6 525	43 993	21 550	-51,0
		R'000	34 452	53 471	53 054	344 511	178 358	-48,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 857	44 815	53 135	110 584	181 192	63,9
		R'000	18 475	303 999	365 201	726 847	1 249 168	71,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	4 203	20 599	21 268	36 990	97 427	163,4
		R'000	28 329	142 410	202 874	257 007	735 636	186,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	134 794	573 290	707 367	1 573 719	2 329 416	48,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	36 697	30 350	34 530	166 366	135 578	-18,5
		R'000	230 196	190 360	230 708	1 041 728	895 030	-14,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	17 945	19 611	16 425	74 024	79 932	8,0
		R'000	172 139	222 709	158 186	728 227	813 801	11,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	402 335	413 069	388 894	1 769 955	1 708 831	-3,5
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 348 231	1 847 863	2 396 680	7 636 804	8 950 591	17,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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 2018	Apr. 2019	May 2019	Jan. - May 2018	Jan. - May 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	51	17	13	108	149	38,0
		square metres	3 056	857	868	6 023	7 268	20,7
		R'000	15 170	4 186	5 941	32 498	36 078	11,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	49	67	62	192	273	42,2
		square metres	8 487	13 978	12 947	41 664	55 844	34,0
		R'000	48 751	85 558	84 452	278 632	358 729	28,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	18	18	10	39	72	84,6
		square metres	3 562	2 099	1 511	5 065	9 689	91,3
		R'000	23 028	13 823	9 956	32 419	62 778	93,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	492	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	3 313	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	86 949	103 567	100 349	343 549	460 898	34,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	7 032	0	1 056	7 032	565,9
		R'000	0	45 944	0	6 804	45 944	575,2
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	147	413	6 615	1 501,7
		R'000	0	0	1 054	1 746	43 305	2 380,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	443	1 800	7 342	35 831	29 429	-17,9
		R'000	2 215	9 243	47 857	218 591	186 931	-14,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	155	140	822	273	25 544	9 256,8
		R'000	699	1 004	5 798	1 448	164 004	11 226,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 914	56 191	54 709	228 589	440 184	92,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 721	7 532	11 247	30 581	48 542	58,7
		R'000	46 412	45 490	67 338	190 408	302 019	58,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	862	13 458	1 718	8 893	22 232	150,0
		R'000	7 340	83 826	16 850	66 630	153 992	131,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	53 752	129 316	84 188	257 038	456 011	77,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	143 615	289 074	239 246	829 176	1 357 093	63,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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 2018	Apr. 2019	May 2019	Jan. - May 2018	Jan. - May 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	5	0	7	39	457,1
		square metres	60	302	0	459	2 398	422,4
		R'000	482	2 385	0	3 625	19 237	430,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	4	8	7	14	48	242,9
		square metres	903	3 373	1 427	2 986	12 885	331,5
		R'000	7 032	25 551	10 703	21 852	98 066	348,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	5	1	11	1 000,0
		square metres	0	0	350	146	1 080	639,7
		R'000	0	0	2 625	1 174	8 429	618,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	7 514	27 936	13 328	26 651	125 732	371,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	372	0	372	..
		R'000	0	0	2 790	0	2 790	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	521	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	3 647	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	0	213	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	1 598	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	2 790	3 647	4 388	20,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 462	3 162	1 626	13 040	11 600	-11,0
		R'000	32 553	24 116	12 195	96 771	88 699	-8,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	209	1 395	4 083	5 211	27,6
		R'000	8 880	2 789	10 523	40 349	46 708	15,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	41 433	26 905	22 718	137 120	135 407	-1,2
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	48 947	54 841	38 836	167 418	265 527	58,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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 2018	Apr. 2019	May 2019	Jan. - May 2018	Jan. - May 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	14	3	2	108	8	-92,6
		square metres	830	172	93	6 257	481	-92,3
		R'000	6 147	1 187	655	34 246	3 222	-90,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	5	16	23	68	94	38,2
		square metres	1 115	3 602	5 384	14 669	20 378	38,9
		R'000	6 443	21 008	35 696	92 545	123 040	33,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	126	0	2	240	2	-99,2
		square metres	12 183	0	509	28 112	509	-98,2
		R'000	90 228	0	3 370	207 857	3 370	-98,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	402	601	49,5
		R'000	0	0	0	2 144	3 647	70,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	102 818	22 195	39 721	336 792	133 279	-60,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	759	0	5 768	1 390	-75,9
		R'000	0	3 769	0	42 185	6 903	-83,6
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	2 145	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	12 664	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	535	5 943	1 010,8
		R'000	0	0	0	3 396	29 513	769,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	326	478	46,6
		R'000	0	0	0	2 000	3 692	84,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	3 769	0	60 245	40 108	-33,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	205	1 901	5 092	10 406	15 171	45,8
		R'000	1 401	11 227	30 276	56 165	87 494	55,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	69	1 507	983	6 941	2 554	-63,2
		R'000	601	9 476	7 752	54 722	19 280	-64,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 002	20 703	38 028	110 887	106 774	-3,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	104 820	46 667	77 749	507 924	280 161	-44,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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 2018	Apr. 2019	May 2019	Jan. - May 2018	Jan. - May 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	32	16	8	82	66	-19,5
		square metres	2 107	873	524	4 905	3 897	-20,6
		R'000	23 747	6 539	4 636	52 455	34 362	-34,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	78	43	74	356	318	-10,7
		square metres	19 373	16 060	23 288	89 707	102 927	14,7
		R'000	199 990	182 139	251 360	934 307	1 116 139	19,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	32	105	187	192	771	301,6
		square metres	5 505	18 064	43 575	36 522	116 425	218,8
		R'000	47 292	224 772	502 920	352 075	1 295 811	268,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	858	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	10 211	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	271 029	413 450	758 916	1 349 048	2 446 312	81,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	28 094	1 809	0	28 979	59 672	105,9
		R'000	306 449	16 643	0	315 260	653 136	107,2
	Shopping space	square metres	31 910	0	11 491	33 615	41 987	24,9
		R'000	318 518	0	131 004	336 395	464 564	38,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	33 276	17 623	20 041	59 497	94 372	58,6
		R'000	199 610	109 168	119 188	356 289	570 750	60,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 975	216	1 150	7 542	24 271	221,8
		R'000	15 259	1 968	10 552	67 372	155 185	130,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	839 836	127 779	260 744	1 075 316	1 843 635	71,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 846	8 452	11 507	75 811	53 933	-28,9
		R'000	137 959	99 866	124 745	762 666	620 586	-18,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	6 158	3 062	5 677	19 774	53 799	172,1
		R'000	57 688	46 261	63 950	191 177	635 931	232,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	195 647	146 127	188 695	953 843	1 256 517	31,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 306 512	687 356	1 208 355	3 378 207	5 546 464	64,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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 2018	Apr. 2019	May 2019	Jan. - May 2018	Jan. - May 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	61	5	3	154	23	-85,1
		square metres	3 597	295	180	9 251	1 492	-83,9
		R'000	17 815	1 465	894	47 576	8 899	-81,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	97	34	58	351	459	30,8
		square metres	20 656	8 777	13 586	71 338	68 112	-4,5
		R'000	107 864	48 253	78 773	403 637	372 991	-7,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	78	1	51	425	314	-26,1
		square metres	6 001	255	3 641	47 329	23 916	-49,5
		R'000	27 061	1 275	20 157	263 959	139 094	-47,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 822	0	0	2 546	..
		R'000	0	12 063	0	0	15 658	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	152 740	63 056	99 824	715 172	536 642	-25,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	309	1 429	4 900	242,9
		R'000	0	0	1 534	8 421	24 401	189,8
	Shopping space	square metres	463	0	125	1 337	2 331	74,3
		R'000	2 417	0	621	7 257	13 189	81,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	507	0	5 186	6 154	10 608	72,4
		R'000	2 537	0	25 916	29 042	52 841	81,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 204	3 783	1 264	5 459	9 907	81,5
		R'000	11 020	18 915	6 277	30 629	53 444	74,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	15 974	18 915	34 348	75 349	143 875	90,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 846	3 114	3 033	42 203	22 187	-47,4
		R'000	26 508	16 968	15 155	256 174	135 197	-47,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	865	136	2 695	6 975	6 097	-12,6
		R'000	5 791	675	13 676	43 076	34 376	-20,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	32 299	17 643	28 831	299 250	169 573	-43,3
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	201 013	99 614	163 003	1 089 771	850 090	-22,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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 2018	Apr. 2019	May 2019	Jan. - May 2018	Jan. - May 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	351	665	409	1 665	2 438	46,4
		square metres	18 311	31 758	22 121	82 732	122 200	47,7
		R'000	102 350	161 389	126 043	438 584	664 261	51,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	261	266	279	1 178	1 406	19,4
		square metres	81 611	87 245	81 699	368 559	424 230	15,1
		R'000	628 810	717 763	662 554	2 927 654	3 489 183	19,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	546	1 439	1 483	2 756	7 845	184,7
		square metres	105 160	184 426	236 121	484 156	980 300	102,5
		R'000	841 631	1 537 706	1 905 762	3 907 083	8 054 553	106,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	22 509	0	1 260	22 509	1 686,4
		R'000	0	198 214	0	8 807	198 214	2 150,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 572 791	2 615 072	2 694 359	7 282 128	12 406 211	70,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	9 608	9 246	122 495	134 379	163 044	21,3
		R'000	92 159	68 467	1 320 433	1 291 656	1 689 847	30,8
	Shopping space	square metres	24 182	46 784	51 699	50 379	229 229	355,0
		R'000	238 406	450 441	492 156	466 064	2 227 709	378,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	9 076	20 112	26 862	175 341	142 522	-18,7
		R'000	48 929	114 174	184 228	931 750	847 187	-9,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 622	29 230	1 141	20 088	85 400	325,1
		R'000	16 036	205 907	5 945	150 668	627 473	316,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	395 530	838 989	2 002 762	2 840 138	5 392 216	89,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	15 413	21 186	23 144	91 993	99 818	8,5
		R'000	110 425	173 772	178 610	702 629	790 000	12,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 656	6 702	8 127	36 943	35 458	-4,0
		R'000	38 539	54 751	61 004	296 548	279 515	-5,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	148 964	228 523	239 614	999 177	1 069 515	7,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 117 285	3 682 584	4 936 735	11 121 443	18 867 942	69,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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 2018	Apr. 2019	May 2019	Jan. - May 2018	Jan. - May 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	23	30	42	129	172	33,3
		square metres	1 406	1 854	2 510	7 202	10 329	43,4
		R'000	8 260	10 181	12 326	38 911	53 596	37,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	72	66	66	276	304	10,1
		square metres	23 522	25 278	28 085	69 034	92 394	33,8
		R'000	129 167	150 413	147 925	395 967	540 285	36,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	22	49	45	-8,2
		square metres	0	0	3 508	2 769	6 060	118,9
		R'000	0	0	17 421	17 100	36 569	113,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	2 307	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	15 648	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	137 427	160 594	177 672	467 626	630 450	34,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	260	256	1 199	368,4
		R'000	0	0	1 290	1 219	7 057	478,9
	Shopping space	square metres	6 264	0	0	7 569	22 054	191,4
		R'000	29 823	0	0	36 036	150 522	317,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	2 987	6 401	5 925	-7,4
		R'000	0	0	15 048	31 816	31 221	-1,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	2 064	214	3 213	1 401,4
		R'000	0	0	10 250	1 020	15 956	1 464,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	29 823	0	26 588	70 091	204 756	192,1
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 513	3 995	2 604	14 165	56,7
			R'000	13 840	24 358	14 471	79 027	70,4
		Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	37	438	3 394	23,0
			R'000	8 448	18 523	27 154	189 959	141,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	22 288	42 881	41 625	157 843	324 589	105,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	189 538	203 475	245 885	695 560	1 159 795	66,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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 2018	Apr. 2019	May 2019	Jan. - May 2018	Jan. - May 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	22	3	10	54	49	-9,3
		square metres	1 343	177	613	3 326	3 005	-9,7
		R'000	7 104	977	3 282	17 594	16 479	-6,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	29	34	32	127	155	22,0
		square metres	7 956	9 980	8 063	34 153	38 360	12,3
		R'000	40 849	54 510	44 684	175 182	209 301	19,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	3	21	24	24	63	162,5
		square metres	145	982	2 009	2 851	5 336	87,2
		R'000	767	5 197	11 356	14 586	29 490	102,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	9 056	338	-96,3
		R'000	0	0	0	49 521	1 991	-96,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	48 720	60 684	59 322	256 883	257 261	0,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	1 244	3 276	1 932	-41,0
		R'000	0	0	6 863	17 330	10 659	-38,5
	Shopping space	square metres	5 906	0	3 505	11 177	3 505	-68,6
		R'000	30 958	0	19 337	58 901	19 337	-67,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 999	0	1 429	8 851	3 455	-61,0
		R'000	21 155	0	7 884	46 822	16 881	-63,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	589	1 072	0	589	1 850	214,1
		R'000	2 507	4 761	0	2 507	9 053	261,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	54 620	4 761	34 084	125 560	55 930	-55,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	493	185	82	2 586	1 863	-28,0
		R'000	2 624	1 025	452	13 284	10 327	-22,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	309	21	888	941	1 344	42,8
		R'000	2 314	616	5 399	10 291	14 156	37,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	4 938	1 641	5 851	23 575	24 483	3,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	108 278	67 086	99 257	406 018	337 674	-16,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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 in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
	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</i> , (SIC) Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
Collection rate	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for May 2019 was 95,5%. The improved collection rate for April 2019 was 96,4%.
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 85 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 2015. 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>Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP) Work Groups and Selected Materials Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2016=100) are converted to the base year 2015=100.

Seasonal adjustment	10	Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by US Bureau of the Census Economic Research and Analyses Division, 1968.
	11	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. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for building statistics is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at Click to download building statistics seasonal adjustment May 2017
Trend cycle	12	The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.
Revised figures	13	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.
	14	Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> 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	15	Users may also wish to refer to the following publications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P5041.3: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> issued annually; • P9101.2: <i>Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region</i> issued annually; and • <i>Building Statistics</i> (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.
Rounding-off of figures	16	Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.
Symbols and abbreviations	17	.. 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.

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	<p>Include:</p> <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	Buildings that are used primarily as residences. Includes 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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