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Results for January to May 2022

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:
January to May 2021 versus January to May 2022**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – May 2021 1/	Jan – May 2022 1/	Difference in value between Jan – May 2021 and Jan – May 2022	% change between Jan – May 2021 and Jan – May 2022
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	24 707 057	25 257 624	550 567	2,2
-Dwelling-houses	14 116 788	16 136 950	2 020 162	14,3
-Flats and townhouses	10 296 196	8 770 208	-1 525 988	-14,8
-Other residential buildings	294 073	350 466	56 393	19,2
Non-residential buildings	8 966 595	8 270 645	-695 950	-7,8
Additions and alterations	11 480 250	12 189 327	709 077	6,2
Total	45 153 902	45 717 596	563 694	1,2

1/ 2021 and 2022 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 1,2% (R563,7 million) during January to May 2022 compared with January to May 2021.

Increases were recorded for additions and alterations (6,2% or R709,1 million) and residential buildings (2,2% or R550,6 million). A decrease was reported for non-residential buildings (-7,8% or -R696,0 million) – see Table A.

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to May 2021 versus January to May 2022**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – May 2021 1/	Jan – May 2022 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during Jan – May 2021	% change between Jan – May 2021 and Jan – May 2022	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – May 2021 and Jan – May 2022	Difference in value between Jan – May 2021 and Jan – May 2022
	R'000	R'000			2/	R'000
Western Cape	11 027 011	14 997 921	24,4	36,0	8,8	3 970 910
Eastern Cape	3 367 031	2 736 066	7,5	-18,7	-1,4	-630 965
Northern Cape	386 950	609 677	0,9	57,6	0,5	222 727
Free State	1 130 243	734 034	2,5	-35,1	-0,9	-396 209
KwaZulu-Natal	8 853 886	8 700 036	19,6	-1,7	-0,3	-153 850
North West	2 211 801	1 510 467	4,9	-31,7	-1,6	-701 334
Gauteng	15 798 051	13 291 401	35,0	-15,9	-5,6	-2 506 650
Mpumalanga	1 518 277	2 194 109	3,4	44,5	1,5	675 832
Limpopo	860 652	943 885	1,9	9,7	0,2	83 233
Total	45 153 902	45 717 596	100,0	1,2	1,2	563 694

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2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January to May 2021 and January to May 2022 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during January to May 2021, divided by 100.

The largest contribution to the total increase of 1,2% (R563,7 million) was made by Western Cape (contributing 8,8 percentage points or R3 970,9 million). Gauteng (contributing -5,6 percentage points or -R2 506,7 million) and North West (contributing -1,6 percentage points or -R701,3 million) were the largest negative contributors – see Table B.

Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices: January to May 2021 versus January to May 2022

Estimates at constant 2019 prices	Jan – May 2021	Jan – May 2022	Difference in value between Jan – May 2021 and Jan – May 2022	% change between Jan – May 2021 and Jan – May 2022
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	22 423 071	20 530 583	-1 892 488	-8,4
Non-residential buildings	8 147 502	6 713 774	-1 433 728	-17,6
Additions and alterations	10 427 188	9 886 259	-540 929	-5,2
Total	40 997 761	37 130 616	-3 867 145	-9,4

1/ 2021 and 2022 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 2019 prices) decreased by 9,4% (-R3 867,1 million) during January to May 2022 compared with January to May 2021. Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-17,6% or -R1 433,7 million), residential buildings (-8,4% or -R1 892,5 million) and additions and alterations (-5,2% or -R540,9 million) – see Table C.

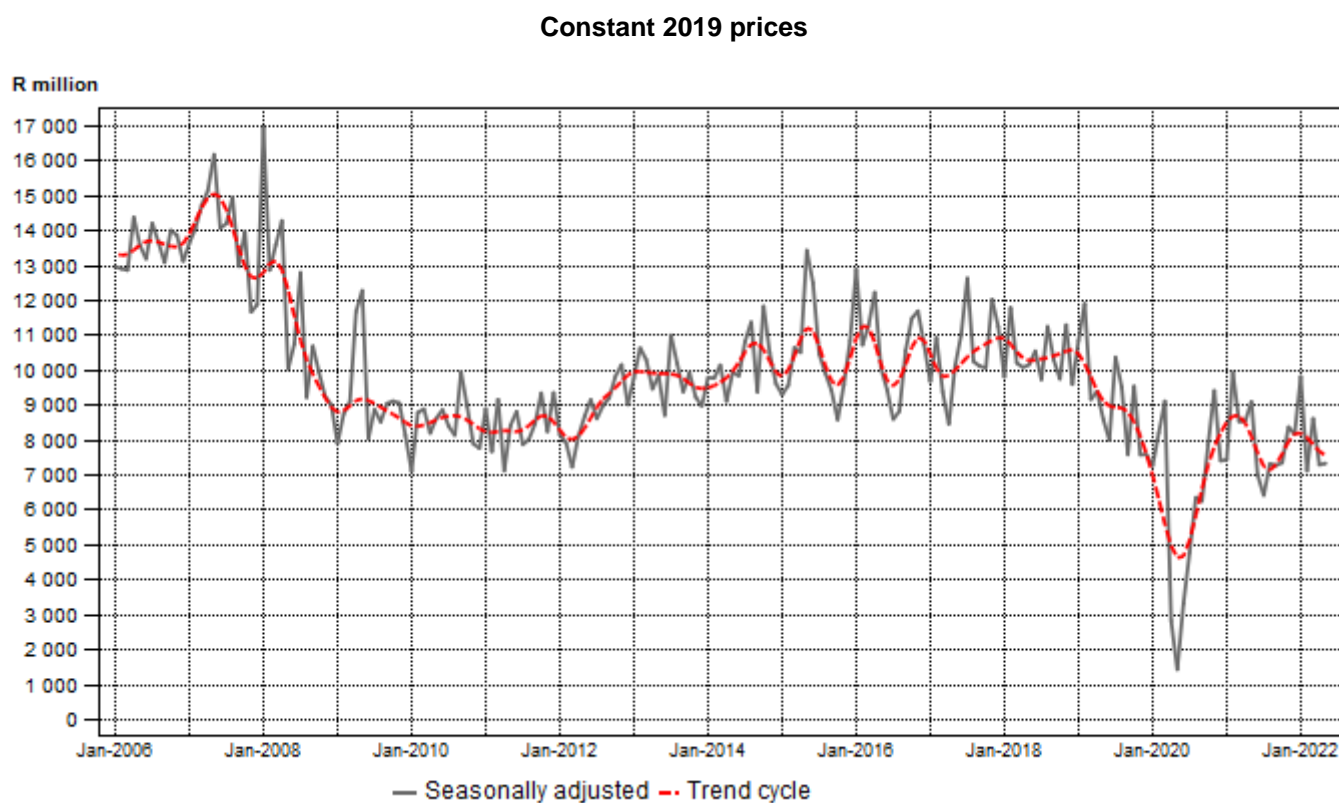
Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2019 prices	Dec 2021 – Feb 2022	Mar – May 2022	% change between Dec 2021 – Feb 2022 and Mar – May 2022
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	15 856 630	11 857 870	-25,2
Non-residential buildings 1/	3 030 814	4 835 428	59,5
Additions and alterations	6 236 370	6 561 318	5,2
Total	25 123 814	23 254 616	-7,4

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 7,4% in the three months ended May 2022 compared with the previous three months. A decrease was recorded for residential buildings (-25,2%). Increases were recorded for non-residential buildings (59,5%) and additions and alterations (5,2%) – 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 2021 versus January to May 2022**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – May 2021 1/	Jan – May 2022 1/	Difference in value between Jan – May 2021 and Jan – May 2022	% change between Jan – May 2021 and Jan – May 2022
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	11 915 267	13 823 560	1 908 293	16,0
-Dwelling-houses	6 660 246	9 159 806	2 499 560	37,5
-Flats and townhouses	5 101 994	4 307 284	-794 710	-15,6
-Other residential buildings	153 027	356 470	203 443	132,9
Non-residential buildings	4 588 308	6 788 454	2 200 146	48,0
Additions and alterations	4 467 262	8 856 557	4 389 295	98,3
Total	20 970 837	29 468 571	8 497 734	40,5

1/ 2021 and 2022 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 40,5% (R8 497,7 million) during January to May 2022 compared with January to May 2021.

Increases were recorded for additions and alterations (98,3% or R4 389,3 million), non-residential buildings (48,0% or R2 200,1 million) and residential buildings (16,0% or R1 908,3 million) – see Table E.

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to May 2021 versus January to May 2022**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – May 2021 1/	Jan – May 2022 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during Jan – May 2021	% change between Jan – May 2021 and Jan – May 2022	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – May 2021 and Jan – May 2022 2/	Difference in value between Jan – May 2021 and Jan – May 2022
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	6 971 125	14 178 981	33,2	103,4	34,4	7 207 856
Eastern Cape	1 297 609	1 259 555	6,2	-2,9	-0,2	-38 054
Northern Cape	257 042	249 295	1,2	-3,0	0,0	-7 747
Free State	336 101	223 989	1,6	-33,4	-0,5	-112 112
KwaZulu-Natal	2 606 719	3 948 846	12,4	51,5	6,4	1 342 127
North West	1 108 133	788 769	5,3	-28,8	-1,5	-319 364
Gauteng	7 730 181	7 895 400	36,9	2,1	0,8	165 219
Mpumalanga	426 311	476 767	2,0	11,8	0,2	50 456
Limpopo	237 616	446 969	1,1	88,1	1,0	209 353
Total	20 970 837	29 468 571	100,0	40,5	40,5	8 497 734

1/ 2021 and 2022 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 2021 and January to May 2022 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January to May 2021, divided by 100.

Five provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to May 2022, of which Western Cape (contributing 34,4 percentage points or R7 207,9 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 6,4 percentage points or R1 342,1 million) were the largest positive contributors – see Table F.

Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices: January to May 2021 versus January to May 2022

Estimates at constant 2019 prices	Jan – May 2021 1/	Jan – May 2022 1/	Difference in value between Jan – May 2021 and Jan – May 2022	% change between Jan – May 2021 and Jan – May 2022
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	10 820 297	11 206 091	385 794	3,6
Non-residential buildings	4 163 402	5 505 835	1 342 433	32,2
Additions and alterations	4 057 615	7 157 035	3 099 420	76,4
Total	19 041 314	23 868 961	4 827 647	25,4

1/ 2021 and 2022 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 2019 prices) increased by 25,4% (R4 827,6 million) during January to May 2022 compared with January to May 2021. Increases were recorded for additions and alterations (76,4% or R3 099,4 million), non-residential buildings (32,2% or R1 342,4 million) and residential buildings (3,6% or R385,8 million) – see Table G.

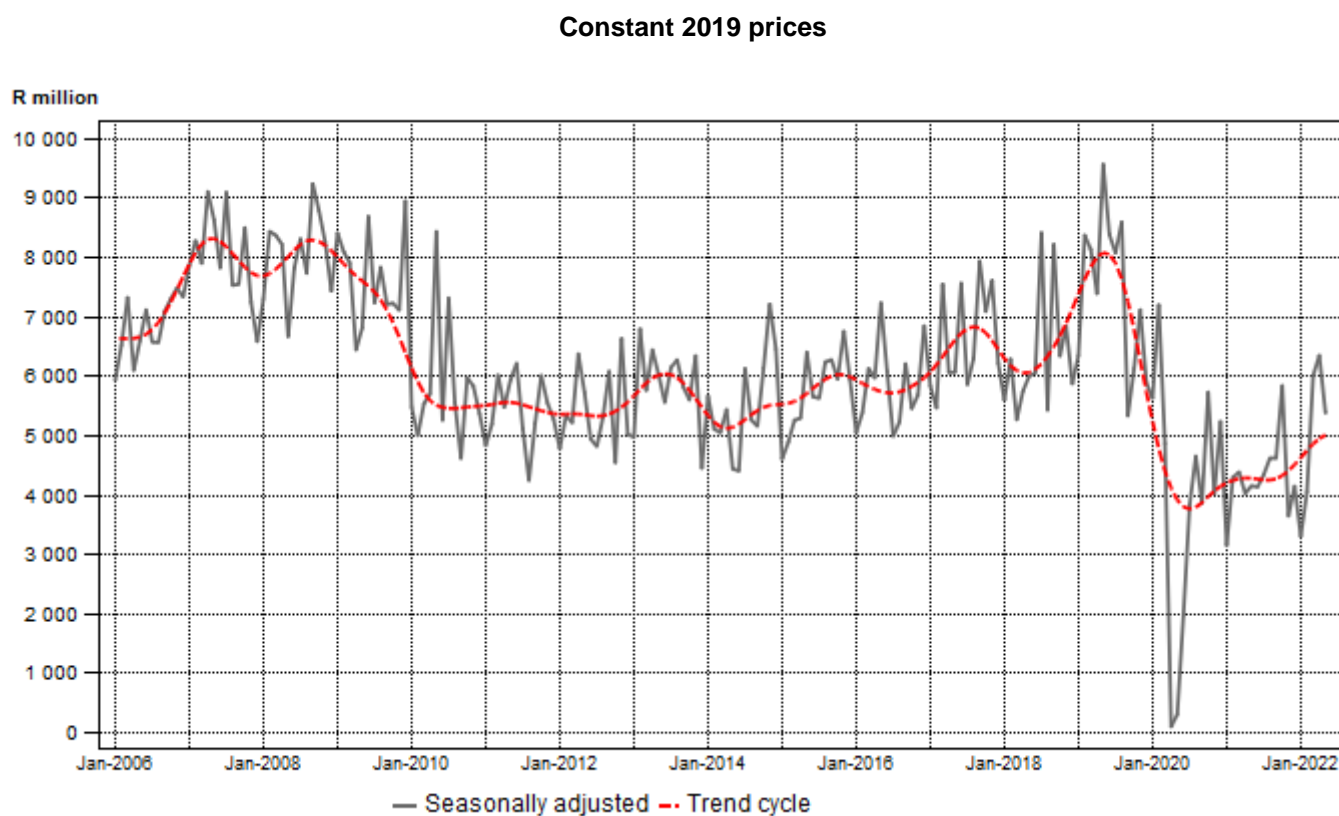
Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2019 prices	Dec 2021 – Feb 2022	Mar – May 2022	% change between Dec 2021 – Feb 2022 and Mar – May 2022
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 885 199	7 937 124	15,3
Non-residential buildings 1/	2 160 559	4 081 214	88,9
Additions and alterations	2 463 387	5 729 589	132,6
Total	11 509 145	17 747 927	54,2

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 54,2% in the three months ended May 2022 compared with the previous three months. Increases were reported for additions and alterations (132,6%), non-residential buildings (88,9%) and residential buildings (15,3%) – see Table H.

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

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Tables

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/
2021	January	3 638 393	35,6	413 469	-71,1	1 523 189	-9,7	5 575 051	-3,9
	February	5 184 991	20,2	2 787 213	51,4	2 636 828	5,4	10 609 032	22,6
	March	4 593 558	-2,2	2 499 249	20,6	2 554 253	2,7	9 647 060	4,2
	April	5 000 286	518,9	2 024 317	29,0	2 135 961	382,8	9 160 564	225,0
	May	6 289 829	676,7	1 242 347	589,9	2 630 019	503,0	10 162 195	612,6
	June	4 346 231	144,5	1 934 417	102,5	2 401 341	181,5	8 681 989	142,1
	July	4 725 414	58,7	1 069 244	10,8	2 404 495	58,7	8 199 153	50,2
	August	5 625 762	41,1	925 255	2,3	2 567 253	32,3	9 118 270	33,4
	September	5 231 182	34,4	1 239 913	23,4	2 708 619	26,2	9 179 714	30,3
	October	5 025 633	-2,7	1 049 805	-24,2	3 204 577	27,9	9 280 015	2,5
	November	5 873 589	21,1	1 386 087	-46,2	2 961 545	26,6	10 221 221	4,7
	December	4 688 524	25,0	1 380 657	45,4	2 093 828	5,8	8 163 009	22,2
	Total	60 223 392	51,7	17 951 973	13,4	29 821 908	43,1	107 997 273	41,4
2022	January	5 725 672	57,4	800 969	93,7	1 800 263	18,2	8 326 904	49,4
	February	4 570 070	-11,9	1 479 010	-46,9	2 446 446	-7,2	8 495 526	-19,9
	March	5 109 013	11,2	3 402 406	36,1	2 597 094	1,7	11 108 513	15,1
	April	4 839 789	-3,2	1 055 069	-47,9	2 476 530	15,9	8 371 388	-8,6
	May	5 013 080	-20,3	1 533 191	23,4	2 868 994	9,1	9 415 265	-7,4

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/
2021	January	5 352 283	15,2	413 469	-56,5	2 191 362	-8,1	7 957 114	-0,3
	February	5 301 134	-1,0	2 787 213	574,1	2 698 892	23,2	10 787 239	35,6
	March	4 408 019	-16,8	2 499 249	-10,3	2 471 363	-8,4	9 378 631	-13,1
	April	5 189 042	17,7	2 024 317	-19,0	2 289 508	-7,4	9 502 867	1,3
	May	6 402 081	23,4	1 242 347	-38,6	2 696 124	17,8	10 340 552	8,8
	June	3 863 507	-39,7	1 934 417	55,7	2 273 898	-15,7	8 071 822	-21,9
	July	4 313 031	11,6	1 069 244	-44,7	2 099 081	-7,7	7 481 356	-7,3
	August	5 086 592	17,9	925 255	-13,5	2 435 803	16,0	8 447 650	12,9
	September	4 839 841	-4,9	1 239 913	34,0	2 409 805	-1,1	8 489 559	0,5
	October	4 665 990	-3,6	1 049 805	-15,3	2 979 872	23,7	8 695 667	2,4
	November	6 003 112	28,7	1 386 087	32,0	2 648 594	-11,1	10 037 793	15,4
	December	6 007 500	0,1	1 380 657	-0,4	2 512 799	-5,1	9 900 956	-1,4
2022	January	8 573 388	42,7	800 969	-42,0	2 562 185	2,0	11 936 542	20,6
	February	4 667 948	-45,6	1 479 010	84,7	2 495 058	-2,6	8 642 016	-27,6
	March	4 693 688	0,6	3 402 406	130,0	2 541 525	1,9	10 637 619	23,1
	April	5 210 680	11,0	1 055 069	-69,0	2 739 707	7,8	9 005 456	-15,3
	May	4 857 164	-6,8	1 533 191	45,3	2 862 914	4,5	9 253 269	2,8
	Dec 21 – Feb 22	19 248 836		3 660 636		7 570 042		30 479 514	
	Mar – May 22 2/	14 761 532	-23,3	5 990 666	63,7	8 144 146	7,6	28 896 344	-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.

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 2019 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/
2021	January	3 409 928	29,4	387 506	-72,5	1 427 544	-13,8	5 224 978	-8,3
	February	4 778 794	13,4	2 568 860	42,7	2 430 256	-0,6	9 777 910	15,6
	March	4 183 568	-9,5	2 276 183	11,6	2 326 278	-5,0	8 786 029	-3,6
	April	4 484 561	461,2	1 815 531	17,0	1 915 660	337,8	8 215 752	194,6
	May	5 566 220	594,3	1 099 422	516,6	2 327 450	439,0	8 993 092	537,0
	June	3 772 770	115,4	1 679 181	78,4	2 084 497	148,0	7 536 448	113,3
	July	4 073 633	40,2	921 762	-2,1	2 072 841	40,2	7 068 236	32,7
	August	4 828 980	25,2	794 210	-9,2	2 203 651	17,4	7 826 841	18,4
	September	4 444 505	19,2	1 053 452	9,4	2 301 291	11,9	7 799 248	15,6
	October	4 251 805	-13,3	888 160	-32,5	2 711 148	13,9	7 851 113	-8,7
	November	4 927 508	7,1	1 162 825	-52,4	2 484 518	12,0	8 574 851	-7,4
	December	3 913 626	10,4	1 152 468	28,4	1 747 770	-6,5	6 813 864	7,9
	Total	52 635 898	37,2	15 799 560	2,9	26 032 904	29,3	94 468 362	27,9
2022	January	4 739 795	39,0	663 054	71,1	1 490 284	4,4	6 893 133	31,9
	February	3 755 193	-21,4	1 215 292	-52,7	2 010 227	-17,3	6 980 712	-28,6
	March	4 157 049	-0,6	2 768 434	21,6	2 113 177	-9,2	9 038 660	2,9
	April	3 899 911	-13,0	850 176	-53,2	1 995 592	4,2	6 745 679	-17,9
	May	3 978 635	-28,5	1 216 818	10,7	2 276 979	-2,2	7 472 432	-16,9

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.

* Revised due to updating to 2019 from 2015 constant prices.

Table 4 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 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/
2021	January	5 009 673	17,2	387 506	-56,8	2 038 761	-9,0	7 435 940	0,3
	February	4 888 499	-2,4	2 568 860	562,9	2 476 768	21,5	9 934 127	33,6
	March	4 016 819	-17,8	2 276 183	-11,4	2 242 109	-9,5	8 535 111	-14,1
	April	4 653 629	15,9	1 815 531	-20,2	2 068 528	-7,7	8 537 688	0,0
	May	5 615 912	20,7	1 099 422	-39,4	2 388 581	15,5	9 103 915	6,6
	June	3 362 879	-40,1	1 679 181	52,7	1 968 516	-17,6	7 010 576	-23,0
	July	3 675 247	9,3	921 762	-45,1	1 819 298	-7,6	6 416 307	-8,5
	August	4 425 713	20,4	794 210	-13,8	2 109 090	15,9	7 329 013	14,2
	September	4 174 113	-5,7	1 053 452	32,6	2 051 239	-2,7	7 278 804	-0,7
	October	3 954 162	-5,3	888 160	-15,7	2 514 463	22,6	7 356 785	1,1
	November	5 003 623	26,5	1 162 825	30,9	2 214 259	-11,9	8 380 707	13,9
	December	4 931 501	-1,4	1 152 468	-0,9	2 086 833	-5,8	8 170 802	-2,5
2022	January	7 061 051	43,2	663 054	-42,5	2 105 678	0,9	9 829 783	20,3
	February	3 864 078	-45,3	1 215 292	83,3	2 043 859	-2,9	7 123 229	-27,5
	March	3 793 439	-1,8	2 768 434	127,8	2 062 080	0,9	8 623 953	21,1
	April	4 228 082	11,5	850 176	-69,3	2 217 757	7,5	7 296 015	-15,4
	May	3 836 349	-9,3	1 216 818	43,1	2 281 481	2,9	7 334 648	0,5
	Dec 21 – Feb 22	15 856 630		3 030 814		6 236 370		25 123 814	
	Mar – May 22 2/	11 857 870	-25,2	4 835 428	59,5	6 561 318	5,2	23 254 616	-7,4

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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/
2021	January	1 556 192	-27,6	592 555	-59,9	557 442	-52,9	2 706 189	-43,7
	February	2 292 037	-17,5	1 278 339	-57,0	868 117	-31,5	4 438 493	-36,8
	March	3 241 970	43,7	484 864	-74,5	1 229 078	23,5	4 955 912	-3,8
	April	2 247 786	6 111,6	1 055 478	2 186,9	974 063	6 793,1	4 277 327	4 333,8
	May	2 577 282	2 191,7	1 177 072	1 021,5	838 562	892,2	4 592 916	1 421,2
	June	2 728 620	144,5	1 040 200	99,9	1 037 899	149,9	4 806 719	134,3
	July	2 502 803	-9,6	1 252 762	194,8	1 355 087	88,2	5 110 652	30,6
	August	2 505 989	0,1	1 188 372	3,7	1 788 633	64,4	5 482 994	15,7
	September	3 026 326	41,0	1 170 212	19,6	1 547 191	37,1	5 743 729	35,0
	October	3 685 713	4,9	2 052 384	26,9	1 371 063	20,0	7 109 160	13,3
	November	3 199 733	9,2	806 725	-7,4	1 144 563	-1,4	5 151 021	3,8
	December	3 294 450	1,0	881 654	-37,3	769 854	-11,3	4 945 958	-10,6
	Total	32 858 901	28,5	12 980 617	-3,6	13 481 552	33,9	59 321 070	20,8
2022	January	1 916 588	23,2	458 707	-22,6	765 284	37,3	3 140 579	16,1
	February	2 310 014	0,8	1 271 640	-0,5	1 147 349	32,2	4 729 003	6,5
	March	3 197 697	-1,4	2 627 335	441,9	1 891 604	53,9	7 716 636	55,7
	April	3 352 978	49,2	1 172 464	11,1	2 620 002	169,0	7 145 444	67,1
	May	3 046 283	18,2	1 258 308	6,9	2 432 318	190,1	6 736 909	46,7

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/
2021	January	2 080 811	-34,2	592 555	-57,8	707 643	-28,8	3 381 009	-39,2
	February	2 551 067	22,6	1 278 339	115,7	836 293	18,2	4 665 699	38,0
	March	3 194 346	25,2	484 864	-62,1	1 073 594	28,4	4 752 804	1,9
	April	2 444 881	-23,5	1 055 478	117,7	1 050 208	-2,2	4 550 567	-4,3
	May	2 597 289	6,2	1 177 072	11,5	920 978	-12,3	4 695 339	3,2
	June	2 686 387	3,4	1 040 200	-11,6	1 040 463	13,0	4 767 050	1,5
	July	2 515 011	-6,4	1 252 762	20,4	1 264 884	21,6	5 032 657	5,6
	August	2 576 196	2,4	1 188 372	-5,1	1 624 110	28,4	5 388 678	7,1
	September	2 755 666	7,0	1 170 212	-1,5	1 512 299	-6,9	5 438 177	0,9
	October	3 521 787	27,8	2 052 384	75,4	1 326 800	-12,3	6 900 971	26,9
	November	2 520 401	-28,4	806 725	-60,7	1 010 340	-23,9	4 337 466	-37,1
	December	3 201 100	27,0	881 654	9,3	896 021	-11,3	4 978 775	14,8
2022	January	2 579 079	-19,4	458 707	-48,0	982 588	9,7	4 020 374	-19,2
	February	2 562 445	-0,6	1 271 640	177,2	1 100 196	12,0	4 934 281	22,7
	March	3 165 018	23,5	2 627 335	106,6	1 617 445	47,0	7 409 798	50,2
	April	3 639 451	15,0	1 172 464	-55,4	3 028 235	87,2	7 840 150	5,8
	May	3 064 070	-15,8	1 258 308	7,3	2 462 667	-18,7	6 785 045	-13,5
	Dec 21 – Feb 22	8 342 624		2 612 001		2 978 805		13 933 430	
	Mar – May 22 2/	9 868 539	18,3	5 058 107	93,6	7 108 347	138,6	22 034 993	58,1

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 2019 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/
2021	January	1 458 474	-30,9	555 347	-61,7	522 439	-55,1	2 536 260	-46,3
	February	2 112 476	-22,2	1 178 193	-59,5	800 108	-35,4	4 090 777	-40,4
	March	2 952 614	33,0	441 588	-76,4	1 119 379	14,3	4 513 581	-11,0
	April	2 015 952	5 532,3	946 617	1 973,6	873 599	6 150,3	3 836 168	3 920,3
	May	2 280 781	1 948,3	1 041 657	902,4	742 090	786,8	4 064 528	1 259,6
	June	2 368 594	115,4	902 951	76,1	900 954	120,2	4 172 499	106,4
	July	2 157 589	-20,1	1 079 967	160,5	1 168 178	66,3	4 405 734	15,4
	August	2 151 064	-11,2	1 020 062	-8,0	1 535 307	45,9	4 706 433	2,7
	September	2 571 220	25,0	994 233	6,1	1 314 521	21,6	4 879 974	19,8
	October	3 118 201	-6,5	1 736 365	13,1	1 159 952	6,9	6 014 518	1,0
	November	2 684 340	-3,5	676 783	-18,1	960 204	-12,8	4 321 327	-8,2
	December	2 749 958	-10,8	735 938	-44,6	642 616	-21,7	4 128 512	-21,1
	Total	28 621 263	16,0	11 309 701	-13,3	11 739 347	20,6	51 670 311	8,9
2022	January	1 586 579	8,8	379 724	-31,6	633 513	21,3	2 599 816	2,5
	February	1 898 122	-10,1	1 044 897	-11,3	942 768	17,8	3 885 787	-5,0
	March	2 601 869	-11,9	2 137 783	384,1	1 539 141	37,5	6 278 793	39,1
	April	2 701 836	34,0	944 774	-0,2	2 111 202	141,7	5 757 812	50,1
	May	2 417 685	6,0	998 657	-4,1	1 930 411	160,1	5 346 753	31,5

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.

* Revised due to updating to 2019 from 2015 constant prices.

Table 8 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 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/
2021	January	1 939 781	-34,8	555 347	-58,2	656 970	-29,8	3 152 098	-39,8
	February	2 344 187	20,8	1 178 193	112,2	775 606	18,1	4 297 986	36,4
	March	2 904 762	23,9	441 588	-62,5	1 040 753	34,2	4 387 103	2,1
	April	2 191 207	-24,6	946 617	114,4	890 663	-14,4	4 028 487	-8,2
	May	2 298 988	4,9	1 041 657	10,0	814 200	-8,6	4 154 845	3,1
	June	2 338 430	1,7	902 951	-13,3	896 601	10,1	4 137 982	-0,4
	July	2 169 152	-7,2	1 079 967	19,6	1 094 725	22,1	4 343 844	5,0
	August	2 208 332	1,8	1 020 062	-5,5	1 393 545	27,3	4 621 939	6,4
	September	2 345 709	6,2	994 233	-2,5	1 283 924	-7,9	4 623 866	0,0
	October	2 980 063	27,0	1 736 365	74,6	1 126 669	-12,2	5 843 097	26,4
	November	2 127 342	-28,6	676 783	-61,0	844 449	-25,0	3 648 574	-37,6
	December	2 661 615	25,1	735 938	8,7	751 662	-11,0	4 149 215	13,7
2022	January	2 123 565	-20,2	379 724	-48,4	803 052	6,8	3 306 341	-20,3
	February	2 100 019	-1,1	1 044 897	175,2	908 673	13,2	4 053 589	22,6
	March	2 571 010	22,4	2 137 783	104,6	1 302 930	43,4	6 011 723	48,3
	April	2 931 862	14,0	944 774	-55,8	2 474 897	89,9	6 351 533	5,7
	May	2 434 252	-17,0	998 657	5,7	1 951 762	-21,1	5 384 671	-15,2
	Dec 21 – Feb 22	6 885 199		2 160 559		2 463 387		11 509 145	
	Mar – May 22 2/	7 937 124	15,3	4 081 214	88,9	5 729 589	132,6	17 747 927	54,2

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

			May 2021	Apr 2022	May 2022	Jan – May 2021	Jan – May 2022	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	406	687	1 524	2 942	4 950	68,3
		square metres	22 136	35 931	76 720	151 183	253 302	67,5
		R'000	150 129	233 775	531 883	1 031 598	1 738 848	68,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 322	1 119	1 454	6 087	6 502	6,8
		square metres	377 460	315 974	426 447	1 707 194	1 823 973	6,8
		R'000	2 899 491	2 488 259	3 317 562	13 085 190	14 398 102	10,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	3 280	2 118	1 476	11 753	10 013	-14,8
		square metres	316 816	233 525	127 660	1 128 347	975 428	-13,6
		R'000	3 220 310	2 100 909	1 124 657	10 296 196	8 770 208	-14,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 450	3 052	5 058	37 311	43 141	15,6
		R'000	19 899	16 846	38 978	294 073	350 466	19,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	6 289 829	4 839 789	5 013 080	24 707 057	25 257 624	2,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	8 785	11 259	7 101	163 196	47 021	-71,2
		R'000	65 157	96 040	49 323	1 508 853	379 252	-74,9
	Shopping space	square metres	12 951	29 675	16 323	246 517	147 072	-40,3
		R'000	92 456	219 933	134 272	1 841 125	1 180 352	-35,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	126 842	82 769	168 316	734 334	831 067	13,2
		R'000	783 285	590 958	1 090 807	4 537 308	5 258 215	15,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	42 510	17 862	33 711	160 505	186 442	16,2
		R'000	301 449	148 138	258 789	1 079 309	1 452 826	34,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 242 347	1 055 069	1 533 191	8 966 595	8 270 645	-7,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	265 350	250 692	272 998	1 135 741	1 190 773	4,8
		R'000	2 080 180	1 970 702	2 176 367	8 868 228	9 479 723	6,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	56 213	53 526	62 862	261 838	251 896	-3,8
		R'000	549 839	505 828	692 627	2 612 022	2 709 604	3,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 630 019	2 476 530	2 868 994	11 480 250	12 189 327	6,2
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	10 162 195	8 371 388	9 415 265	45 153 902	45 717 596	1,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2021 and 2022.

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 2021	Apr 2022	May 2022	Jan – May 2021	Jan – May 2022	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	109	231	538	535	2 250	320,6
		square metres	4 953	10 616	25 009	26 393	101 557	284,8
		R'000	29 942	62 435	158 298	163 139	627 483	284,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	367	456	593	1 820	2 597	42,7
		square metres	89 689	124 666	169 123	471 284	690 280	46,5
		R'000	615 966	885 444	1 173 999	3 304 839	4 872 896	47,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	621	737	564	3 119	3 895	24,9
		square metres	69 160	71 966	52 897	328 576	370 396	12,7
		R'000	522 779	587 424	404 620	2 529 982	2 992 560	18,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	107	3 010	757	19 222	11 306	-41,2
		R'000	878	16 561	5 653	152 858	111 265	-27,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 169 565	1 551 864	1 742 570	6 150 818	8 604 204	39,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	4 108	10 149	1 085	19 992	25 625	28,2
		R'000	23 634	88 804	9 207	149 962	191 518	27,7
	Shopping space	square metres	1 302	110	2 946	30 023	22 328	-25,6
		R'000	9 334	605	24 580	242 355	181 681	-25,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	30 316	5 988	70 893	112 010	146 275	30,6
		R'000	208 915	45 332	473 034	741 482	958 297	29,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	30 228	4 836	18 167	65 931	107 703	63,4
		R'000	208 489	40 317	121 111	436 209	827 206	89,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	450 372	175 058	627 932	1 570 008	2 158 702	37,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	67 329	106 428	89 105	327 391	435 243	32,9
		R'000	465 843	753 741	615 095	2 286 504	3 033 965	32,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	24 394	24 915	20 459	95 274	102 855	8,0
		R'000	238 028	233 127	309 565	1 019 681	1 201 050	17,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	703 871	986 868	924 660	3 306 185	4 235 015	28,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 323 808	2 713 790	3 295 162	11 027 011	14 997 921	36,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2021 and 2022.

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 2021	Apr 2022	May 2022	Jan – May 2021	Jan – May 2022	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	21	56	158	153	297	94,1
		square metres	1 214	3 332	6 856	8 645	14 885	72,2
		R'000	6 097	24 276	45 441	54 625	101 919	86,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	124	120	111	536	475	-11,4
		square metres	38 025	29 730	24 759	152 648	107 646	-29,5
		R'000	274 929	229 890	188 624	1 094 363	830 050	-24,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	45	12	150	386	377	-2,3
		square metres	4 513	2 580	15 357	29 390	47 979	63,2
		R'000	28 031	19 812	117 927	201 081	368 328	83,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	175	0	0	5 472	21 281	288,9
		R'000	949	0	0	41 625	158 362	280,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	310 006	273 978	351 992	1 391 694	1 458 659	4,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 144	0	0	4 017	196	-95,1
		R'000	7 995	0	0	25 003	1 455	-94,2
	Shopping space	square metres	964	8 031	603	52 209	13 457	-74,2
		R'000	6 737	54 940	4 630	374 794	96 330	-74,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	13 580	2 652	5 211	60 742	15 953	-73,7
		R'000	98 183	15 273	39 550	428 511	115 914	-72,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	227	2 191	1 021	10 413	9 159	-12,0
		R'000	1 641	16 392	7 840	73 447	66 528	-9,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	114 556	86 605	52 020	901 755	280 227	-68,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	40 003	27 224	24 440	123 660	102 146	-17,4
		R'000	281 589	203 365	182 364	869 473	763 100	-12,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 883	6 206	11 643	26 165	30 297	15,8
		R'000	17 135	50 344	86 716	204 109	234 080	14,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	298 724	253 709	269 080	1 073 582	997 180	-7,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	723 286	614 292	673 092	3 367 031	2 736 066	-18,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2021 and 2022.

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 2021	Apr 2022	May 2022	Jan – May 2021	Jan – May 2022	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	7	6	6	18	14	-22,2
		square metres	407	304	419	1 075	864	-19,6
		R'000	3 514	2 664	3 528	9 317	7 428	-20,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	7	19	17	73	72	-1,4
		square metres	1 687	4 470	3 006	17 177	16 119	-6,2
		R'000	13 749	33 761	23 893	141 322	128 574	-9,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	3	0	32	4	-87,5
		square metres	0	1 662	0	2 146	2 642	23,1
		R'000	0	13 706	0	18 549	22 295	20,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	2 811	0	2 811	..
		R'000	0	0	24 636	0	24 636	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	17 263	50 131	52 057	169 188	182 933	8,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	78	498	1 835	1 757	-4,3
		R'000	0	632	4 364	15 781	14 906	-5,5
	Shopping space	square metres	0	222	0	276	516	87,0
		R'000	0	1 946	0	2 374	4 523	90,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	627	0	14 341	8 409	14 341	70,5
		R'000	5 392	0	116 444	70 357	116 444	65,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	366	10 239	2 697,5
		R'000	0	0	0	3 207	89 734	2 698,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	5 392	2 578	120 808	91 719	225 607	146,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 524	5 781	6 281	13 339	23 962	79,6
		R'000	19 382	47 207	51 963	109 634	195 787	78,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	118	0	0	1 388	259	-81,3
		R'000	2 690	0	101	16 409	5 350	-67,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	22 072	47 207	52 064	126 043	201 137	59,6
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	44 727	99 916	224 929	386 950	609 677	57,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2021 and 2022.

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 2021	Apr 2022	May 2022	Jan – May 2021	Jan – May 2022	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	26	15	36	77	91	18,2
		square metres	1 669	849	1 941	4 809	5 050	5,0
		R'000	13 330	7 353	16 915	38 621	43 642	13,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	81	37	41	286	209	-26,9
		square metres	15 608	5 660	9 587	57 051	42 599	-25,3
		R'000	113 645	45 134	66 260	412 869	320 441	-22,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	6	0	0	49	27	-44,9
		square metres	307	0	0	7 657	2 351	-69,3
		R'000	2 590	0	0	64 359	19 777	-69,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	911	0	0	2 111	900	-57,4
		R'000	4 940	0	0	13 456	5 183	-61,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	134 505	52 487	83 175	529 305	389 043	-26,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	530	0	530	..
		R'000	0	0	3 052	0	3 052	..
	Shopping space	square metres	5 304	0	2 788	6 791	2 924	-56,9
		R'000	31 511	0	20 710	42 455	21 493	-49,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 976	1 078	7 278	5 918	16 652	181,4
		R'000	11 305	9 141	41 914	39 241	114 034	190,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	23 813	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	142 253	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	42 816	9 141	65 676	223 949	138 579	-38,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 903	2 404	4 816	45 664	24 744	-45,8
		R'000	94 118	18 084	30 330	322 305	184 638	-42,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	876	87	6 945	2 426	-65,1
		R'000	1 617	5 091	1 051	54 684	21 774	-60,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	95 735	23 175	31 381	376 989	206 412	-45,2
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	273 056	84 803	180 232	1 130 243	734 034	-35,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2021 and 2022.

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 2021	Apr 2022	May 2022	Jan – May 2021	Jan – May 2022	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	23	14	20	100	267	167,0
		square metres	1 406	928	1 058	5 821	16 699	186,9
		R'000	10 899	8 673	8 514	48 212	162 510	237,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	94	78	114	486	570	17,3
		square metres	25 304	24 925	44 530	144 063	182 918	27,0
		R'000	223 865	268 201	450 178	1 421 434	1 860 058	30,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 022	417	683	2 904	2 870	-1,2
		square metres	102 630	80 766	51 741	259 679	284 360	9,5
		R'000	1 171 591	796 423	530 304	2 785 079	2 946 541	5,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 257	0	1 490	5 738	6 098	6,3
		R'000	13 132	0	8 689	48 140	45 553	-5,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 419 487	1 073 297	997 685	4 302 865	5 014 662	16,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	784	0	963	3 838	10 706	178,9
		R'000	8 624	0	6 165	28 549	107 203	275,5
	Shopping space	square metres	2 016	13 390	6 076	23 003	52 733	129,2
		R'000	20 376	105 960	52 345	234 990	518 699	120,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	29 998	18 155	35 436	328 834	157 727	-52,0
		R'000	181 765	111 477	207 837	2 004 616	955 399	-52,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 067	91	3 302	16 191	7 227	-55,4
		R'000	33 737	1 092	29 766	127 249	63 171	-50,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	244 502	218 529	296 113	2 395 404	1 644 472	-31,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	22 823	23 477	35 637	141 271	132 666	-6,1
		R'000	232 542	248 331	373 311	1 432 965	1 388 801	-3,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	12 640	8 118	9 673	68 891	52 885	-23,2
		R'000	128 388	92 656	120 084	722 652	652 101	-9,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	360 930	340 987	493 395	2 155 617	2 040 902	-5,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 024 919	1 632 813	1 787 193	8 853 886	8 700 036	-1,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2021 and 2022.

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 2021	Apr 2022	May 2022	Jan – May 2021	Jan – May 2022	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	29	4	214	64	228	256,3
		square metres	1 271	255	8 806	3 325	9 558	187,5
		R'000	7 615	1 865	39 087	19 909	44 242	122,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	99	75	130	481	378	-21,4
		square metres	25 459	19 696	33 562	116 045	105 988	-8,7
		R'000	166 868	137 196	231 799	741 961	727 654	-1,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	155	30	15	555	53	-90,5
		square metres	14 903	1 639	1 117	47 910	3 035	-93,7
		R'000	106 652	9 821	6 456	302 734	17 890	-94,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	447	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	3 433	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	281 135	148 882	277 342	1 064 604	793 219	-25,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	370	0	1 385	845	1 659	96,3
		R'000	1 784	0	8 033	4 479	9 613	114,6
	Shopping space	square metres	266	7 171	2 080	84 846	10 012	-88,2
		R'000	1 795	48 757	12 125	497 901	65 433	-86,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	2 844	4 105	5 430	36 136	565,5
		R'000	0	18 005	23 809	30 671	214 638	599,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 880	3 398	4 329	13 035	8 728	-33,0
		R'000	15 793	24 173	24 932	76 448	55 457	-27,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	19 372	90 935	68 899	609 499	345 141	-43,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 171	9 772	12 091	61 679	43 454	-29,5
		R'000	81 422	65 233	81 145	381 522	278 614	-27,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 061	834	3 460	15 374	9 431	-38,7
		R'000	15 489	11 514	38 122	156 176	93 493	-40,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	96 911	76 747	119 267	537 698	372 107	-30,8
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	397 418	316 564	465 508	2 211 801	1 510 467	-31,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2021 and 2022.

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 2021	Apr 2022	May 2022	Jan – May 2021	Jan – May 2022	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	160	328	520	1 867	1 613	-13,6
		square metres	9 287	17 761	30 732	93 639	93 262	-0,4
		R'000	67 129	114 301	247 236	655 797	672 267	2,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	381	257	298	1 600	1 497	-6,4
		square metres	128 115	84 195	91 518	515 554	467 587	-9,3
		R'000	1 153 566	750 476	836 718	4 514 145	4 248 623	-5,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 390	917	43	4 508	2 633	-41,6
		square metres	119 159	74 570	4 245	428 199	250 026	-41,6
		R'000	1 350 423	671 753	50 613	4 240 437	2 311 094	-45,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	42	0	4 021	42	-99,0
		R'000	0	285	0	33 189	285	-99,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 571 118	1 536 815	1 134 567	9 443 568	7 232 269	-23,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 379	0	1 492	131 895	3 054	-97,7
		R'000	23 120	0	10 119	1 280 416	29 030	-97,7
	Shopping space	square metres	2 396	751	1 830	44 162	5 483	-87,6
		R'000	18 891	7 725	19 882	414 788	57 212	-86,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	47 969	37 168	18 120	198 810	369 180	85,7
		R'000	262 079	292 415	104 053	1 130 055	2 285 304	102,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	4 852	7 126	6 892	25 819	37 464	45,1
		R'000	34 978	64 700	75 140	192 110	314 874	63,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	339 068	364 840	209 194	3 017 369	2 686 420	-11,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	89 027	56 414	73 781	345 838	330 303	-4,5
		R'000	799 731	513 067	674 244	2 999 538	3 007 196	0,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	12 384	10 202	15 023	37 639	40 468	7,5
		R'000	113 811	94 793	103 471	337 576	365 516	8,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	913 542	607 860	777 715	3 337 114	3 372 712	1,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 823 728	2 509 515	2 121 476	15 798 051	13 291 401	-15,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2021 and 2022.

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 2021	Apr 2022	May 2022	Jan – May 2021	Jan – May 2022	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	12	29	25	71	159	123,9
		square metres	679	1 618	1 433	3 923	9 296	137,0
		R'000	4 072	10 493	9 882	20 268	65 720	224,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	121	49	112	582	498	-14,4
		square metres	36 730	15 235	38 476	153 787	146 602	-4,7
		R'000	236 886	89 251	268 773	982 180	992 771	1,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	51	24	-52,9
		square metres	0	0	0	6 081	2 710	-55,4
		R'000	0	0	0	39 770	15 607	-60,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	240 958	99 744	278 655	1 042 218	1 074 098	3,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	538	0	1 722	..
		R'000	0	0	4 480	0	11 299	..
	Shopping space	square metres	703	0	0	4 672	27 359	485,6
		R'000	3 812	0	0	28 027	161 834	477,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 851	4 749	12 932	9 508	48 980	415,1
		R'000	12 483	34 461	84 166	63 785	333 238	422,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 256	0	0	4 387	4 308	-1,8
		R'000	6 811	0	0	25 072	25 115	0,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	23 106	34 461	88 646	116 884	531 486	354,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 569	13 633	22 944	54 912	77 307	40,8
		R'000	75 621	86 893	142 919	333 732	495 499	48,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 358	1 657	2 517	1 678	10 397	519,6
		R'000	14 305	11 820	26 113	25 443	93 026	265,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	89 926	98 713	169 032	359 175	588 525	63,9
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	353 990	232 918	536 333	1 518 277	2 194 109	44,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2021 and 2022.

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 2021	Apr 2022	May 2022	Jan – May 2021	Jan – May 2022	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	19	4	7	57	31	-45,6
		square metres	1 250	268	466	3 553	2 131	-40,0
		R'000	7 531	1 715	2 982	21 710	13 637	-37,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	48	28	38	223	206	-7,6
		square metres	16 843	7 397	11 886	79 585	64 234	-19,3
		R'000	100 017	48 906	77 318	472 077	417 035	-11,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	41	2	21	149	130	-12,8
		square metres	6 144	342	2 303	18 709	11 929	-36,2
		R'000	38 244	1 970	14 737	114 205	76 116	-33,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	747	256	-65,7
		R'000	0	0	0	4 805	1 749	-63,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	145 792	52 591	95 037	612 797	508 537	-17,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 032	610	774	1 772	128,9
		R'000	0	6 604	3 903	4 663	11 176	139,7
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	535	12 260	2 191,6
		R'000	0	0	0	3 441	73 147	2 025,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	525	10 135	0	4 673	25 823	452,6
		R'000	3 163	64 854	0	28 590	164 947	476,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	220	0	550	1 614	193,5
		R'000	0	1 464	0	3 314	10 741	224,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	3 163	72 922	3 903	40 008	260 011	549,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 001	5 559	3 903	21 987	20 948	-4,7
		R'000	29 932	34 781	24 996	132 555	132 123	-0,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 375	718	0	8 484	2 878	-66,1
		R'000	18 376	6 483	7 404	75 292	43 214	-42,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	48 308	41 264	32 400	207 847	175 337	-15,6
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	197 263	166 777	131 340	860 652	943 885	9,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2021 and 2022.

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 2021	Apr 2022	May 2022	Jan – May 2021	Jan – May 2022	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	604	932	807	2 489	4 299	72,7
		square metres	33 647	48 153	41 590	133 035	213 276	60,3
		R'000	220 384	326 095	268 762	838 786	1 409 710	68,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	716	860	1 029	2 952	3 929	33,1
		square metres	170 823	236 385	255 078	752 097	991 715	31,9
		R'000	1 334 693	1 831 590	1 953 770	5 821 460	7 750 096	33,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 367	1 949	881	6 328	5 342	-15,6
		square metres	116 084	135 334	92 633	605 866	496 727	-18,0
		R'000	1 008 147	1 193 059	813 677	5 101 994	4 307 284	-15,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 840	391	1 383	17 069	39 551	131,7
		R'000	14 058	2 234	10 074	153 027	356 470	132,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 577 282	3 352 978	3 046 283	11 915 267	13 823 560	16,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	14 958	7 959	10 245	69 339	80 187	15,6
		R'000	111 076	62 288	78 408	584 707	691 947	18,3
	Shopping space	square metres	40 981	34 906	1 564	195 139	132 563	-32,1
		R'000	402 881	290 396	15 824	1 583 960	1 179 753	-25,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	89 347	75 437	93 520	292 335	528 300	80,7
		R'000	612 040	510 758	708 474	1 872 929	3 387 820	80,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	8 329	40 175	55 737	70 261	198 177	182,1
		R'000	51 075	309 022	455 602	546 712	1 528 934	179,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 177 072	1 172 464	1 258 308	4 588 308	6 788 454	48,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	65 436	226 131	254 825	343 125	824 624	140,3
		R'000	500 961	1 575 590	1 852 274	2 632 688	5 872 527	123,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	34 235	98 281	58 647	152 852	292 607	91,4
		R'000	337 601	1 044 412	580 044	1 834 574	2 984 030	62,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	838 562	2 620 002	2 432 318	4 467 262	8 856 557	98,3
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	4 592 916	7 145 444	6 736 909	20 970 837	29 468 571	40,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2021 and 2022.

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 2021	Apr 2022	May 2022	Jan – May 2021	Jan – May 2022	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	108	382	341	797	1 998	150,7
		square metres	5 278	17 261	15 533	35 819	84 525	136,0
		R'000	32 449	99 196	82 657	204 574	474 910	132,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	242	390	449	1 004	1 606	60,0
		square metres	58 619	112 645	118 324	240 177	423 354	76,3
		R'000	407 263	765 982	805 492	1 649 518	2 901 792	75,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	423	1 252	452	3 139	3 056	-2,6
		square metres	39 710	86 980	52 073	249 700	265 844	6,5
		R'000	304 964	670 577	411 771	1 937 613	2 094 418	8,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 700	68	1 078	14 395	8 604	-40,2
		R'000	13 158	374	8 318	132 534	55 729	-58,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	757 834	1 536 129	1 308 238	3 924 239	5 526 849	40,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	3 520	6 241	10 245	31 217	38 426	23,1
		R'000	21 944	51 674	78 408	243 434	290 465	19,3
	Shopping space	square metres	1 198	13 680	300	25 597	63 357	147,5
		R'000	6 616	112 802	1 920	210 105	508 610	142,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	37 810	31 356	18 393	70 325	91 417	30,0
		R'000	249 842	215 689	121 506	474 765	620 309	30,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	33 907	27 929	17 883	95 227	432,5
		R'000	0	263 429	190 082	119 166	687 836	477,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	278 402	643 594	391 916	1 047 470	2 107 220	101,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	27 882	196 207	204 720	157 220	631 726	301,8
		R'000	184 498	1 319 969	1 436 397	1 067 583	4 220 711	295,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	11 273	89 376	42 106	55 283	218 029	294,4
		R'000	140 779	950 298	430 959	931 833	2 324 201	149,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	325 277	2 270 267	1 867 356	1 999 416	6 544 912	227,3
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 361 513	4 449 990	3 567 510	6 971 125	14 178 981	103,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2021 and 2022.

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 2021	Apr 2022	May 2022	Jan – May 2021	Jan – May 2022	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	8	24	34	61	122	100,0
		square metres	521	1 375	1 994	3 394	7 416	118,5
		R'000	3 162	9 468	14 302	21 259	52 980	149,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	50	45	51	156	245	57,1
		square metres	9 924	13 947	10 863	46 665	52 524	12,6
		R'000	73 152	99 795	86 998	331 936	403 065	21,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	16	36	16	134	156	16,4
		square metres	1 505	2 152	1 674	11 895	9 683	-18,6
		R'000	10 864	16 525	12 751	85 139	73 021	-14,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	5 297	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	40 676	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	87 178	125 788	114 051	438 334	569 742	30,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	5 000	3 921	-21,6
		R'000	0	0	0	36 150	30 109	-16,7
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	1 725	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	12 364	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	31 912	2 816	1 147	62 526	9 479	-84,8
		R'000	230 724	21 624	8 808	443 372	72 790	-83,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	1 351	26 972	1 896,4
		R'000	0	0	0	9 442	200 012	2 018,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	230 724	21 624	8 808	501 328	302 911	-39,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 215	4 628	14 131	45 958	40 873	-11,1
		R'000	51 980	35 535	107 279	324 550	312 345	-3,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	919	2 579	1 977	3 414	9 317	172,9
		R'000	8 417	19 855	15 639	33 397	74 557	123,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	60 397	55 390	122 918	357 947	386 902	8,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	378 299	202 802	245 777	1 297 609	1 259 555	-2,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2021 and 2022.

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 2021	Apr 2022	May 2022	Jan – May 2021	Jan – May 2022	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	2	2	3	8	166,7
		square metres	62	124	110	176	502	185,2
		R'000	533	1 005	891	1 513	4 067	168,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	7	12	6	46	37	-19,6
		square metres	1 639	2 442	1 148	10 084	8 165	-19,0
		R'000	14 095	19 788	9 302	85 172	66 161	-22,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	4	1	0	11	12	9,1
		square metres	553	132	0	1 035	1 081	4,4
		R'000	4 756	1 070	0	8 901	8 760	-1,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	19 384	21 863	10 193	95 586	78 988	-17,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	266	0	274	461	68,2
		R'000	0	2 155	0	2 356	3 735	58,5
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 086	1 220	0	1 086	1 220	12,3
		R'000	9 340	9 886	0	9 340	9 886	5,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	195	202	3,6
		R'000	0	0	0	1 677	1 637	-2,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	9 340	12 041	0	13 373	15 258	14,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 467	2 838	3 695	10 353	16 719	61,5
		R'000	12 616	22 996	29 941	88 927	135 474	52,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	5 847	0	258	6 746	2 151	-68,1
		R'000	50 444	665	2 331	59 156	19 575	-66,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	63 060	23 661	32 272	148 083	155 049	4,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	91 784	57 565	42 465	257 042	249 295	-3,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2021 and 2022.

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 2021	Apr 2022	May 2022	Jan – May 2021	Jan – May 2022	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	55	3	15	140	44	-68,6
		square metres	3 502	120	529	8 590	2 231	-74,0
		R'000	29 172	691	3 283	71 518	17 789	-75,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	30	4	36	140	74	-47,1
		square metres	4 536	1 244	4 361	23 440	10 730	-54,2
		R'000	35 060	8 662	28 955	176 926	76 075	-57,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	35	2	-94,3
		square metres	0	0	0	4 012	355	-91,2
		R'000	0	0	0	33 393	2 044	-93,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	305	605	1 487	145,8
		R'000	0	0	1 756	4 942	8 563	73,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	64 232	9 353	33 994	286 779	104 471	-63,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	538	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	3 640	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	712	2 786	291,3
		R'000	0	0	0	5 037	21 319	323,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	471	353	-25,1
		R'000	0	0	0	2 653	2 129	-19,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	0	11 330	23 448	107,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	923	197	5 693	5 219	11 294	116,4
		R'000	6 536	1 273	32 880	32 797	67 099	104,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	114	0	0	628	3 794	504,1
		R'000	618	0	0	5 195	28 971	457,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	7 154	1 273	32 880	37 992	96 070	152,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	71 386	10 626	66 874	336 101	223 989	-33,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2021 and 2022.

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 2021	Apr 2022	May 2022	Jan – May 2021	Jan – May 2022	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	9	10	33	40	21,2
		square metres	351	535	570	1 983	2 299	15,9
		R'000	2 419	4 708	5 802	16 664	22 312	33,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	30	63	64	216	274	26,9
		square metres	12 410	19 556	24 726	71 748	103 209	43,8
		R'000	125 836	211 560	258 575	719 742	1 052 795	46,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	47	471	245	250	896	258,4
		square metres	6 147	27 910	20 561	33 327	72 546	117,7
		R'000	56 559	316 496	208 539	295 625	798 033	169,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	1 445	20 423	1 313,4
		R'000	0	0	0	11 560	224 653	1 843,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	184 814	532 764	472 916	1 043 591	2 097 793	101,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	14 880	487	-96,7
		R'000	0	0	0	156 395	5 357	-96,6
	Shopping space	square metres	30 315	0	1 264	52 491	36 391	-30,7
		R'000	325 606	0	13 904	487 232	394 308	-19,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	11 875	22 968	32 725	22 602	84 401	273,4
		R'000	77 211	155 174	327 352	147 292	659 900	348,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	325	2 390	8 945	489	13 467	2 654,0
		R'000	2 275	19 120	94 816	3 587	135 056	3 665,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	405 092	174 294	436 072	794 506	1 194 621	50,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 331	3 935	7 109	39 976	35 170	-12,0
		R'000	111 251	45 004	79 599	445 588	397 893	-10,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 390	3 023	7 556	28 002	21 221	-24,2
		R'000	24 652	37 931	85 456	323 034	258 539	-20,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	135 903	82 935	165 055	768 622	656 432	-14,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	725 809	789 993	1 074 043	2 606 719	3 948 846	51,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2021 and 2022.

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 2021	Apr 2022	May 2022	Jan – May 2021	Jan – May 2022	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	27	31	26	92	112	21,7
		square metres	1 646	1 820	1 551	5 584	6 577	17,8
		R'000	9 447	10 552	9 236	31 814	38 579	21,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	44	79	84	237	318	34,2
		square metres	11 345	14 402	18 978	52 822	63 076	19,4
		R'000	74 083	94 578	131 617	330 698	416 760	26,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	82	6	5	144	38	-73,6
		square metres	6 564	822	569	17 218	4 123	-76,1
		R'000	41 475	5 892	3 300	113 634	26 832	-76,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	323	0	0	1 051	..
		R'000	0	1 860	0	0	7 077	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	125 005	112 882	144 153	476 146	489 248	2,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	6 355	1 040	0	6 818	1 040	-84,7
		R'000	36 719	6 032	0	39 358	6 032	-84,7
	Shopping space	square metres	0	9 962	0	64 709	11 013	-83,0
		R'000	0	71 102	0	390 181	77 161	-80,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 272	4 794	0	2 792	9 829	252,0
		R'000	14 972	36 813	0	18 732	69 706	272,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	0	11 760	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	68 343	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	51 691	113 947	0	448 271	221 242	-50,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 516	1 849	2 116	9 936	8 137	-18,1
		R'000	8 713	11 043	13 493	55 780	49 052	-12,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	11 045	1 141	112	13 341	2 698	-79,8
		R'000	68 392	12 628	1 070	127 936	29 227	-77,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	77 105	23 671	14 563	183 716	78 279	-57,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	253 801	250 500	158 716	1 108 133	788 769	-28,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2021 and 2022.

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 2021	Apr 2022	May 2022	Jan – May 2021	Jan – May 2022	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	393	453	337	1 253	1 855	48,0
		square metres	21 915	25 181	19 056	71 126	102 652	44,3
		R'000	141 013	188 811	137 105	452 672	750 104	65,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	261	210	200	929	1 009	8,6
		square metres	57 250	56 736	55 652	244 337	249 916	2,3
		R'000	500 578	525 916	495 483	2 099 449	2 286 706	8,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	795	181	163	2 608	1 125	-56,9
		square metres	61 605	17 096	17 756	287 828	137 957	-52,1
		R'000	589 529	181 105	177 316	2 622 562	1 271 229	-51,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	484	2 474	411,2
		R'000	0	0	0	3 091	18 303	492,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 231 120	895 832	809 904	5 177 774	4 326 342	-16,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	5 083	0	0	7 370	34 397	366,7
		R'000	52 413	0	0	78 433	347 679	343,3
	Shopping space	square metres	4 116	10 314	0	43 821	19 076	-56,5
		R'000	38 711	101 600	0	443 031	183 416	-58,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 275	11 536	39 010	126 491	314 447	148,6
		R'000	18 216	66 792	235 511	738 715	1 839 207	149,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	8 004	3 878	8 868	48 040	40 201	-16,3
		R'000	48 800	26 473	91 305	398 438	354 522	-11,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	158 140	194 865	326 816	1 658 617	2 724 824	64,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	15 038	15 253	15 834	67 926	72 865	7,3
		R'000	118 959	131 150	141 223	577 836	638 418	10,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 564	674	5 372	43 834	30 605	-30,2
		R'000	25 848	9 440	34 368	315 954	205 816	-34,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	144 807	140 590	175 591	893 790	844 234	-5,5
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 534 067	1 231 287	1 312 311	7 730 181	7 895 400	2,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2021 and 2022.

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 2021	Apr 2022	May 2022	Jan – May 2021	Jan – May 2022	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	17	33	61	78	27,9
		square metres	110	1 076	1 677	3 357	4 392	30,8
		R'000	610	7 434	11 839	20 488	31 807	55,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	35	34	116	132	255	93,2
		square metres	9 238	7 467	13 012	35 251	42 610	20,9
		R'000	69 676	54 049	86 355	263 571	302 433	14,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	2	0	0	4	..
		square metres	0	242	0	0	509	..
		R'000	0	1 394	0	0	2 966	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	70 286	62 877	98 194	284 059	337 206	18,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	412	0	3 197	1 455	-54,5
		R'000	0	2 427	0	25 068	8 570	-65,8
	Shopping space	square metres	5 352	0	0	5 352	0	-100,0
		R'000	31 948	0	0	31 948	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 117	0	483	4 608	1 169	-74,6
		R'000	11 735	0	4 022	28 264	7 973	-71,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	8 009	0	8 009	..
		R'000	0	0	66 691	0	66 691	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	43 683	2 427	70 713	85 280	83 234	-2,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	659	833	901	3 946	5 280	33,8
		R'000	4 140	6 179	7 503	24 632	35 672	44,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	83	0	0	1 566	1 806	15,3
		R'000	15 451	2 692	620	32 340	20 655	-36,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	19 591	8 871	8 123	56 972	56 327	-1,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	133 560	74 175	177 030	426 311	476 767	11,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2021 and 2022.

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 2021	Apr 2022	May 2022	Jan – May 2021	Jan – May 2022	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	11	9	49	42	-14,3
		square metres	262	661	570	3 006	2 682	-10,8
		R'000	1 579	4 230	3 647	18 284	17 162	-6,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	17	23	23	92	111	20,7
		square metres	5 862	7 946	8 014	27 573	38 131	38,3
		R'000	34 950	51 260	50 993	164 448	244 309	48,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	7	53	657,1
		square metres	0	0	0	851	4 629	443,9
		R'000	0	0	0	5 127	29 981	484,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	140	0	0	140	215	53,6
		R'000	900	0	0	900	1 469	63,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	37 429	55 490	54 640	188 759	292 921	55,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	583	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	3 513	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	950	0	906	2 726	200,9
		R'000	0	4 892	0	5 459	16 258	197,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	747	1 762	1 193	13 552	1 036,0
		R'000	0	4 780	11 275	7 412	86 730	1 070,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	1 986	1 832	1 986	8,4
		R'000	0	0	12 708	11 749	12 708	8,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	9 672	23 983	28 133	115 696	311,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	405	391	626	2 591	2 560	-1,2
		R'000	2 268	2 441	3 959	14 995	15 863	5,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	1 488	1 266	38	2 986	7 757,9
		R'000	3 000	10 903	9 601	5 729	22 489	292,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	5 268	13 344	13 560	20 724	38 352	85,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	42 697	78 506	92 183	237 616	446 969	88,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2021 and 2022.

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 2022 was 85,6%. The improved collection rate for April 2022 was 92,8%.
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 2019. 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 P0151.1: <i>Construction Materials Price Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2021=100) are converted to the base year 2019=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 the United States Census Bureau.
	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 February 2022
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	.. Changes from a zero in the preceding period cannot be calculated as a percentage.
	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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