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Key findings for January to May 2025

Building plans passed at current prices

Table A – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building

Type of building	Jan – May 2024	Jan – May 2025	Difference in value between Jan – May 2024 and Jan – May 2025	% change between Jan – May 2024 and Jan – May 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	19 552 241	17 915 160	-1 637 081	-8,4
-Dwelling-houses	11 744 428	12 008 574	264 146	2,2
-Flats and townhouses	7 058 827	5 376 915	-1 681 912	-23,8
-Other residential buildings	748 986	529 671	-219 315	-29,3
Non-residential buildings	8 675 765	8 477 016	-198 749	-2,3
Additions and alterations	10 586 875	12 124 328	1 537 453	14,5
Total	38 814 881	38 516 504	-298 377	-0,8

The value of building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 0,8% (-R298,4 million) during January to May 2025 compared with January to May 2024. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-R1 637,1 million) and non-residential buildings (-R198,7 million). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (R1 537,5 million) – see Table A.

Table B – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by province

Province	Jan – May 2024	Jan – May 2025	Weight Jan – May 2024	% change between Jan – May 2024 and Jan – May 2025	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – May 2024 and Jan – May 2025 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – May 2024 and Jan – May 2025
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	11 043 297	14 147 656	28,5	28,1	8,0	3 104 359
Eastern Cape	2 197 898	2 795 570	5,7	27,2	1,5	597 672
Northern Cape	366 177	322 517	0,9	-11,9	-0,1	-43 660
Free State	1 100 223	1 086 353	2,8	-1,3	0,0	-13 870
KwaZulu-Natal	5 897 290	5 339 363	15,2	-9,5	-1,4	-557 927
North West	1 974 727	1 239 122	5,1	-37,3	-1,9	-735 605
Gauteng	13 279 475	10 405 636	34,2	-21,6	-7,4	-2 873 839
Mpumalanga	1 982 199	2 335 280	5,1	17,8	0,9	353 081
Limpopo	973 595	845 007	2,5	-13,2	-0,3	-128 588
Total	38 814 881	38 516 504	100,0	-0,8	-0,8	-298 377

¹ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change by its weight, divided by 100, where the weight is the percentage contribution of each province to the cumulative total building plans passed during the previous year.

The largest negative contributors to the total decrease of 0,8% (-R298,4 million) were Gauteng (contributing -7,4 percentage points or -R2 873,8 million), North West (contributing -1,9 percentage points or -R735,6 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -1,4 percentage points or -R557,9 million).

The largest positive contributors were Western Cape (contributing 8,0 percentage points or R3 104,4 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing 1,5 percentage points or R597,7 million) – see Table B.

Building plans passed at constant 2019 prices

Table C – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building

Type of building	Jan – May 2024	Jan – May 2025	Difference in value between Jan – May 2024 and Jan – May 2025	% change between Jan – May 2024 and Jan – May 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	14 351 473	12 879 546	-1 471 927	-10,3
Non-residential buildings	6 357 131	6 093 832	-263 299	-4,1
Additions and alterations	7 771 608	8 714 310	942 702	12,1
Total	28 480 212	27 687 688	-792 524	-2,8

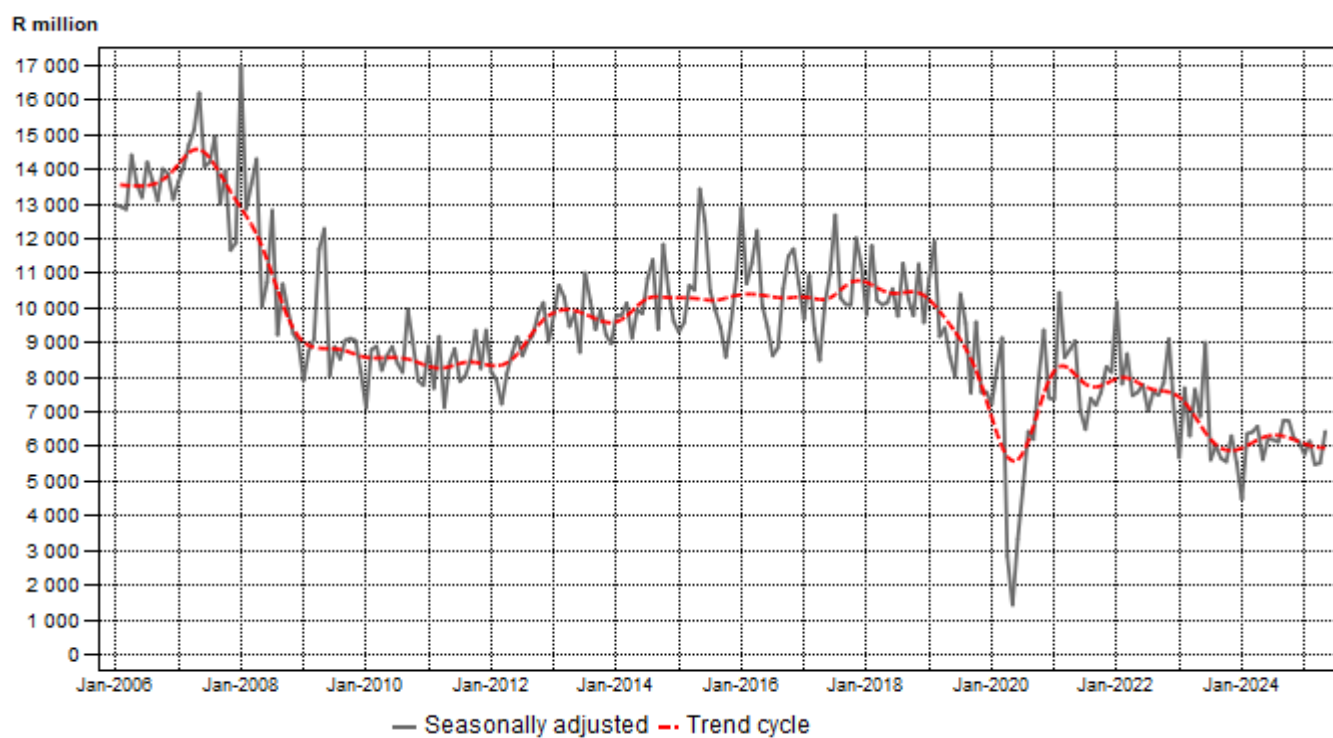
The real value of building plans passed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 2,8% (-R792,5 million) during January to May 2025 compared with January to May 2024. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-R1 471,9 million) and non-residential buildings (-R263,3 million). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (R942,7 million) – see Table C.

Table D – Seasonally adjusted building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

Type of building	Dec 2024 – Feb 2025	Mar – May 2025	% change between Dec 2024 – Feb 2025 and Mar – May 2025
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 482 862	8 225 620	-3,0
Non-residential buildings ¹	3 912 552	3 495 162	-10,7
Additions and alterations	5 660 965	5 710 280	0,9
Total	18 056 379	17 431 062	-3,5

¹ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 on page 38.

The seasonally adjusted real value of building plans passed decreased by 3,5% in the three months ended May 2025 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-10,7%) and residential buildings (-3,0%). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (0,9%) – see Table D.

Figure 1 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices

Buildings reported as completed at current prices

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

Type of building	Jan – May 2024	Jan – May 2025	Difference in value between Jan – May 2024 and Jan – May 2025	% change between Jan – May 2024 and Jan – May 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	10 847 673	11 459 112	611 439	5,6
-Dwelling-houses	7 212 285	6 493 287	-718 998	-10,0
-Flats and townhouses	3 488 656	4 624 766	1 136 110	32,6
-Other residential buildings	146 732	341 059	194 327	132,4
Non-residential buildings	4 209 550	4 407 817	198 267	4,7
Additions and alterations	3 815 381	3 583 228	-232 153	-6,1
Total	18 872 604	19 450 157	577 553	3,1

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 3,1% (R577,6 million) during January to May 2025 compared with January to May 2024. Increases were reported for residential buildings (R611,4 million) and non-residential buildings (R198,3 million). A decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-R232,2 million) – see Table E.

Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by province

Province	Jan – May 2024	Jan – May 2025	Weight Jan – May 2024	% change between Jan – May 2024 and Jan – May 2025	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – May 2024 and Jan – May 2025 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – May 2024 and Jan – May 2025
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	5 302 081	5 971 205	28,1	12,6	3,5	669 124
Eastern Cape	1 280 263	1 016 595	6,8	-20,6	-1,4	-263 668
Northern Cape	175 421	73 050	0,9	-58,4	-0,5	-102 371
Free State	163 857	104 237	0,9	-36,4	-0,3	-59 620
KwaZulu-Natal	2 841 212	2 954 605	15,1	4,0	0,6	113 393
North West	783 029	1 206 864	4,1	54,1	2,2	423 835
Gauteng	7 507 204	7 412 537	39,8	-1,3	-0,5	-94 667
Mpumalanga	522 972	322 900	2,8	-38,3	-1,1	-200 072
Limpopo	296 565	388 164	1,6	30,9	0,5	91 599
Total	18 872 604	19 450 157	100,0	3,1	3,1	577 553

¹ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change by its weight, divided by 100, where the weight is the percentage contribution of each province to the cumulative total buildings reported as completed during the previous year.

Four out of the nine provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to May 2025, of which Western Cape (contributing 3,5 percentage points or R669,1 million), North West (contributing 2,2 percentage points or R423,8 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 0,6 of a percentage point or R113,4 million) were the largest positive contributors.

The largest negative contributors were Eastern Cape (contributing -1,4 percentage points or -R263,7 million) and Mpumalanga (contributing -1,1 percentage points or -R200,1 million) – see Table F.

Buildings reported as completed at constant 2019 prices

Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building

Type of building	Jan – May 2024	Jan – May 2025	Difference in value between Jan – May 2024 and Jan – May 2025	% change between Jan – May 2024 and Jan – May 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	7 960 811	8 229 241	268 430	3,4
Non-residential buildings	3 083 712	3 175 433	91 721	3,0
Additions and alterations	2 803 680	2 574 121	-229 559	-8,2
Total	13 848 203	13 978 795	130 592	0,9

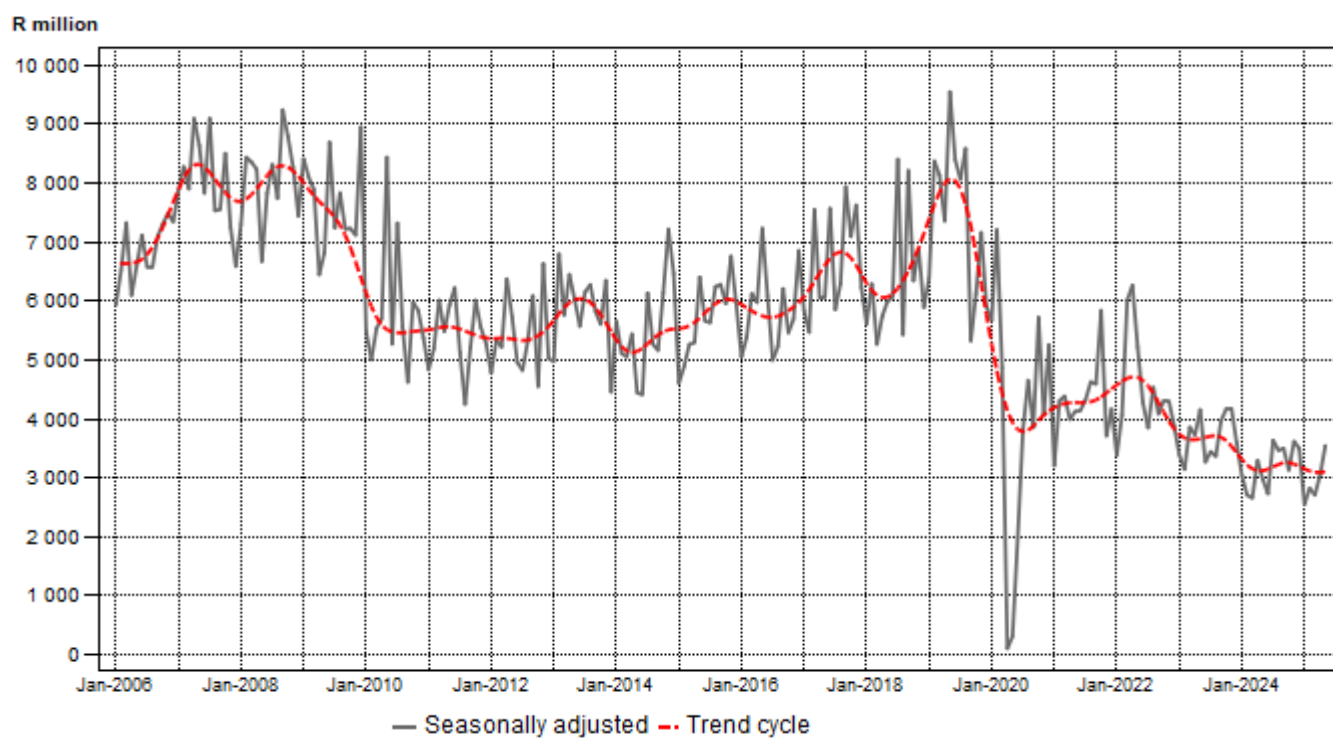
The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2019 prices) increased by 0,9% (R130,6 million) during January to May 2025 compared with January to May 2024. Increases were reported for residential buildings (R268,4 million) and non-residential buildings (R91,7 million). A decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-R229,6 million) – see Table G.

Table H – Seasonally adjusted buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

Type of building	Dec 2024 – Feb 2025	Mar – May 2025	% change between Dec 2024 – Feb 2025 and Mar – May 2025
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	4 751 011	5 776 973	21,6
Non-residential buildings ¹	2 686 846	1 635 030	-39,1
Additions and alterations	1 428 681	1 881 290	31,7
Total	8 866 538	9 293 293	4,8

¹ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 on page 38.

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 4,8% in the three months ended May 2025 compared with the previous three months. Increases were reported for additions and alterations (31,7%) and residential buildings (21,6%). Non-residential buildings fell by 39,1% – see Table H.

Figure 2 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices


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Tables

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	2 641 211	-4,4	646 429	-10,4	1 392 946	-27,7	4 680 586	-13,5
	February	4 987 654	-6,0	1 655 142	-0,6	2 359 384	-10,5	9 002 180	-6,3
	March	3 543 222	-23,9	1 674 931	-1,3	2 596 885	20,7	7 815 038	-8,1
	April	4 241 995	-8,1	2 658 595	24,4	2 282 122	0,5	9 182 712	1,8
	May	4 138 159	-6,8	2 040 668	-0,9	1 955 538	-33,9	8 134 365	-14,0
	June	3 769 542	-20,2	2 538 847	-47,3	2 334 452	-15,7	8 642 841	-29,8
	July	3 978 787	-7,4	2 652 065	138,7	2 835 702	15,6	9 466 554	20,4
	August	4 294 462	9,3	2 005 025	-6,1	2 578 344	1,1	8 877 831	3,1
	September	4 892 901	9,2	2 070 383	102,1	2 661 175	11,6	9 624 459	22,0
	October	4 650 594	15,7	2 891 035	162,5	2 743 048	-8,3	10 284 677	26,8
	November	4 243 490	-5,0	1 910 056	14,8	2 557 544	-8,0	8 711 090	-2,3
	December	2 945 291	10,3	1 798 704	15,0	2 256 261	24,3	7 000 256	15,7
	Total	48 327 308	-4,0	24 541 880	13,1	28 553 401	-3,8	101 422 589	-0,3
2025	January	3 186 144	20,6	1 206 164	86,6	1 871 867	34,4	6 264 175	33,8
	February	3 404 090	-31,7	2 395 437	44,7	2 505 413	6,2	8 304 940	-7,7
	March	3 635 173	2,6	1 385 314	-17,3	2 431 589	-6,4	7 452 076	-4,6
	April	3 412 504	-19,6	1 531 377	-42,4	2 341 150	2,6	7 285 031	-20,7
	May	4 277 249	3,4	1 958 724	-4,0	2 974 309	52,1	9 210 282	13,2

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

Table 2 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of 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
2024	January	3 610 200	-1,1	646 429	-58,7	1 848 080	-19,6	6 104 709	-18,7
	February	4 543 292	25,8	1 655 142	156,0	2 392 228	29,4	8 590 662	40,7
	March	4 074 809	-10,3	1 674 931	1,2	2 987 221	24,9	8 736 961	1,7
	April	4 063 097	-0,3	2 658 595	58,7	2 249 867	-24,7	8 971 559	2,7
	May	3 826 081	-5,8	2 040 668	-23,2	1 852 524	-17,7	7 719 273	-14,0
	June	3 606 829	-5,7	2 538 847	24,4	2 399 593	29,5	8 545 269	10,7
	July	3 497 730	-3,0	2 652 065	4,5	2 381 582	-0,8	8 531 377	-0,2
	August	3 978 476	13,7	2 005 025	-24,4	2 420 451	1,6	8 403 952	-1,5
	September	4 754 219	19,5	2 070 383	3,3	2 453 574	1,4	9 278 176	10,4
	October	3 930 924	-17,3	2 891 035	39,6	2 368 312	-3,5	9 190 271	-0,9
	November	4 258 503	8,3	1 910 056	-33,9	2 399 968	1,3	8 568 527	-6,8
	December	3 925 478	-7,8	1 798 704	-5,8	2 743 758	14,3	8 467 940	-1,2
2025	January	4 266 195	8,7	1 206 164	-32,9	2 520 025	-8,2	7 992 384	-5,6
	February	3 604 022	-15,5	2 395 437	98,6	2 565 074	1,8	8 564 533	7,2
	March	3 743 643	3,9	1 385 314	-42,2	2 531 248	-1,3	7 660 205	-10,6
	April	3 614 423	-3,5	1 531 377	10,5	2 554 004	0,9	7 699 804	0,5
	May	4 072 239	12,7	1 958 724	27,9	2 886 147	13,0	8 917 110	15,8
	Dec 24 – Feb 25	11 795 695		5 400 305		7 828 857		25 024 857	
	Mar – May 25 ²	11 430 305	-3,1	4 875 415	-9,7	7 971 399	1,8	24 277 119	-3,0

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

² The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of building plans passed by municipalities for the latest three months compared with the previous three months expressed as a percentage.

³ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 on page 38.

Table 3 – Value and percentage change of building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	1 957 903	-9,7	479 191	-15,4	1 032 577	-31,7	3 469 671	-18,3
	February	3 686 367	-10,2	1 223 313	-5,0	1 743 817	-14,5	6 653 497	-10,5
	March	2 603 396	-27,1	1 230 662	-5,4	1 908 071	15,7	5 742 129	-11,9
	April	3 098 608	-12,4	1 941 998	18,6	1 666 999	-4,2	6 707 605	-3,0
	May	3 005 199	-11,2	1 481 967	-5,7	1 420 144	-37,1	5 907 310	-18,1
	June	2 747 480	-23,9	1 850 472	-49,7	1 701 496	-19,6	6 299 448	-33,1
	July	2 883 179	-11,7	1 921 786	127,6	2 054 857	10,2	6 859 822	14,8
	August	3 118 709	4,9	1 456 082	-9,9	1 872 436	-3,0	6 447 227	-1,1
	September	3 555 887	5,5	1 504 639	95,2	1 933 993	7,8	6 994 519	17,9
	October	3 414 533	13,2	2 122 640	156,7	2 013 985	-10,3	7 551 158	24,0
	November	3 099 701	-7,2	1 395 220	12,1	1 868 184	-10,2	6 363 105	-4,5
	December	2 151 418	8,2	1 313 882	12,9	1 648 109	22,1	5 113 409	13,6
	Total	35 322 380	-7,8	17 921 852	8,5	20 864 668	-7,6	74 108 900	-4,3
2025	January	2 315 512	18,3	876 573	82,9	1 360 368	31,7	4 552 453	31,2
	February	2 447 225	-33,6	1 722 097	40,8	1 801 160	3,3	5 970 482	-10,3
	March	2 594 699	-0,3	988 804	-19,7	1 735 610	-9,0	5 319 113	-7,4
	April	2 442 737	-21,2	1 096 190	-43,6	1 675 841	0,5	5 214 768	-22,3
	May	3 079 373	2,5	1 410 168	-4,8	2 141 331	50,8	6 630 872	12,2

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

Table 4 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of 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
2024	January	2 636 501	-1,1	479 191	-58,8	1 363 531	-19,8	4 479 223	-19,0
	February	3 378 484	28,1	1 223 313	155,3	1 767 405	29,6	6 369 202	42,2
	March	2 993 934	-11,4	1 230 662	0,6	2 190 467	23,9	6 415 063	0,7
	April	2 995 139	0,0	1 941 998	57,8	1 647 894	-24,8	6 585 031	2,6
	May	2 784 444	-7,0	1 481 967	-23,7	1 346 709	-18,3	5 613 120	-14,8
	June	2 627 741	-5,6	1 850 472	24,9	1 746 389	29,7	6 224 602	10,9
	July	2 545 020	-3,1	1 921 786	3,9	1 730 232	-0,9	6 197 038	-0,4
	August	2 911 154	14,4	1 456 082	-24,2	1 764 325	2,0	6 131 561	-1,1
	September	3 460 208	18,9	1 504 639	3,3	1 792 098	1,6	6 756 945	10,2
	October	2 884 562	-16,6	2 122 640	41,1	1 736 629	-3,1	6 743 831	-0,2
	November	3 084 269	6,9	1 395 220	-34,3	1 749 344	0,7	6 228 833	-7,6
	December	2 822 546	-8,5	1 313 882	-5,8	1 994 348	14,0	6 130 776	-1,6
2025	January	3 067 012	8,7	876 573	-33,3	1 824 089	-8,5	5 767 674	-5,9
	February	2 593 304	-15,4	1 722 097	96,5	1 842 528	1,0	6 157 929	6,8
	March	2 683 854	3,5	988 804	-42,6	1 805 694	-2,0	5 478 352	-11,0
	April	2 599 210	-3,2	1 096 190	10,9	1 827 385	1,2	5 522 785	0,8
	May	2 942 556	13,2	1 410 168	28,6	2 077 201	13,7	6 429 925	16,4
	Dec 24 – Feb 25	8 482 862		3 912 552		5 660 965		18 056 379	
	Mar – May 25 ²	8 225 620	-3,0	3 495 162	-10,7	5 710 280	0,9	17 431 062	-3,5

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

² The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of building plans passed by municipalities for the latest three months compared with the previous three months expressed as a percentage.

³ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 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		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
2024	January	1 834 865	14,6	738 235	-49,1	662 252	23,5	3 235 352	-9,9
	February	2 097 005	-13,1	464 909	-18,4	932 878	9,6	3 494 792	-8,9
	March	2 149 921	-21,9	392 388	-77,0	911 912	35,3	3 454 221	-32,7
	April	2 362 554	-6,7	1 461 297	8,4	730 773	5,4	4 554 624	-0,4
	May	2 403 328	-39,4	1 152 721	77,5	577 566	-32,4	4 133 615	-24,4
	June	2 166 878	-23,5	833 237	10,5	744 988	-4,4	3 745 103	-14,2
	July	2 995 552	12,7	818 680	-33,8	1 371 761	93,2	5 185 993	12,6
	August	2 500 529	-18,2	1 344 921	101,1	968 386	28,4	4 813 836	7,4
	September	3 089 032	-13,7	977 587	-21,4	1 044 219	34,3	5 110 838	-8,7
	October	2 825 730	-10,3	746 281	-51,5	895 522	-18,3	4 467 533	-22,8
	November	2 605 899	-26,5	2 003 154	19,3	812 265	-19,9	5 421 318	-13,1
	December	2 331 225	-29,0	1 569 481	162,8	816 420	-3,5	4 717 126	-0,2
	Total	29 362 518	-17,0	12 502 891	-7,0	10 468 942	9,2	52 334 351	-10,4
2025	January	1 276 232	-30,4	1 244 982	68,6	401 356	-39,4	2 922 570	-9,7
	February	2 263 890	8,0	884 148	90,2	550 009	-41,0	3 698 047	5,8
	March	2 505 920	16,6	569 063	45,0	772 015	-15,3	3 846 998	11,4
	April	2 799 975	18,5	481 210	-67,1	726 757	-0,5	4 007 942	-12,0
	May	2 613 095	8,7	1 228 414	6,6	1 133 091	96,2	4 974 600	20,3

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 corresponding period of the previous year expressed as a percentage.

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
2024	January	2 583 117	-18,8	738 235	23,6	802 913	-23,7	4 124 265	-14,6
	February	2 326 710	-9,9	464 909	-37,0	877 390	9,3	3 669 009	-11,0
	March	2 307 070	-0,8	392 388	-15,6	927 402	5,7	3 626 860	-1,1
	April	2 328 832	0,9	1 461 297	272,4	699 898	-24,5	4 490 027	23,8
	May	2 392 990	2,8	1 152 721	-21,1	553 141	-21,0	4 098 852	-8,7
	June	2 119 989	-11,4	833 237	-27,7	786 199	42,1	3 739 425	-8,8
	July	2 902 672	36,9	818 680	-1,7	1 286 560	63,6	5 007 912	33,9
	August	2 509 595	-13,5	1 344 921	64,3	898 146	-30,2	4 752 662	-5,1
	September	2 802 073	11,7	977 587	-27,3	1 013 183	12,8	4 792 843	0,8
	October	2 666 738	-4,8	746 281	-23,7	850 086	-16,1	4 263 105	-11,1
	November	2 177 740	-18,3	2 003 154	168,4	777 964	-8,5	4 958 858	16,3
	December	2 262 735	3,9	1 569 481	-21,6	962 374	23,7	4 794 590	-3,3
2025	January	1 802 123	-20,4	1 244 982	-20,7	476 135	-50,5	3 523 240	-26,5
	February	2 512 646	39,4	884 148	-29,0	535 409	12,4	3 932 203	11,6
	March	2 513 499	0,0	569 063	-35,6	709 296	32,5	3 791 858	-3,6
	April	2 951 727	17,4	481 210	-15,4	815 198	14,9	4 248 135	12,0
	May	2 599 045	-11,9	1 228 414	155,3	1 091 927	33,9	4 919 386	15,8
	Dec 24 – Feb 25	6 577 504		3 698 611		1 973 918		12 250 033	
	Mar – May 25 ²	8 064 271	22,6	2 278 687	-38,4	2 616 421	32,5	12 959 379	5,8

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

³ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 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		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
2024	January	1 360 167	8,2	547 246	-52,0	490 921	16,7	2 398 334	-14,9
	February	1 549 893	-17,0	343 613	-22,0	689 489	4,7	2 582 995	-12,9
	March	1 579 663	-25,1	288 309	-78,0	670 031	29,7	2 538 003	-35,5
	April	1 725 752	-11,1	1 067 419	3,4	533 801	0,5	3 326 972	-5,1
	May	1 745 336	-42,3	837 125	69,0	419 438	-35,6	3 001 899	-28,0
	June	1 579 357	-27,1	607 316	5,3	542 994	-8,9	2 729 667	-18,2
	July	2 170 690	7,5	593 246	-36,9	994 030	84,2	3 757 966	7,4
	August	1 815 925	-21,6	976 704	92,9	703 258	23,2	3 495 887	3,1
	September	2 244 936	-16,6	710 456	-24,1	758 880	29,7	3 714 272	-11,8
	October	2 074 692	-12,3	547 930	-52,5	657 505	-20,1	3 280 127	-24,5
	November	1 903 505	-28,2	1 463 224	16,5	593 327	-21,8	3 960 056	-15,1
	December	1 702 867	-30,3	1 146 443	158,0	596 362	-5,3	3 445 672	-2,0
	Total	21 452 783	-20,1	9 129 031	-10,8	7 650 036	5,1	38 231 850	-13,8
2025	January	927 494	-31,8	904 783	65,3	291 683	-40,6	2 123 960	-11,4
	February	1 627 527	5,0	635 620	85,0	395 405	-42,7	2 658 552	2,9
	March	1 788 665	13,2	406 183	40,9	551 046	-17,8	2 745 894	8,2
	April	2 004 277	16,1	344 460	-67,7	520 227	-2,5	2 868 964	-13,8
	May	1 881 278	7,8	884 387	5,6	815 760	94,5	3 581 425	19,3

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 corresponding period of the previous year expressed as a percentage.

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
2024	January	1 901 505	-19,3	547 246	23,1	586 784	-25,4	3 035 535	-15,4
	February	1 717 842	-9,7	343 613	-37,2	643 995	9,7	2 705 450	-10,9
	March	1 691 492	-1,5	288 309	-16,1	675 480	4,9	2 655 281	-1,9
	April	1 707 413	0,9	1 067 419	270,2	519 357	-23,1	3 294 189	24,1
	May	1 733 638	1,5	837 125	-21,6	404 154	-22,2	2 974 917	-9,7
	June	1 547 112	-10,8	607 316	-27,5	571 173	41,3	2 725 601	-8,4
	July	2 108 007	36,3	593 246	-2,3	935 007	63,7	3 636 260	33,4
	August	1 829 336	-13,2	976 704	64,6	657 907	-29,6	3 463 947	-4,7
	September	2 044 792	11,8	710 456	-27,3	741 185	12,7	3 496 433	0,9
	October	1 957 352	-4,3	547 930	-22,9	620 608	-16,3	3 125 890	-10,6
	November	1 590 105	-18,8	1 463 224	167,0	565 493	-8,9	3 618 822	15,8
	December	1 646 144	3,5	1 146 443	-21,6	703 798	24,5	3 496 385	-3,4
2025	January	1 300 295	-21,0	904 783	-21,1	342 282	-51,4	2 547 360	-27,1
	February	1 804 572	38,8	635 620	-29,7	382 601	11,8	2 822 793	10,8
	March	1 794 566	-0,6	406 183	-36,1	504 502	31,9	2 705 251	-4,2
	April	2 116 328	17,9	344 460	-15,2	586 116	16,2	3 046 904	12,6
	May	1 866 079	-11,8	884 387	156,7	790 672	34,9	3 541 138	16,2
	Dec 24 – Feb 25	4 751 011		2 686 846		1 428 681		8 866 538	
	Mar – May 25 ²	5 776 973	21,6	1 635 030	-39,1	1 881 290	31,7	9 293 293	4,8

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

³ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 on page 38.

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

			May 2024	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jan – May 2024	Jan – May 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	355	357	664	2 260	2 514	11,2
		square metres	18 366	18 839	31 289	114 436	122 956	7,4
		R'000	134 303	141 671	239 146	898 970	906 386	0,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	948	899	1 032	4 523	4 487	-0,8
		square metres	287 745	249 426	314 514	1 288 768	1 303 250	1,1
		R'000	2 380 199	2 076 654	2 644 924	10 845 458	11 102 188	2,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 352	1 462	1 077	7 050	5 558	-21,2
		square metres	125 344	123 731	140 196	700 993	537 912	-23,3
		R'000	1 245 720	1 164 241	1 350 252	7 058 827	5 376 915	-23,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	30 869	4 498	5 253	79 259	53 633	-32,3
		R'000	377 937	29 938	42 927	748 986	529 671	-29,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	4 138 159	3 412 504	4 277 249	19 552 241	17 915 160	-8,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	13 459	14 131	19 546	38 702	75 425	94,9
		R'000	126 615	160 117	198 244	358 565	796 658	122,2
	Shopping space	square metres	113 062	25 924	51 727	308 526	187 282	-39,3
		R'000	1 114 251	210 106	427 277	2 881 852	1 542 506	-46,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	57 284	139 326	116 802	552 569	654 253	18,4
		R'000	417 793	991 541	908 130	4 136 848	4 916 479	18,8
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	41 322	21 803	50 488	158 069	143 241	-9,4
		R'000	382 009	169 613	425 073	1 298 500	1 221 373	-5,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 040 668	1 531 377	1 958 724	8 675 765	8 477 016	-2,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	179 374	178 048	233 969	882 737	919 324	4,1
		R'000	1 497 456	1 604 389	2 004 877	7 503 718	8 067 361	7,5
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	42 657	72 949	90 777	290 477	353 031	21,5
		R'000	458 082	736 761	969 432	3 083 157	4 056 967	31,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 955 538	2 341 150	2 974 309	10 586 875	12 124 328	14,5
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	8 134 365	7 285 031	9 210 282	38 814 881	38 516 504	-0,8

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Western Cape

			May 2024	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jan – May 2024	Jan – May 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	143	146	218	606	712	17,5
		square metres	6 848	6 910	9 619	28 072	32 171	14,6
		R'000	44 078	48 125	72 913	181 797	226 578	24,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	358	436	491	1 704	2 089	22,6
		square metres	91 345	113 978	135 351	449 972	554 345	23,2
		R'000	704 243	865 097	1 008 111	3 495 078	4 206 183	20,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	430	1 028	457	2 621	2 641	0,8
		square metres	41 692	67 401	50 742	273 070	238 314	-12,7
		R'000	379 288	592 137	429 578	2 675 809	2 176 682	-18,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 768	1 609	2 179	11 036	19 933	80,6
		R'000	12 838	9 993	13 815	95 210	193 062	102,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 140 447	1 515 352	1 524 417	6 447 894	6 802 505	5,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	684	0	7 767	5 115	31 706	519,9
		R'000	6 078	0	69 200	45 330	303 991	570,6
	Shopping space	square metres	1 931	9 385	23 769	16 277	65 405	301,8
		R'000	17 267	78 783	187 321	136 265	542 275	298,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	21 940	35 968	46 975	108 085	157 067	45,3
		R'000	166 789	259 600	346 710	793 094	1 178 769	48,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	9 440	14 067	35 716	43 872	86 406	97,0
		R'000	74 200	107 269	275 194	329 814	717 101	117,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	264 334	445 652	878 425	1 304 503	2 742 136	110,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	59 362	67 109	114 717	286 844	380 443	32,6
		R'000	435 574	545 454	876 603	2 096 958	2 960 756	41,2
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	20 477	28 202	28 871	101 834	113 819	11,8
		R'000	227 507	309 624	378 486	1 193 942	1 642 259	37,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	663 081	855 078	1 255 089	3 290 900	4 603 015	39,9
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 067 862	2 816 082	3 657 931	11 043 297	14 147 656	28,1

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Eastern Cape

			May 2024	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jan – May 2024	Jan – May 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	17	134	55	261	374,5
		square metres	581	1 005	5 818	3 018	11 213	271,5
		R'000	4 465	8 717	50 084	23 806	95 821	302,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	55	39	98	290	248	-14,5
		square metres	16 355	12 145	24 959	74 048	67 404	-9,0
		R'000	135 816	106 321	219 385	616 455	588 121	-4,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	79	51	18	128	132	3,1
		square metres	7 993	12 679	4 523	16 265	25 212	55,0
		R'000	66 635	96 429	37 472	134 337	202 147	50,5
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	206 916	211 467	306 941	774 598	886 089	14,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	5 266	213	2 468	8 252	4 386	-46,8
		R'000	32 570	1 385	21 390	52 079	37 522	-28,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	868	2 825	1 964	3 693	88,0
		R'000	0	7 523	24 484	14 404	32 007	122,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 620	394	25 965	37 614	102 623	172,8
		R'000	45 397	3 699	225 445	306 810	889 816	190,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	4 527	594	242	8 168	6 376	-21,9
		R'000	30 719	4 986	2 097	60 097	55 539	-7,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	108 686	17 593	273 416	433 390	1 014 884	134,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	19 752	15 360	16 949	78 370	68 604	-12,5
		R'000	160 211	132 573	142 878	631 690	585 679	-7,3
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	2 839	4 486	15 480	42 811	33 564	-21,6
		R'000	23 860	41 409	134 328	358 220	308 918	-13,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	184 071	173 982	277 206	989 910	894 597	-9,6
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	499 673	403 042	857 563	2 197 898	2 795 570	27,2

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Northern Cape

			May 2024	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jan – May 2024	Jan – May 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	6	48	200	61	-69,5
		square metres	120	234	1 931	8 153	2 490	-69,5
		R'000	1 130	2 315	19 099	76 740	24 633	-67,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	16	13	12	72	76	5,6
		square metres	2 543	2 750	2 504	13 862	14 716	6,2
		R'000	21 709	23 805	21 273	119 670	128 990	7,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	4	0	0	4	0	-100,0
		square metres	224	0	0	224	0	-100,0
		R'000	2 109	0	0	2 109	0	-100,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	409	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	3 850	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	24 948	26 120	40 372	202 369	153 623	-24,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	83	0	947	83	-91,2
		R'000	0	821	0	5 914	821	-86,1
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	2 428	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	22 855	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	3 745	1 272	-66,0
		R'000	0	0	0	35 252	12 584	-64,3
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	843	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	8 340	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	821	0	64 021	21 745	-66,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 517	2 034	1 593	10 915	8 438	-22,7
		R'000	22 440	19 335	15 032	96 505	79 324	-17,8
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	66	2 352	1 509	251	5 789	2 206,4
		R'000	1 131	23 581	15 329	3 282	67 825	1 966,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	23 571	42 916	30 361	99 787	147 149	47,5
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	48 519	69 857	70 733	366 177	322 517	-11,9

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Free State

			May 2024	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jan – May 2024	Jan – May 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	13	3	6	157	175	11,5
		square metres	594	174	382	6 846	7 577	10,7
		R'000	5 660	1 759	3 863	40 545	54 145	33,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	32	28	38	179	177	-1,1
		square metres	7 832	6 387	9 841	45 803	44 056	-3,8
		R'000	65 649	54 044	80 040	394 321	372 343	-5,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	46	0	0	88	72	-18,2
		square metres	3 139	0	0	10 230	8 462	-17,3
		R'000	30 200	0	0	98 423	85 568	-13,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	279	1 453	1 092	2 849	160,9
		R'000	0	2 821	11 041	9 781	25 157	157,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	101 509	58 624	94 944	543 070	537 213	-1,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	563	1 339	693	-48,2
		R'000	0	0	4 007	10 605	5 322	-49,8
	Shopping space	square metres	347	1 650	1 201	15 734	8 804	-44,0
		R'000	2 146	11 654	8 849	99 815	73 575	-26,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 268	1 646	0	9 820	12 846	30,8
		R'000	7 843	11 599	0	76 142	91 545	20,2
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	11 043	4 168	-62,3
		R'000	0	0	0	76 836	42 146	-45,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	9 989	23 253	12 856	263 398	212 588	-19,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 170	8 497	3 080	30 345	26 291	-13,4
		R'000	51 924	71 935	27 324	250 737	229 156	-8,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	564	828	670	4 362	11 872	172,2
		R'000	7 263	15 684	8 452	43 018	107 396	149,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	59 187	87 619	35 776	293 755	336 552	14,6
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	170 685	169 496	143 576	1 100 223	1 086 353	-1,3

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: KwaZulu-Natal

			May 2024	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jan – May 2024	Jan – May 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	9	5	10	83	39	-53,0
		square metres	479	281	688	4 044	2 326	-42,5
		R'000	4 472	2 954	6 016	33 349	20 095	-39,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	73	60	88	394	346	-12,2
		square metres	27 604	20 639	29 987	128 671	128 523	-0,1
		R'000	272 282	195 578	325 695	1 314 427	1 385 968	5,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	341	197	179	1 117	838	-25,0
		square metres	30 044	21 801	24 909	132 848	95 697	-28,0
		R'000	310 663	250 107	228 486	1 303 259	1 026 069	-21,3
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	27 624	0	649	30 837	22 762	-26,2
		R'000	350 663	0	8 762	377 774	252 005	-33,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	938 080	448 639	568 959	3 028 809	2 684 137	-11,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	651	1 062	7 833	1 961	-75,0
		R'000	0	3 255	11 682	72 208	16 177	-77,6
	Shopping space	square metres	36 027	4 606	5 389	48 167	12 422	-74,2
		R'000	396 287	47 215	51 744	501 860	115 425	-77,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	8 776	9 034	11 099	38 437	67 720	76,2
		R'000	58 143	59 500	78 970	272 188	480 485	76,5
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	14 952	2 378	11 097	21 869	16 776	-23,3
		R'000	179 736	25 478	116 745	251 798	178 283	-29,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	634 166	135 448	259 141	1 098 054	790 370	-28,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	20 110	25 331	28 869	115 933	124 005	7,0
		R'000	203 042	284 898	317 551	1 236 011	1 359 249	10,0
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	4 825	10 870	6 699	41 204	38 680	-6,1
		R'000	62 775	137 539	85 095	534 416	505 607	-5,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	265 817	422 437	402 646	1 770 427	1 864 856	5,3
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 838 063	1 006 524	1 230 746	5 897 290	5 339 363	-9,5

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: North West

			May 2024	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jan – May 2024	Jan – May 2025	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	6	2	26	25	-3,8	
		square metres	152	382	75	1 304	1 429	9,6	
		R'000	992	2 614	519	9 306	9 584	3,0	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	53	34	40	249	179	-28,1	
		square metres	16 668	7 496	11 069	70 322	43 584	-38,0	
		R'000	121 595	55 864	79 882	518 800	328 464	-36,7	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	10	33	58	80	120	50,0	
		square metres	762	2 776	8 604	5 834	14 722	152,3	
		R'000	6 439	19 280	69 196	42 473	111 344	162,2	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	28 332	364	-98,7	
		R'000	0	0	0	203 579	2 366	-98,8	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	129 026	77 758	149 597	774 158	451 758	-41,6
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	988	102	1 433	1 304,9
R'000			0	0	6 705	630	9 731	1 444,6	
Shopping space		square metres	15 551	846	5 297	78 518	13 777	-82,5	
		R'000	99 604	5 499	36 123	647 825	93 286	-85,6	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	925	845	971	16 603	26 570	60,0	
		R'000	6 660	6 274	6 311	129 381	174 485	34,9	
Other non-residential buildings ³		square metres	1 844	929	0	12 068	1 114	-90,8	
		R'000	13 277	6 039	0	96 898	7 108	-92,7	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	119 541	17 812	49 139	874 734	284 610	-67,5	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 843	4 024	5 667	33 240	26 132	-21,4	
		R'000	34 058	25 159	38 367	233 700	176 451	-24,5	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	120	1 674	11 479	6 914	20 967	203,3	
		R'000	8 926	11 024	116 905	92 135	326 303	254,2	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	42 984	36 183	155 272	325 835	502 754	54,3
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	291 551	131 753	354 008	1 974 727	1 239 122	-37,3	

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Gauteng

			May 2024	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jan – May 2024	Jan – May 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	153	170	234	1 058	1 158	9,5
		square metres	8 387	9 583	12 073	58 253	60 803	4,4
		R'000	65 593	73 258	81 561	499 401	433 860	-13,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	236	200	205	1 128	976	-13,5
		square metres	77 742	54 094	76 986	334 337	308 247	-7,8
		R'000	746 290	526 337	742 599	3 185 575	3 004 801	-5,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	442	139	360	2 772	1 681	-39,4
		square metres	41 490	17 810	50 264	242 789	142 874	-41,2
		R'000	450 386	197 888	577 929	2 659 757	1 690 721	-36,4
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	811	0	572	3 746	955	-74,5
		R'000	10 057	0	6 648	34 103	9 580	-71,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 272 326	797 483	1 408 737	6 378 836	5 138 962	-19,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	7 231	10 936	5 784	12 658	32 001	152,8
		R'000	85 980	139 282	79 189	155 635	401 649	158,1
	Shopping space	square metres	41 966	596	11 701	103 753	31 073	-70,1
		R'000	471 571	7 607	106 070	1 168 210	334 590	-71,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 559	75 406	18 842	271 182	214 964	-20,7
		R'000	47 344	545 742	152 064	2 079 923	1 571 086	-24,5
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	9 198	870	1 466	44 830	6 974	-84,4
		R'000	75 661	7 479	16 783	373 666	72 174	-80,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	680 556	700 110	354 106	3 777 434	2 379 499	-37,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	48 791	42 668	51 340	250 017	214 621	-14,2
		R'000	471 106	435 755	504 898	2 435 641	2 169 612	-10,9
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	11 636	24 116	15 460	73 941	79 314	7,3
		R'000	96 656	185 595	140 958	687 564	717 563	4,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	567 762	621 350	645 856	3 123 205	2 887 175	-7,6
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 520 644	2 118 943	2 408 699	13 279 475	10 405 636	-21,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Mpumalanga

			May 2024	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jan – May 2024	Jan – May 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	16	4	9	60	62	3,3
		square metres	955	270	515	3 806	3 688	-3,1
		R'000	6 195	1 929	3 693	27 821	32 284	16,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	96	65	37	337	246	-27,0
		square metres	35 571	23 905	13 827	108 534	86 823	-20,0
		R'000	227 716	189 364	95 381	755 780	679 875	-10,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	14	5	134	45	-66,4
		square metres	0	1 264	1 154	9 359	9 423	0,7
		R'000	0	8 400	7 591	66 540	62 532	-6,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	666	1 111	400	3 807	5 271	38,5
		R'000	4 379	7 381	2 661	24 689	37 758	52,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	238 290	207 074	109 326	874 830	812 449	-7,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 489	914	1 438	2 403	67,1
		R'000	0	9 892	6 071	9 091	15 963	75,6
	Shopping space	square metres	16 054	7 973	1 545	30 759	50 784	65,1
		R'000	119 225	51 825	12 686	211 832	342 949	61,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	7 678	15 047	2 825	52 527	56 577	7,7
		R'000	54 565	98 005	24 978	343 882	411 402	19,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 361	0	0	2 304	3 185	38,2
		R'000	8 416	0	0	16 903	21 151	25,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	182 206	159 722	43 735	581 708	791 465	36,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	15 728	11 027	10 181	64 119	61 861	-3,5
		R'000	104 237	74 949	71 537	432 471	444 035	2,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	1 311	202	8 784	9 607	36 568	280,6
		R'000	21 108	8 723	76 186	93 190	287 331	208,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	125 345	83 672	147 723	525 661	731 366	39,1
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	545 841	450 468	300 784	1 982 199	2 335 280	17,8

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Limpopo

			May 2024	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jan – May 2024	Jan – May 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	0	3	15	21	40,0
		square metres	250	0	188	940	1 259	33,9
		R'000	1 718	0	1 398	6 205	9 386	51,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	29	24	23	170	150	-11,8
		square metres	12 085	8 032	9 990	63 219	55 552	-12,1
		R'000	84 899	60 244	72 558	445 352	407 443	-8,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	106	29	-72,6
		square metres	0	0	0	10 374	3 208	-69,1
		R'000	0	0	0	76 120	21 852	-71,3
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	1 499	0	0	1 499	..
		R'000	0	9 743	0	0	9 743	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	86 617	69 987	73 956	527 677	448 424	-15,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	278	759	0	1 018	759	-25,4
		R'000	1 987	5 482	0	7 073	5 482	-22,5
	Shopping space	square metres	1 186	0	0	10 926	1 324	-87,9
		R'000	8 151	0	0	78 786	8 399	-89,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 518	986	10 125	14 556	14 614	0,4
		R'000	31 052	7 122	73 652	100 176	106 307	6,1
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	2 965	1 967	13 915	17 399	25,0
		R'000	0	18 362	14 254	92 488	119 531	29,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	41 190	30 966	87 906	278 523	239 719	-13,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 101	1 998	1 573	12 954	8 929	-31,1
		R'000	14 864	14 331	10 687	90 005	63 099	-29,9
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	819	219	1 825	9 553	12 458	30,4
		R'000	8 856	3 582	13 693	77 390	93 765	21,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	23 720	17 913	24 380	167 395	156 864	-6,3
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	151 527	118 866	186 242	973 595	845 007	-13,2

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 2024	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jan – May 2024	Jan – May 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	509	406	333	2 026	1 907	-5,9
		square metres	26 827	18 667	16 920	104 856	91 453	-12,8
		R'000	172 180	139 999	132 127	748 597	663 179	-11,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	662	563	521	2 789	2 478	-11,2
		square metres	184 283	146 720	140 245	750 816	664 366	-11,5
		R'000	1 566 647	1 285 560	1 242 241	6 463 688	5 830 108	-9,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	587	1 469	1 359	4 289	4 866	13,5
		square metres	66 250	144 803	124 045	375 638	476 244	26,8
		R'000	644 873	1 363 108	1 207 435	3 488 656	4 624 766	32,6
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	3 015	1 256	3 063	18 457	40 526	119,6
		R'000	19 628	11 308	31 292	146 732	341 059	132,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 403 328	2 799 975	2 613 095	10 847 673	11 459 112	5,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	11 751	6 369	30 281	38 104	72 437	90,1
		R'000	138 184	71 405	314 145	370 461	767 904	107,3
	Shopping space	square metres	47 054	38 383	34 796	125 253	121 027	-3,4
		R'000	449 637	251 471	260 644	1 269 008	898 681	-29,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	70 228	11 040	70 377	314 244	327 701	4,3
		R'000	453 446	80 090	545 332	2 308 199	2 277 683	-1,3
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	16 942	7 704	13 290	35 489	55 501	56,4
		R'000	111 454	78 244	108 293	261 882	463 549	77,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 152 721	481 210	1 228 414	4 209 550	4 407 817	4,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	49 776	44 776	48 418	287 335	214 607	-25,3
		R'000	409 430	402 678	424 950	2 431 476	1 888 185	-22,3
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	14 944	28 756	58 610	131 932	142 896	8,3
		R'000	168 136	324 079	708 141	1 383 905	1 695 043	22,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	577 566	726 757	1 133 091	3 815 381	3 583 228	-6,1
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	4 133 615	4 007 942	4 974 600	18 872 604	19 450 157	3,1

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 2024	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jan – May 2024	Jan – May 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	101	43	55	658	343	-47,9
		square metres	4 451	1 937	2 786	30 246	16 188	-46,5
		R'000	26 376	11 734	17 827	196 934	106 735	-45,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	253	206	163	1 051	945	-10,1
		square metres	67 648	53 556	45 547	272 486	253 036	-7,1
		R'000	508 043	409 862	335 451	2 007 648	1 937 169	-3,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	296	688	468	1 532	2 388	55,9
		square metres	35 909	81 872	39 716	160 228	237 142	48,0
		R'000	299 091	694 905	353 890	1 350 412	2 102 196	55,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	3 015	257	361	13 488	29 452	118,4
		R'000	19 628	1 928	2 786	93 566	245 853	162,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	853 138	1 118 429	709 954	3 648 560	4 391 953	20,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 288	0	4 161	9 753	15 343	57,3
		R'000	8 852	0	30 842	88 508	114 137	29,0
	Shopping space	square metres	8 920	0	205	11 074	786	-92,9
		R'000	59 782	0	1 538	73 617	6 819	-90,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 829	8 665	9 811	44 799	36 422	-18,7
		R'000	41 036	64 196	79 027	334 854	266 751	-20,3
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	15 847	785	6 704	26 346	15 350	-41,7
		R'000	102 678	6 856	53 125	172 518	118 175	-31,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	212 348	71 052	164 532	669 497	505 882	-24,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 897	15 881	12 533	86 125	69 188	-19,7
		R'000	103 466	125 139	94 148	632 862	512 618	-19,0
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	3 997	12 150	20 161	33 499	44 017	31,4
		R'000	46 123	168 448	204 273	351 162	560 752	59,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	149 589	293 587	298 421	984 024	1 073 370	9,1
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 215 075	1 483 068	1 172 907	5 302 081	5 971 205	12,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 2024	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jan – May 2024	Jan – May 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	12	59	11	101	248	145,5
		square metres	760	2 154	434	5 689	9 701	70,5
		R'000	6 097	18 462	3 532	45 513	74 549	63,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	47	20	45	170	85	-50,0
		square metres	14 231	5 502	12 074	41 066	24 651	-40,0
		R'000	117 956	48 751	106 851	335 460	214 560	-36,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	29	5	14	361	19	-94,7
		square metres	1 776	518	1 591	21 691	2 109	-90,3
		R'000	13 452	4 490	14 485	173 325	18 975	-89,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	999	217	0	4 731	..
		R'000	0	9 380	1 881	0	41 726	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	137 505	81 083	126 749	554 298	349 810	-36,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	263	196	353	1 554	962	-38,1
		R'000	2 169	1 642	3 051	12 816	8 272	-35,5
	Shopping space	square metres	193	0	0	875	12 824	1 365,6
		R'000	1 724	0	0	7 348	107 439	1 362,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	96	0	3 038	1 771	-41,7
		R'000	0	832	0	23 274	15 349	-34,1
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	31	3 582	0	1 921	3 582	86,5
		R'000	256	32 764	0	15 087	32 764	117,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	4 149	35 238	3 051	58 525	163 824	179,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 568	5 765	9 887	53 898	33 251	-38,3
		R'000	29 715	50 148	83 887	441 204	283 137	-35,8
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	877	1 351	10 295	25 828	24 550	-4,9
		R'000	7 507	13 249	87 567	226 236	219 824	-2,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	37 222	63 397	171 454	667 440	502 961	-24,6
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	178 876	179 718	301 254	1 280 263	1 016 595	-20,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 2024	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jan – May 2024	Jan – May 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	0	3	0	-100,0
		square metres	0	0	0	167	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	1 572	0	-100,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	5	3	0	20	13	-35,0
		square metres	803	468	0	3 834	2 454	-36,0
		R'000	7 559	4 630	0	36 090	24 277	-32,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	0	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	1 164	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	10 957	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	7 559	4 630	0	48 619	24 277	-50,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	846	0	0	846	0	-100,0
		R'000	7 963	0	0	7 963	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	627	291	0	3 585	291	-91,9
		R'000	5 902	2 879	0	33 746	2 879	-91,5
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	193	59	0	193	59	-69,4
		R'000	1 817	584	0	1 817	584	-67,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	15 682	3 463	0	43 526	3 463	-92,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 453	1 152	999	6 061	3 688	-39,2
		R'000	13 677	11 397	9 883	57 052	36 486	-36,0
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	1 641	265	0	2 719	812	-70,1
		R'000	15 567	2 812	250	26 224	8 824	-66,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	29 244	14 209	10 133	83 276	45 310	-45,6
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	52 485	22 302	10 133	175 421	73 050	-58,4

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 2024	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jan – May 2024	Jan – May 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	0	2	5	150,0
		square metres	0	0	0	91	287	215,4
		R'000	0	0	0	876	2 902	231,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	2	2	1	40	36	-10,0
		square metres	320	335	260	8 512	8 263	-2,9
		R'000	2 551	2 095	2 143	68 033	75 452	10,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	0	23	..
		square metres	0	0	0	0	1 984	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	20 062	..
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	991	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	7 654	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 551	2 095	2 143	76 563	98 416	28,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	277	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	2 665	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	872	0	0	1 017	0	-100,0
		R'000	8 390	0	0	9 287	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	8 390	0	0	11 952	0	-100,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	384	181	107	9 702	867	-91,1
		R'000	2 401	1 147	887	68 757	5 821	-91,5
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	0	0	276	0	-100,0
		R'000	150	0	0	6 585	0	-100,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 551	1 147	887	75 342	5 821	-92,3
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	13 492	3 242	3 030	163 857	104 237	-36,4

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 2024	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jan – May 2024	Jan – May 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	7	7	21	44	63	43,2
		square metres	440	408	1 140	2 605	3 422	31,4
		R'000	4 163	4 855	11 548	25 777	37 517	45,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	54	56	57	227	266	17,2
		square metres	16 531	18 559	18 566	69 512	82 570	18,8
		R'000	180 797	211 579	222 753	770 865	961 220	24,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	77	177	37	283	382	35,0
		square metres	11 892	20 570	7 784	34 783	51 947	49,3
		R'000	149 870	228 485	72 213	349 308	558 157	59,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	381	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	3 050	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	334 830	444 919	306 514	1 149 000	1 556 894	35,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	9 899	1 732	16 649	861,3
		R'000	0	0	108 889	15 260	183 139	1 100,1
	Shopping space	square metres	0	988	7 164	65 604	17 208	-73,8
		R'000	0	7 904	76 793	710 690	182 071	-74,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 333	1 452	0	39 595	59 215	49,6
		R'000	23 684	8 712	0	264 776	375 150	41,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	579	494	3 515	3 635	7 150	96,7
		R'000	3 474	5 684	26 887	37 474	60 556	61,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	27 158	22 300	212 569	1 028 200	800 916	-22,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 111	8 943	6 427	35 715	35 661	-0,2
		R'000	69 879	98 758	74 306	408 209	402 846	-1,3
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	2 916	3 079	4 223	18 018	16 574	-8,0
		R'000	35 286	35 071	46 693	255 803	193 949	-24,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	105 165	133 829	120 999	664 012	596 795	-10,1
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	467 153	601 048	640 082	2 841 212	2 954 605	4,0

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 2024	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jan – May 2024	Jan – May 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	7	21	99	63	-36,4
		square metres	198	414	1 178	5 677	3 623	-36,2
		R'000	1 224	2 473	7 038	40 214	21 434	-46,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	55	58	63	190	241	26,8
		square metres	11 324	10 231	15 143	43 736	54 290	24,1
		R'000	77 418	73 664	109 113	317 046	386 769	22,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	29	0	17	54	33	-38,9
		square metres	2 184	0	3 305	5 300	4 731	-10,7
		R'000	13 508	0	19 100	35 606	30 807	-13,5
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	1 277	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	8 481	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	92 150	76 137	135 251	392 866	447 491	13,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 375	737	2 698	2 112	-21,7
		R'000	0	7 946	4 791	17 627	12 737	-27,7
	Shopping space	square metres	608	13 378	23 789	3 896	55 350	1 320,7
		R'000	4 378	87 456	154 984	28 875	364 702	1 163,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 626	0	335	10 378	7 285	-29,8
		R'000	11 707	0	2 320	72 872	48 104	-34,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	1 447	284	12 283	4 225,0
		R'000	0	0	9 406	1 757	96 254	5 378,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	16 085	95 402	171 501	121 131	521 797	330,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 637	3 450	6 011	23 456	20 144	-14,1
		R'000	41 985	22 667	39 152	149 251	131 423	-11,9
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	1 116	376	1 869	10 550	3 586	-66,0
		R'000	14 136	5 757	87 096	119 781	106 153	-11,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	56 121	28 424	126 248	269 032	237 576	-11,7
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	164 356	199 963	433 000	783 029	1 206 864	54,1

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 2024	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jan – May 2024	Jan – May 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	383	286	219	1 094	1 156	5,7
		square metres	20 783	13 470	11 027	58 785	56 276	-4,3
		R'000	133 153	100 032	89 353	426 640	405 418	-5,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	195	180	157	884	723	-18,2
		square metres	58 724	49 655	35 503	258 493	186 018	-28,0
		R'000	568 395	472 265	364 357	2 548 743	1 821 827	-28,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	156	598	748	2 001	1 937	-3,2
		square metres	14 489	41 779	65 675	146 886	169 731	15,6
		R'000	168 952	434 801	704 927	1 531 195	1 833 896	19,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	2 485	2 433	3 868	59,0
		R'000	0	0	26 625	31 505	37 212	18,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	870 500	1 007 098	1 185 262	4 538 083	4 098 353	-9,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	9 354	4 798	14 140	11 496	36 380	216,5
		R'000	119 200	61 817	159 414	141 142	442 461	213,5
	Shopping space	square metres	36 461	24 017	0	42 357	25 851	-39,0
		R'000	375 363	156 111	0	436 815	172 226	-60,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	57 031	536	59 333	188 121	218 455	16,1
		R'000	358 643	3 471	457 499	1 393 710	1 536 875	10,3
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	292	2 784	1 624	3 110	17 077	449,1
		R'000	3 229	32 356	18 875	33 229	155 216	367,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	856 435	253 755	635 788	2 004 896	2 306 778	15,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 601	8 094	11 475	60 599	43 268	-28,6
		R'000	112 038	82 206	114 922	590 755	445 666	-24,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	3 780	11 406	22 062	38 865	49 881	28,3
		R'000	43 692	90 518	281 682	373 470	561 740	50,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	155 730	172 724	396 604	964 225	1 007 406	4,5
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 882 665	1 433 577	2 217 654	7 507 204	7 412 537	-1,3

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 2024	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jan – May 2024	Jan – May 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	4	2	8	19	137,5
		square metres	0	284	105	533	1 292	142,4
		R'000	0	2 443	987	3 883	9 755	151,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	31	13	12	119	73	-38,7
		square metres	8 654	3 124	3 224	27 063	18 596	-31,3
		R'000	61 035	26 456	30 303	197 152	162 110	-17,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	1	2	40	7	-82,5
		square metres	0	64	570	4 044	2 498	-38,2
		R'000	0	427	3 787	30 212	16 598	-45,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	1 198	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	7 787	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	61 035	29 326	35 077	231 247	196 250	-15,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	9 748	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	84 480	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	958	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	6 227	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 782	0	0	16 572	1 822	-89,0
		R'000	12 474	0	0	130 989	17 125	-86,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	12 474	0	0	215 469	23 352	-89,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 530	1 250	713	8 941	7 648	-14,5
		R'000	32 411	10 783	5 844	64 039	63 747	-0,5
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	617	0	0	1 382	3 347	142,2
		R'000	4 675	7 474	80	12 217	39 551	223,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	37 086	18 257	5 924	76 256	103 298	35,5
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	110 595	47 583	41 001	522 972	322 900	-38,3

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 2024	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jan – May 2024	Jan – May 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	0	4	17	10	-41,2
		square metres	195	0	250	1 063	664	-37,5
		R'000	1 167	0	1 842	7 188	4 869	-32,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	20	25	23	88	96	9,1
		square metres	6 048	5 290	9 928	26 114	34 488	32,1
		R'000	42 893	36 258	71 270	182 651	246 724	35,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	73	18	77	327,8
		square metres	0	0	5 404	2 706	6 102	125,5
		R'000	0	0	39 033	18 598	44 075	137,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	44 060	36 258	112 145	208 437	295 668	41,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	991	0	991	..
		R'000	0	0	7 158	0	7 158	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	3 638	430	8 050	1 772,1
		R'000	0	0	27 329	2 376	59 197	2 391,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	898	8 156	2 440	-70,1
		R'000	0	0	6 486	53 978	15 450	-71,4
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	40 973	56 354	81 805	45,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	595	60	266	2 838	892	-68,6
		R'000	3 858	433	1 921	19 347	6 441	-66,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	129	0	795	129	-83,8
		R'000	1 000	750	500	12 427	4 250	-65,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	4 858	1 183	2 421	31 774	10 691	-66,4
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	48 918	37 441	155 539	296 565	388 164	30,9

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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.
Purpose of the survey	2	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	3	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	4	Building activities are classified in division five 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	5	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for May 2025 was 94,5%. The revised collection rate for April 2025 was 92,7%.
Statistical unit	6	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	7	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% of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by email and telephone.
Constant prices	8	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 2023=100) are converted to the base year 2019=100.

- Seasonal adjustment** 9 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.
- 10 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** 11 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** 12 Revised figures are mainly due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. The reasons for routine revisions are outlined in the following schedule. Any unscheduled revisions will be promptly indicated in relevant tables to maintain transparency and accuracy. It is important to note that seasonally adjusted figures are revised monthly.

Statistical release	Reason for revision	Period subject to revision
May-25	Additional information from respondents	May-23 - Apr-25
Jun-25	Additional information from respondents	Jun-23 - May-25
Jul-25	Additional information from respondents	Jul-23 - Jun-25
Aug-25	Additional information from respondents	Aug-23 - Jul-25
Sep-25	Additional information from respondents	Sep-23 - Aug-25
Oct-25	Additional information from respondents	Oct-23 - Sep-25
Nov-25	Additional information from respondents	Nov-23 - Oct-25
Dec-25	Additional information from respondents	Dec-23 - Nov-25
Jan-26	Additional information from respondents	Jan-24 - Dec-25
Feb-26	Additional information from respondents	Feb-24 - Jan-26
Mar-26	Additional information from respondents	Mar-24 - Feb-26
Apr-26	Additional information from respondents	Apr-24 - Mar-26
New base year in 2027/28 – periodic, approximately four to five-year intervals		

- Related publications** 13 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:
- P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* issued annually;
 - P9101.2: *Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region* issued annually; and
 - *Building Statistics* (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.
- Rounding-off of figures** 14 Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.
- Symbols and abbreviations** 15
- .. Changes from a zero in the preceding period cannot be calculated as a percentage
 - 0 Nil or figure too small to publish
 - * Revised figures
 - 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 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 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 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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