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Key findings for January to May 2026

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 2025	Jan – May 2026	Difference in value between Jan – May 2025 and Jan – May 2026	% change between Jan – May 2025 and Jan – May 2026
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	17 922 291	19 270 961	1 348 670	7,5
-Dwelling-houses	12 025 456	11 694 510	-330 946	-2,8
-Flats and townhouses	5 349 382	6 188 163	838 781	15,7
-Other residential buildings	547 453	1 388 288	840 835	153,6
Non-residential buildings	8 482 716	8 278 592	-204 124	-2,4
Additions and alterations	12 129 193	11 458 316	-670 877	-5,5
Total	38 534 200	39 007 869	473 669	1,2

The value of building plans passed (at current prices) increased by 1,2% (R473,7 million) during January to May 2026 compared with January to May 2025. An increase was reported for residential buildings (R1 348,7 million). Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-R670,9 million) and non-residential buildings (-R204,1 million) – see Table A.

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

Province	Jan – May 2025	Jan – May 2026	Weight Jan – May 2025	% change between Jan – May 2025 and Jan – May 2026	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – May 2025 and Jan – May 2026 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – May 2025 and Jan – May 2026
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	14 165 352	13 817 669	36,8	-2,5	-0,9	-347 683
Eastern Cape	2 795 570	2 588 143	7,3	-7,4	-0,5	-207 427
Northern Cape	322 517	396 153	0,8	22,8	0,2	73 636
Free State	1 086 353	1 381 227	2,8	27,1	0,8	294 874
KwaZulu-Natal	5 339 363	6 406 612	13,9	20,0	2,8	1 067 249
North West	1 239 122	1 283 292	3,2	3,6	0,1	44 170
Gauteng	10 405 636	9 905 801	27,0	-4,8	-1,3	-499 835
Mpumalanga	2 335 280	1 932 389	6,1	-17,3	-1,0	-402 891
Limpopo	845 007	1 296 583	2,2	53,4	1,2	451 576
Total	38 534 200	39 007 869	100,0	1,2	1,2	473 669

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 positive contributors to the total increase of 1,2% (R473,7 million) were KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 2,8 percentage points or R1 067,2 million) and Limpopo (contributing 1,2 percentage points or R451,6 million).

The largest negative contributors were Gauteng (contributing -1,3 percentage points or -R499,8 million) and Mpumalanga (contributing -1,0 percentage point or -R402,9 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 2025	Jan – May 2026	Difference in value between Jan – May 2025 and Jan – May 2026	% change between Jan – May 2025 and Jan – May 2026
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	12 884 680	13 302 701	418 021	3,2
Non-residential buildings	6 097 936	5 706 411	-391 525	-6,4
Additions and alterations	8 717 813	7 900 762	-817 051	-9,4
Total	27 700 429	26 909 874	-790 555	-2,9

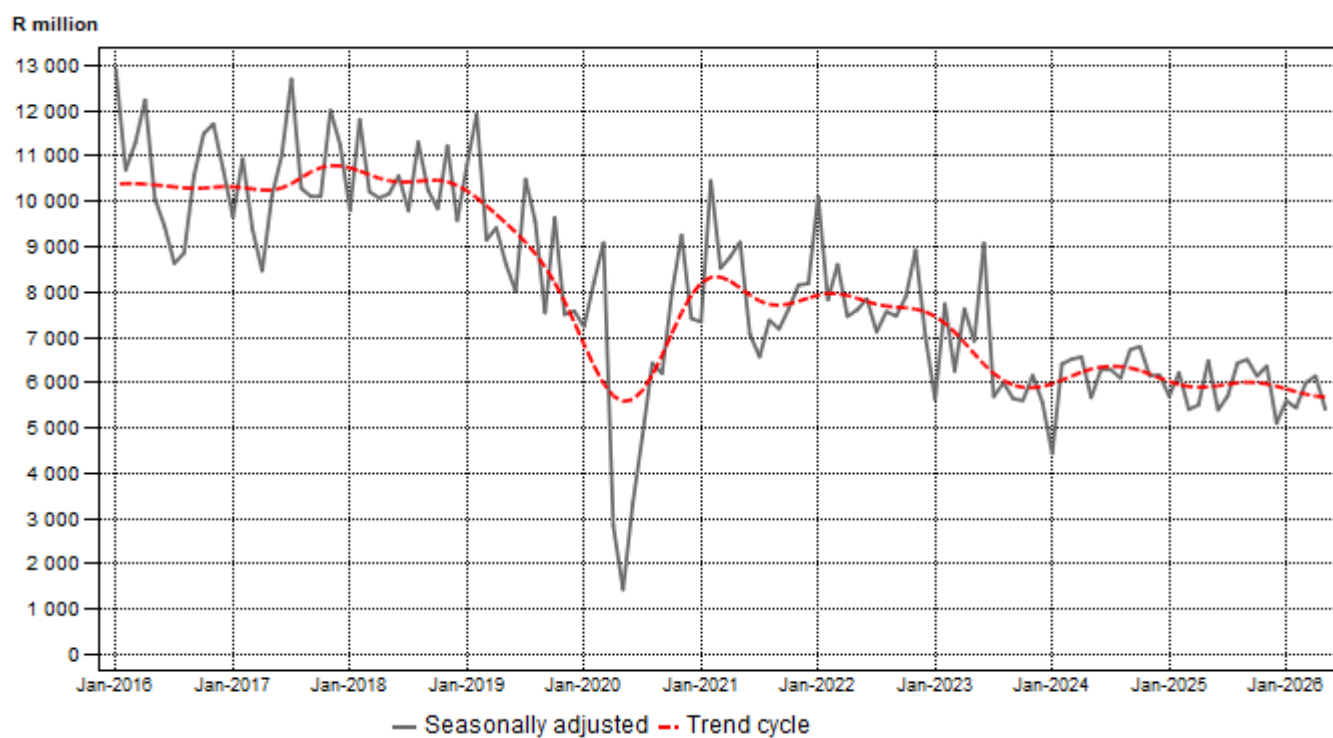
The real value of building plans passed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 2,9% (-R790,6 million) during January to May 2026 compared with January to May 2025. Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-R817,1 million) and non-residential buildings (-R391,5 million). An increase was reported for residential buildings (R418,0 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 2025 – Feb 2026	Mar – May 2026	% change between Dec 2025 – Feb 2026 and Mar – May 2026
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 590 000	8 591 383	0,0
Non-residential buildings ¹	2 713 442	3 678 626	35,6
Additions and alterations	4 837 311	5 286 005	9,3
Total	16 140 753	17 556 014	8,8

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 building plans passed increased by 8,8% in the three months ended May 2026 compared with the previous three months. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (35,6%) and additions and alterations (9,3%) – 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 2025	Jan – May 2026	Difference in value between Jan – May 2025 and Jan – May 2026	% change between Jan – May 2025 and Jan – May 2026
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	11 444 872	11 189 276	-255 596	-2,2
-Dwelling-houses	6 479 047	6 960 421	481 374	7,4
-Flats and townhouses	4 624 766	3 956 346	-668 420	-14,5
-Other residential buildings	341 059	272 509	-68 550	-20,1
Non-residential buildings	4 407 817	3 648 060	-759 757	-17,2
Additions and alterations	3 577 471	3 773 467	195 996	5,5
Total	19 430 160	18 610 803	-819 357	-4,2

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 4,2% (-R819,4 million) during January to May 2026 compared with January to May 2025. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-R759,8 million) and residential buildings (-R255,6 million). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (R196,0 million) – see Table E.

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

Province	Jan – May 2025	Jan – May 2026	Weight Jan – May 2025	% change between Jan – May 2025 and Jan – May 2026	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – May 2025 and Jan – May 2026 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – May 2025 and Jan – May 2026
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	5 959 184	6 699 203	30,7	12,4	3,8	740 019
Eastern Cape	1 016 595	1 072 304	5,2	5,5	0,3	55 709
Northern Cape	73 050	137 452	0,4	88,2	0,3	64 402
Free State	104 237	99 065	0,5	-5,0	0,0	-5 172
KwaZulu-Natal	2 954 605	2 299 879	15,2	-22,2	-3,4	-654 726
North West	1 206 864	635 082	6,2	-47,4	-2,9	-571 782
Gauteng	7 412 537	6 607 090	38,1	-10,9	-4,1	-805 447
Mpumalanga	314 924	684 587	1,6	117,4	1,9	369 663
Limpopo	388 164	376 141	2,0	-3,1	-0,1	-12 023
Total	19 430 160	18 610 803	100,0	-4,2	-4,2	-819 357

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.

Five out of the nine provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed during January to May 2026. The largest negative contributors were Gauteng (contributing -4,1 percentage points or -R805,4 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -3,4 percentage points or -R654,7 million) and North West (contributing -2,9 percentage points or -R571,8 million).

The largest positive contributors were Western Cape (contributing 3,8 percentage points or R740,0 million) and Mpumalanga (contributing 1,9 percentage points or R369,7 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 2025	Jan – May 2026	Difference in value between Jan – May 2025 and Jan – May 2026	% change between Jan – May 2025 and Jan – May 2026
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 218 989	7 728 824	-490 165	-6,0
Non-residential buildings	3 175 433	2 517 099	-658 334	-20,7
Additions and alterations	2 569 977	2 606 031	36 054	1,4
Total	13 964 399	12 851 954	-1 112 445	-8,0

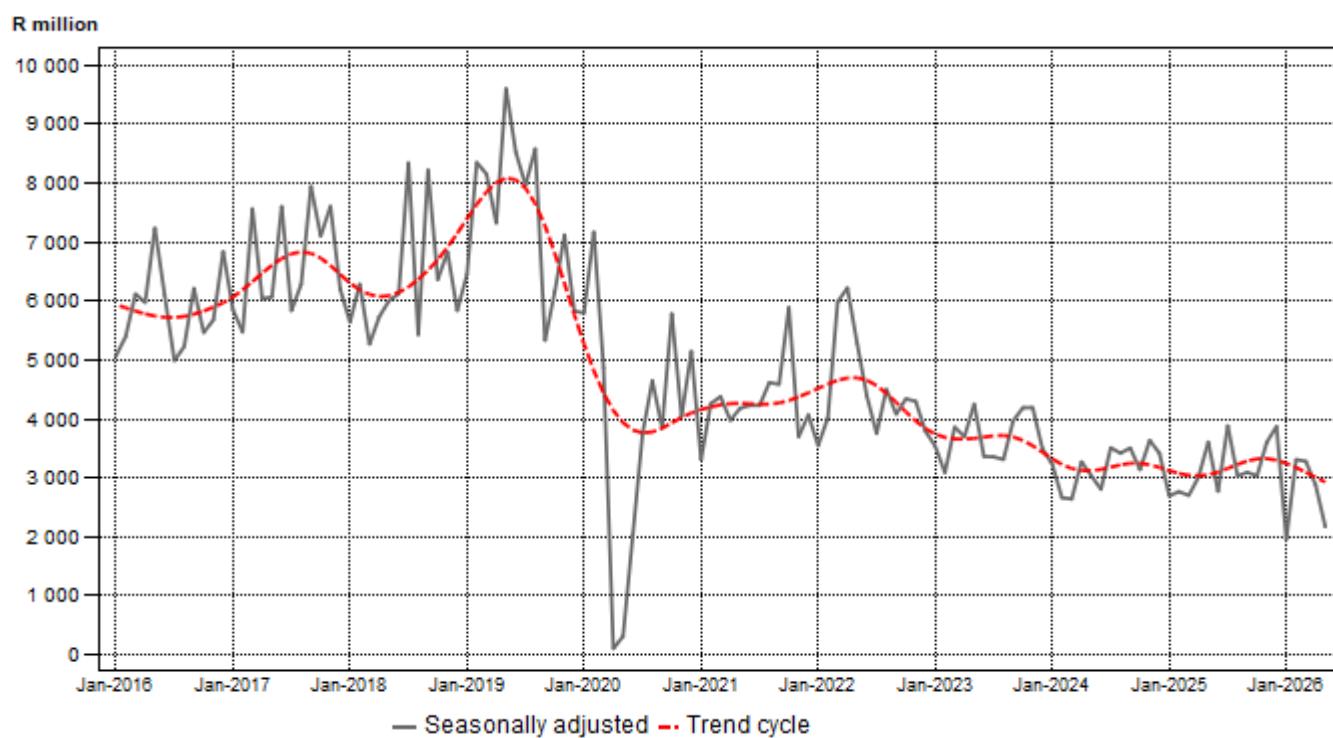
The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 8,0% (-R1 112,4 million) during January to May 2026 compared with January to May 2025. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-R658,3 million) and residential buildings (-R490,2 million). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (R36,1 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 2025 – Feb 2026	Mar – May 2026	% change between Dec 2025 – Feb 2026 and Mar – May 2026
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 088 660	4 778 047	-21,5
Non-residential buildings ¹	1 301 913	1 916 992	47,2
Additions and alterations	1 742 229	1 631 587	-6,4
Total	9 132 802	8 326 626	-8,8

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 decreased by 8,8% in the three months ended May 2026 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-21,5%) and additions and alterations (-6,4%). An increase was reported for non-residential buildings (47,2%) – 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
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	-27,3	2 431 589	-6,4	7 452 076	-7,4
	April	3 412 504	-19,6	1 531 377	-42,4	2 341 150	2,6	7 285 031	-20,7
	May	4 284 380	3,5	1 964 424	-3,7	2 979 174	52,3	9 227 978	13,4
	June	3 864 945	2,5	1 313 123	-48,3	2 383 783	2,1	7 561 851	-12,5
	July	4 076 597	2,5	1 983 248	-25,4	2 903 987	2,4	8 963 832	-5,4
	August	4 424 700	3,0	2 607 377	30,0	2 272 708	-11,9	9 304 785	4,8
	September	4 326 400	-11,6	2 535 922	22,5	2 953 505	11,0	9 815 827	2,0
	October	4 288 939	-7,8	2 417 842	-16,4	2 857 339	4,2	9 564 120	-7,0
	November	4 991 149	14,7	1 594 033	-16,5	2 733 447	6,9	9 318 629	5,7
	December	3 054 985	3,7	970 890	-46,0	1 974 604	-12,5	6 000 479	-14,3
	Total	46 950 006	-3,1	21 905 151	-11,6	30 208 566	5,8	99 063 723	-2,7
2026	January	3 218 625	1,0	1 540 679	27,7	1 582 114	-15,5	6 341 418	1,2
	February	3 688 846	8,4	1 351 616	-43,6	2 353 183	-6,1	7 393 645	-11,0
	March	4 627 380	27,3	1 431 153	3,3	2 678 883	10,2	8 737 416	17,2
	April	4 027 000	18,0	2 197 929	43,5	2 288 537	-2,2	8 513 466	16,9
	May	3 709 110	-13,4	1 757 215	-10,5	2 555 599	-14,2	8 021 924	-13,1

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
2025	January	4 170 375	5,8	1 206 164	-32,9	2 555 289	-7,7	7 931 828	-6,8
	February	3 664 462	-12,1	2 395 437	98,6	2 570 247	0,6	8 630 146	8,8
	March	3 662 783	0,0	1 385 314	-42,2	2 491 350	-3,1	7 539 447	-12,6
	April	3 593 261	-1,9	1 531 377	10,5	2 541 058	2,0	7 665 696	1,7
	May	4 146 928	15,4	1 964 424	28,3	2 834 548	11,5	8 945 900	16,7
	June	3 777 988	-8,9	1 313 123	-33,2	2 381 180	-16,0	7 472 291	-16,5
	July	3 524 491	-6,7	1 983 248	51,0	2 483 320	4,3	7 991 059	6,9
	August	4 185 041	18,7	2 607 377	31,5	2 276 010	-8,3	9 068 428	13,5
	September	4 047 045	-3,3	2 535 922	-2,7	2 583 330	13,5	9 166 297	1,1
	October	3 787 350	-6,4	2 417 842	-4,7	2 475 461	-4,2	8 680 653	-5,3
	November	4 819 415	27,3	1 594 033	-34,1	2 667 421	7,8	9 080 869	4,6
	December	3 997 181	-17,1	970 890	-39,1	2 309 869	-13,4	7 277 940	-19,9
2026	January	4 304 748	7,7	1 540 679	58,7	2 214 265	-4,1	8 059 692	10,7
	February	3 989 351	-7,3	1 351 616	-12,3	2 415 890	9,1	7 756 857	-3,8
	March	4 477 091	12,2	1 431 153	5,9	2 673 008	10,6	8 581 252	10,6
	April	4 257 898	-4,9	2 197 929	53,6	2 482 968	-7,1	8 938 795	4,2
	May	3 705 649	-13,0	1 757 215	-20,1	2 550 423	2,7	8 013 287	-10,4
	Dec 25 – Feb 26	12 291 280		3 863 185		6 940 024		23 094 489	
	Mar – May 26 ²	12 440 638	1,2	5 386 297	39,4	7 706 399	11,0	25 533 334	10,6

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
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	-29,4	1 735 610	-9,0	5 319 113	-10,0
	April	2 442 737	-21,2	1 096 190	-43,6	1 675 841	0,5	5 214 768	-22,3
	May	3 084 507	2,6	1 414 272	-4,6	2 144 834	51,0	6 643 613	12,5
	June	2 782 538	1,3	945 373	-48,9	1 716 186	0,9	5 444 097	-13,6
	July	2 897 368	0,5	1 409 558	-26,8	2 063 957	0,4	6 370 883	-7,2
	August	3 144 776	0,8	1 853 146	27,3	1 615 286	-13,7	6 613 208	2,6
	September	3 074 911	-13,5	1 802 361	19,8	2 099 151	8,5	6 976 423	-0,3
	October	3 031 052	-11,2	1 708 722	-19,5	2 019 321	0,3	6 759 095	-10,5
	November	3 534 808	11,3	1 128 919	-19,1	1 935 869	3,6	6 599 596	2,5
	December	2 157 475	0,3	685 657	-47,8	1 394 494	-15,4	4 237 626	-17,1
	Total	33 507 608	-5,3	15 631 672	-13,6	21 562 077	3,3	70 701 357	-4,9
2026	January	2 260 270	-2,4	1 081 938	23,4	1 111 035	-18,3	4 453 243	-2,2
	February	2 581 418	5,5	945 847	-45,1	1 646 734	-8,6	5 173 999	-13,3
	March	3 213 458	23,8	993 856	0,5	1 860 335	7,2	6 067 649	14,1
	April	2 758 219	12,9	1 505 431	37,3	1 567 491	-6,5	5 831 141	11,8
	May	2 489 336	-19,3	1 179 339	-16,6	1 715 167	-20,0	5 383 842	-19,0

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
2025	January	2 983 536	4,8	876 573	-33,3	1 839 811	-8,3	5 699 920	-7,5
	February	2 654 478	-11,0	1 722 097	96,5	1 840 524	0,0	6 217 099	9,1
	March	2 633 146	-0,8	988 804	-42,6	1 785 374	-3,0	5 407 324	-13,0
	April	2 590 613	-1,6	1 096 190	10,9	1 817 186	1,8	5 503 989	1,8
	May	3 017 235	16,5	1 414 272	29,0	2 050 210	12,8	6 481 717	17,8
	June	2 738 018	-9,3	945 373	-33,2	1 710 781	-16,6	5 394 172	-16,8
	July	2 527 330	-7,7	1 409 558	49,1	1 766 079	3,2	5 702 967	5,7
	August	2 951 974	16,8	1 853 146	31,5	1 625 115	-8,0	6 430 235	12,8
	September	2 866 746	-2,9	1 802 361	-2,7	1 838 854	13,2	6 507 961	1,2
	October	2 671 634	-6,8	1 708 722	-5,2	1 760 725	-4,2	6 141 081	-5,6
	November	3 350 508	25,4	1 128 919	-33,9	1 885 131	7,1	6 364 558	3,6
	December	2 800 021	-16,4	685 657	-39,3	1 617 491	-14,2	5 103 169	-19,8
2026	January	2 978 463	6,4	1 081 938	57,8	1 537 017	-5,0	5 597 418	9,7
	February	2 811 516	-5,6	945 847	-12,6	1 682 803	9,5	5 440 166	-2,8
	March	3 137 449	11,6	993 856	5,1	1 865 627	10,9	5 996 932	10,2
	April	2 938 564	-6,3	1 505 431	51,5	1 699 730	-8,9	6 143 725	2,4
	May	2 515 370	-14,4	1 179 339	-21,7	1 720 648	1,2	5 415 357	-11,9
	Dec 25 – Feb 26	8 590 000		2 713 442		4 837 311		16 140 753	
	Mar – May 26 ²	8 591 383	0,0	3 678 626	35,6	5 286 005	9,3	17 556 014	8,8

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
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	2 598 855	8,1	1 228 414	6,6	1 127 334	95,2	4 954 603	19,9
	June	2 076 793	-4,2	1 096 793	31,6	617 782	-17,1	3 791 368	1,2
	July	3 384 823	13,0	1 213 265	48,2	1 262 969	-7,9	5 861 057	13,0
	August	3 029 738	21,2	559 053	-58,4	761 372	-21,4	4 350 163	-9,6
	September	2 759 745	-10,7	1 153 612	18,0	719 069	-31,1	4 632 426	-9,4
	October	2 333 864	-17,4	1 373 530	84,0	739 247	-17,5	4 446 641	-0,5
	November	3 359 954	28,9	1 428 347	-28,7	827 015	1,8	5 615 316	3,6
	December	3 622 634	55,4	993 758	-36,7	942 446	15,4	5 558 838	17,8
	Total	32 012 423	9,0	12 226 175	-2,2	9 447 371	-9,8	53 685 969	2,6
2026	January	1 158 252	-9,2	372 511	-70,1	493 085	22,9	2 023 848	-30,8
	February	3 215 378	42,0	483 733	-45,3	821 320	49,3	4 520 431	22,2
	March	2 503 681	-0,1	1 256 256	120,8	1 084 038	40,4	4 843 975	25,9
	April	2 374 978	-15,2	1 016 212	111,2	679 614	-6,5	4 070 804	1,6
	May	1 936 987	-25,5	519 348	-57,7	695 410	-38,3	3 151 745	-36,4

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
2025	January	1 971 418	-11,1	1 244 982	-20,7	512 401	-42,6	3 728 801	-20,3
	February	2 415 382	22,5	884 148	-29,0	542 959	6,0	3 842 489	3,0
	March	2 522 445	4,4	569 063	-35,6	684 074	26,0	3 775 582	-1,7
	April	2 903 278	15,1	481 210	-15,4	796 361	16,4	4 180 849	10,7
	May	2 662 536	-8,3	1 228 414	155,3	1 101 837	38,4	4 992 787	19,4
	June	2 111 729	-20,7	1 096 793	-10,7	649 678	-41,0	3 858 200	-22,7
	July	3 158 002	49,5	1 213 265	10,6	1 065 411	64,0	5 436 678	40,9
	August	2 923 242	-7,4	559 053	-53,9	763 967	-28,3	4 246 262	-21,9
	September	2 560 957	-12,4	1 153 612	106,4	659 983	-13,6	4 374 552	3,0
	October	2 172 747	-15,2	1 373 530	19,1	746 209	13,1	4 292 486	-1,9
	November	2 823 558	30,0	1 428 347	4,0	837 240	12,2	5 089 145	18,6
	December	3 456 195	22,4	993 758	-30,4	1 040 254	24,2	5 490 207	7,9
2026	January	1 801 691	-47,9	372 511	-62,5	637 309	-38,7	2 811 511	-48,8
	February	3 426 388	90,2	483 733	29,9	811 721	27,4	4 721 842	67,9
	March	2 519 797	-26,5	1 256 256	159,7	891 720	9,9	4 667 773	-1,1
	April	2 458 759	-2,4	1 016 212	-19,1	740 767	-16,9	4 215 738	-9,7
	May	1 984 670	-19,3	519 348	-48,9	718 727	-3,0	3 222 745	-23,6
	Dec 25 – Feb 26	8 684 274		1 850 002		2 489 284		13 023 560	
	Mar – May 26 ²	6 963 226	-19,8	2 791 816	50,9	2 351 214	-5,5	12 106 256	-7,0

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
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	1 871 026	7,2	884 387	5,6	811 616	93,5	3 567 029	18,8
	June	1 495 171	-5,3	789 628	30,0	444 767	-18,1	2 729 566	0,0
	July	2 405 702	10,8	862 306	45,4	897 633	-9,7	4 165 641	10,8
	August	2 153 332	18,6	397 337	-59,3	541 131	-23,1	3 091 800	-11,6
	September	1 961 439	-12,6	819 909	15,4	511 065	-32,7	3 292 413	-11,4
	October	1 649 374	-20,5	970 693	77,2	522 436	-20,5	3 142 503	-4,2
	November	2 379 571	25,0	1 011 577	-30,9	585 705	-1,3	3 976 853	0,4
	December	2 558 357	50,2	701 806	-38,8	665 569	11,6	3 925 732	13,9
	Total	22 821 935	6,4	8 728 689	-4,4	6 738 283	-11,9	38 288 907	0,1
2026	January	813 379	-12,3	261 595	-71,1	346 268	18,7	1 421 242	-33,1
	February	2 250 090	38,3	338 512	-46,7	574 752	45,4	3 163 354	19,0
	March	1 738 667	-2,8	872 400	114,8	752 804	36,6	3 363 871	22,5
	April	1 626 697	-18,8	696 036	102,1	465 489	-10,5	2 788 222	-2,8
	May	1 299 991	-30,5	348 556	-60,6	466 718	-42,5	2 115 265	-40,7

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 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
2025	January	1 419 416	-12,1	904 783	-21,1	366 858	-43,8	2 691 057	-21,2
	February	1 739 714	22,6	635 620	-29,7	388 994	6,0	2 764 328	2,7
	March	1 803 099	3,6	406 183	-36,1	489 043	25,7	2 698 325	-2,4
	April	2 087 392	15,8	344 460	-15,2	579 797	18,6	3 011 649	11,6
	May	1 918 831	-8,1	884 387	156,7	801 107	38,2	3 604 325	19,7
	June	1 516 674	-21,0	789 628	-10,7	462 731	-42,2	2 769 033	-23,2
	July	2 258 261	48,9	862 306	9,2	760 971	64,5	3 881 538	40,2
	August	2 089 307	-7,5	397 337	-53,9	545 039	-28,4	3 031 683	-21,9
	September	1 808 902	-13,4	819 909	106,4	460 787	-15,5	3 089 598	1,9
	October	1 534 977	-15,1	970 693	18,4	527 157	14,4	3 032 827	-1,8
	November	1 996 101	30,0	1 011 577	4,2	593 989	12,7	3 601 667	18,8
	December	2 432 435	21,9	701 806	-30,6	735 550	23,8	3 869 791	7,4
2026	January	1 253 141	-48,5	261 595	-62,7	440 390	-40,1	1 955 126	-49,5
	February	2 403 084	91,8	338 512	29,4	566 289	28,6	3 307 885	69,2
	March	1 753 067	-27,0	872 400	157,7	652 737	15,3	3 278 204	-0,9
	April	1 691 832	-3,5	696 036	-20,2	491 850	-24,6	2 879 718	-12,2
	May	1 333 148	-21,2	348 556	-49,9	487 000	-1,0	2 168 704	-24,7
	Dec 25 – Feb 26	6 088 660		1 301 913		1 742 229		9 132 802	
	Mar – May 26 ²	4 778 047	-21,5	1 916 992	47,2	1 631 587	-6,4	8 326 626	-8,8

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 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jan – May 2025	Jan – May 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	664	817	538	2 514	3 605	43,4
		square metres	31 289	37 350	25 754	122 956	167 695	36,4
		R'000	239 146	236 729	173 829	906 386	1 136 580	25,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 034	837	885	4 489	4 196	-6,5
		square metres	316 318	232 300	251 448	1 305 054	1 194 534	-8,5
		R'000	2 661 806	2 015 539	2 221 475	11 119 070	10 557 930	-5,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 073	1 384	1 166	5 540	6 855	23,7
		square metres	138 719	145 194	116 481	534 905	658 650	23,1
		R'000	1 340 501	1 469 718	1 143 375	5 349 382	6 188 163	15,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	5 253	35 600	19 942	55 163	159 121	188,5
		R'000	42 927	305 014	170 431	547 453	1 388 288	153,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	4 284 380	4 027 000	3 709 110	17 922 291	19 270 961	7,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	19 546	13 831	14 350	75 425	59 824	-20,7
		R'000	198 244	125 919	149 833	796 658	546 783	-31,4
	Shopping space	square metres	51 727	128 600	43 233	187 282	366 516	95,7
		R'000	427 277	1 018 742	361 108	1 542 506	3 197 653	107,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	116 802	109 806	115 428	654 253	447 032	-31,7
		R'000	908 130	811 985	859 056	4 916 479	3 298 813	-32,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	50 968	28 678	44 691	143 721	138 956	-3,3
		R'000	430 773	241 283	387 218	1 227 073	1 235 343	0,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 964 424	2 197 929	1 757 215	8 482 716	8 278 592	-2,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	234 591	160 683	186 242	919 946	814 513	-11,5
		R'000	2 013 913	1 414 975	1 624 273	8 076 397	7 135 770	-11,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	90 249	84 017	91 959	352 503	398 607	13,1
		R'000	965 261	873 562	931 326	4 052 796	4 322 546	6,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 979 174	2 288 537	2 555 599	12 129 193	11 458 316	-5,5
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	9 227 978	8 513 466	8 021 924	38 534 200	39 007 869	1,2

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² 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 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jan – May 2025	Jan – May 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	218	105	94	712	794	11,5	
		square metres	9 619	4 618	4 377	32 171	35 485	10,3	
		R'000	72 913	30 165	30 901	226 578	246 243	8,7	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	493	316	395	2 091	1 790	-14,4	
		square metres	137 155	81 046	94 851	556 149	461 174	-17,1	
		R'000	1 024 993	623 961	752 371	4 223 065	3 699 588	-12,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	453	498	561	2 637	3 723	41,2	
		square metres	49 265	58 731	63 036	236 837	379 425	60,2	
		R'000	419 827	496 135	528 648	2 166 931	3 222 913	48,7	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	2 179	12 859	2 385	19 933	34 450	72,8	
		R'000	13 815	113 014	16 944	193 062	272 887	41,3	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 531 548	1 263 275	1 328 864	6 809 636	7 441 631	9,3
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	7 767	4 571	2 232	31 706	19 771	-37,6
R'000			69 200	38 220	15 759	303 991	164 021	-46,0	
Shopping space		square metres	23 769	33 835	2 953	65 405	99 408	52,0	
		R'000	187 321	271 267	27 683	542 275	845 291	55,9	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	46 975	23 711	11 487	157 067	79 230	-49,6	
		R'000	346 710	183 384	89 481	1 178 769	620 007	-47,4	
Other non-residential buildings ³		square metres	36 196	15 490	12 771	86 886	58 228	-33,0	
		R'000	280 894	110 279	104 814	722 801	457 017	-36,8	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	884 125	603 150	237 737	2 747 836	2 086 336	-24,1	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	115 339	66 481	69 411	381 065	311 079	-18,4	
		R'000	885 639	526 965	541 618	2 969 792	2 389 528	-19,5	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	28 343	39 466	49 275	113 291	164 976	45,6	
		R'000	374 315	372 953	483 487	1 638 088	1 900 174	16,0	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	1 259 954	899 918	1 025 105	4 607 880	4 289 702	-6,9
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 675 627	2 766 343	2 591 706	14 165 352	13 817 669	-2,5	

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² 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 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jan – May 2025	Jan – May 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	134	54	27	261	369	41,4
		square metres	5 818	2 490	1 289	11 213	16 491	47,1
		R'000	50 084	22 315	11 266	95 821	146 018	52,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	98	43	44	248	186	-25,0
		square metres	24 959	11 584	9 652	67 404	48 742	-27,7
		R'000	219 385	109 424	89 875	588 121	442 878	-24,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	18	26	13	132	129	-2,3
		square metres	4 523	1 228	5 266	25 212	15 818	-37,3
		R'000	37 472	9 273	47 174	202 147	139 682	-30,9
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	25 640	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	228 888	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	306 941	141 012	148 315	886 089	957 466	8,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 468	1 600	0	4 386	4 311	-1,7
		R'000	21 390	14 283	0	37 522	37 942	1,1
	Shopping space	square metres	2 825	14 300	10 097	3 693	42 851	1 060,3
		R'000	24 484	123 789	93 135	32 007	370 199	1 056,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	25 965	258	9 652	102 623	14 857	-85,5
		R'000	225 445	2 303	89 046	889 816	134 118	-84,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	242	348	7 069	6 376	8 762	37,4
		R'000	2 097	3 152	68 364	55 539	83 523	50,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	273 416	143 527	250 545	1 014 884	625 782	-38,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	16 949	14 493	19 315	68 604	71 447	4,1
		R'000	142 878	132 729	174 214	585 679	630 478	7,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	15 480	6 190	6 752	33 564	40 636	21,1
		R'000	134 328	57 711	65 851	308 918	374 417	21,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	277 206	190 440	240 065	894 597	1 004 895	12,3
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	857 563	474 979	638 925	2 795 570	2 588 143	-7,4

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² 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 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jan – May 2025	Jan – May 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	48	5	0	61	9	-85,2
		square metres	1 931	253	0	2 490	430	-82,7
		R'000	19 099	2 578	0	24 633	4 328	-82,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	12	12	11	76	62	-18,4
		square metres	2 504	2 916	2 278	14 716	13 058	-11,3
		R'000	21 273	26 407	19 885	128 990	114 687	-11,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	0	1	..
		square metres	0	0	0	0	197	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	1 683	..
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	4 640	998	0	5 638	..
		R'000	0	47 282	10 170	0	57 452	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	40 372	76 267	30 055	153 623	178 150	16,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	83	237	185,5
		R'000	0	0	0	821	2 415	194,2
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	1 949	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	16 642	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	1 272	3 356	163,8
		R'000	0	0	0	12 584	34 194	171,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	860	843	860	2,0
		R'000	0	0	8 763	8 340	8 763	5,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	8 763	21 745	62 014	185,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 593	1 189	2 426	8 438	10 100	19,7
		R'000	15 032	11 646	24 274	79 324	100 542	26,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	1 509	0	1 993	5 789	4 366	-24,6
		R'000	15 329	7 080	20 556	67 825	55 447	-18,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	30 361	18 726	44 830	147 149	155 989	6,0
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	70 733	94 993	83 648	322 517	396 153	22,8

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² 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 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jan – May 2025	Jan – May 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	134	106	175	491	180,6
		square metres	382	5 571	4 563	7 577	20 578	171,6
		R'000	3 863	27 318	25 095	54 145	110 225	103,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	38	29	41	177	215	21,5
		square metres	9 841	9 215	13 210	44 056	56 115	27,4
		R'000	80 040	87 269	120 374	372 343	520 965	39,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	11	3	72	30	-58,3
		square metres	0	1 420	299	8 462	2 565	-69,7
		R'000	0	14 224	2 580	85 568	25 615	-70,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 453	0	720	2 849	7 705	170,4
		R'000	11 041	0	7 499	25 157	62 909	150,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	94 944	128 811	155 548	537 213	719 714	34,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	563	6 404	0	693	6 823	884,6
		R'000	4 007	66 698	0	5 322	71 062	1 235,2
	Shopping space	square metres	1 201	0	2 205	8 804	2 742	-68,9
		R'000	8 849	0	18 252	73 575	23 845	-67,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	1 057	0	12 846	27 782	116,3
		R'000	0	9 127	0	91 545	236 272	158,1
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	224	353	4 168	1 872	-55,1
		R'000	0	1 500	3 676	42 146	15 346	-63,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	12 856	77 325	21 928	212 588	346 525	63,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 080	5 416	3 544	26 291	25 292	-3,8
		R'000	27 324	51 964	31 575	229 156	235 644	2,8
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	670	1 513	639	11 872	5 251	-55,8
		R'000	8 452	43 980	5 784	107 396	79 344	-26,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	35 776	95 944	37 359	336 552	314 988	-6,4
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	143 576	302 080	214 835	1 086 353	1 381 227	27,1

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² 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 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jan – May 2025	Jan – May 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	8	8	39	30	-23,1
		square metres	688	404	363	2 326	1 511	-35,0
		R'000	6 016	3 427	2 676	20 095	13 575	-32,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	88	76	75	346	365	5,5
		square metres	29 987	23 597	21 988	128 523	126 557	-1,5
		R'000	325 695	240 271	243 758	1 385 968	1 345 186	-2,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	179	25	226	838	998	19,1
		square metres	24 909	10 632	15 401	95 697	94 802	-0,9
		R'000	228 486	89 578	202 543	1 026 069	1 006 755	-1,9
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	649	9 613	11 032	22 762	26 884	18,1
		R'000	8 762	81 908	102 850	252 005	233 792	-7,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	568 959	415 184	551 827	2 684 137	2 599 308	-3,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 062	1 256	11 868	1 961	20 511	945,9
		R'000	11 682	6 718	130 548	16 177	204 021	1 161,2
	Shopping space	square metres	5 389	60 335	18 211	12 422	91 127	633,6
		R'000	51 744	467 761	150 590	115 425	713 080	517,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	11 099	10 260	30 285	67 720	103 131	52,3
		R'000	78 970	104 795	225 724	480 485	710 110	47,8
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	11 097	6 226	9 549	16 776	37 716	124,8
		R'000	116 745	68 070	88 882	178 283	404 902	127,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	259 141	647 344	595 744	790 370	2 032 113	157,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	28 869	15 352	19 029	124 005	102 559	-17,3
		R'000	317 551	160 273	188 344	1 359 249	1 028 356	-24,3
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	6 699	11 765	13 027	38 680	58 038	50,0
		R'000	85 095	140 097	159 328	505 607	746 835	47,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	402 646	300 370	347 672	1 864 856	1 775 191	-4,8
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 230 746	1 362 898	1 495 243	5 339 363	6 406 612	20,0

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² 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 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jan – May 2025	Jan – May 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	27	54	25	163	552,0
		square metres	75	1 453	2 219	1 429	7 869	450,7
		R'000	519	10 374	10 464	9 584	46 539	385,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	40	41	40	179	195	8,9
		square metres	11 069	10 649	10 472	43 584	56 010	28,5
		R'000	79 882	84 595	80 628	328 464	437 491	33,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	58	7	38	120	91	-24,2
		square metres	8 604	704	2 843	14 722	7 428	-49,5
		R'000	69 196	4 885	23 267	111 344	59 393	-46,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	399	364	399	9,6
		R'000	0	0	2 671	2 366	2 671	12,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	149 597	99 854	117 030	451 758	546 094	20,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	988	0	0	1 433	953	-33,5
		R'000	6 705	0	0	9 731	6 380	-34,4
	Shopping space	square metres	5 297	2 384	7 726	13 777	25 738	86,8
		R'000	36 123	18 701	52 250	93 286	172 142	84,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	971	824	344	26 570	19 023	-28,4
		R'000	6 311	5 201	2 047	174 485	148 186	-15,1
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	2 574	1 114	3 211	188,2
		R'000	0	0	18 363	7 108	23 671	233,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	49 139	23 902	72 660	284 610	350 379	23,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 667	5 420	7 804	26 132	29 591	13,2
		R'000	38 367	37 929	53 956	176 451	206 429	17,0
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	11 479	317	1 848	20 967	15 411	-26,5
		R'000	116 905	17 506	29 864	326 303	180 390	-44,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	155 272	55 435	83 820	502 754	386 819	-23,1
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	354 008	179 191	273 510	1 239 122	1 283 292	3,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² 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 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jan – May 2025	Jan – May 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	234	478	225	1 158	1 682	45,3
		square metres	12 073	22 157	11 503	60 803	81 330	33,8
		R'000	81 561	137 373	83 186	433 860	540 219	24,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	205	182	176	976	894	-8,4
		square metres	76 986	54 851	58 433	308 247	264 403	-14,2
		R'000	742 599	540 115	583 567	3 004 801	2 659 691	-11,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	360	800	298	1 667	1 564	-6,2
		square metres	50 264	70 960	25 308	141 344	128 631	-9,0
		R'000	577 929	845 453	307 401	1 672 939	1 520 693	-9,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	572	2 133	96	2 485	34 528	1 289,5
		R'000	6 648	16 819	857	27 362	361 811	1 222,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 408 737	1 539 760	975 011	5 138 962	5 082 414	-1,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	5 784	0	250	32 001	1 022	-96,8
		R'000	79 189	0	3 526	401 649	14 412	-96,4
	Shopping space	square metres	11 701	4 294	990	31 073	60 985	96,3
		R'000	106 070	39 427	11 497	334 590	744 225	122,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	18 842	57 945	54 428	214 964	156 126	-27,4
		R'000	152 064	390 431	385 023	1 571 086	1 102 257	-29,8
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 466	1 547	6 820	6 974	13 553	94,3
		R'000	16 783	14 445	64 298	72 174	131 854	82,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	354 106	444 303	464 344	2 379 499	1 992 748	-16,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	51 340	39 880	48 258	214 621	198 933	-7,3
		R'000	504 898	404 354	491 064	2 169 612	2 069 366	-4,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	15 460	20 338	13 482	79 314	82 845	4,5
		R'000	140 958	194 031	122 114	717 563	761 273	6,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	645 856	598 385	613 178	2 887 175	2 830 639	-2,0
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 408 699	2 582 448	2 052 533	10 405 636	9 905 801	-4,8

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² 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 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jan – May 2025	Jan – May 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	9	5	21	62	56	-9,7
		square metres	515	344	1 241	3 688	3 278	-11,1
		R'000	3 693	2 733	8 760	32 284	24 215	-25,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	37	98	70	246	315	28,0
		square metres	13 827	24 867	29 993	86 823	111 856	28,8
		R'000	95 381	203 853	247 234	679 875	908 525	33,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	5	3	2	45	92	104,4
		square metres	1 154	997	734	9 423	14 044	49,0
		R'000	7 591	6 675	5 023	62 532	95 684	53,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	400	1 178	4 312	5 271	13 777	161,4
		R'000	2 661	7 887	29 440	37 758	92 808	145,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	109 326	221 148	290 457	812 449	1 121 232	38,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	914	0	0	2 403	193	-92,0
		R'000	6 071	0	0	15 963	1 868	-88,3
	Shopping space	square metres	1 545	3 304	0	50 784	4 122	-91,9
		R'000	12 686	22 613	0	342 949	30 532	-91,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 825	4 778	2 756	56 577	17 792	-68,6
		R'000	24 978	41 717	19 554	411 402	131 291	-68,1
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	4 018	2 754	3 185	10 941	243,5
		R'000	0	38 898	18 438	21 151	86 079	307,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	43 735	103 228	37 992	791 465	249 770	-68,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 181	9 549	13 256	61 861	54 388	-12,1
		R'000	71 537	67 892	94 807	444 035	392 130	-11,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	8 784	4 428	3 067	36 568	20 376	-44,3
		R'000	76 186	40 204	29 384	287 331	169 257	-41,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	147 723	108 096	124 191	731 366	561 387	-23,2
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	300 784	432 472	452 640	2 335 280	1 932 389	-17,3

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² 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 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jan – May 2025	Jan – May 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	1	3	21	11	-47,6
		square metres	188	60	199	1 259	723	-42,6
		R'000	1 398	446	1 481	9 386	5 218	-44,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	23	40	33	150	174	16,0
		square metres	9 990	13 575	10 571	55 552	56 619	1,9
		R'000	72 558	99 644	83 783	407 443	428 919	5,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	14	25	29	227	682,8
		square metres	0	522	3 594	3 208	15 740	390,6
		R'000	0	3 495	26 739	21 852	115 745	429,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	5 177	0	1 499	10 100	573,8
		R'000	0	38 104	0	9 743	75 070	670,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	73 956	141 689	112 003	448 424	624 952	39,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	759	6 003	690,9
		R'000	0	0	0	5 482	44 662	714,7
	Shopping space	square metres	0	10 148	1 051	1 324	37 594	2 739,4
		R'000	0	75 184	7 701	8 399	281 697	3 253,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	10 125	10 973	6 476	14 614	25 735	76,1
		R'000	73 652	75 027	48 181	106 307	182 378	71,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 967	825	1 941	17 399	3 813	-78,1
		R'000	14 254	4 939	11 620	119 531	24 188	-79,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	87 906	155 150	67 502	239 719	532 925	122,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 573	2 903	3 199	8 929	11 124	24,6
		R'000	10 687	21 223	24 421	63 099	83 297	32,0
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	1 825	0	1 876	12 458	6 708	-46,2
		R'000	13 693	0	14 958	93 765	55 409	-40,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	24 380	21 223	39 379	156 864	138 706	-11,6
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	186 242	318 062	218 884	845 007	1 296 583	53,4

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² 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 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jan – May 2025	Jan – May 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	331	342	490	1 905	2 475	29,9
		square metres	16 815	18 431	24 243	91 348	118 966	30,2
		R'000	131 140	137 776	179 122	662 192	890 021	34,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	513	508	532	2 470	2 626	6,3
		square metres	138 503	138 187	137 126	662 624	689 618	4,1
		R'000	1 228 988	1 251 265	1 228 562	5 816 855	6 070 400	4,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 359	1 276	578	4 866	4 889	0,5
		square metres	124 045	99 016	52 545	476 244	381 919	-19,8
		R'000	1 207 435	961 553	503 085	4 624 766	3 956 346	-14,5
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	3 063	2 132	3 156	40 526	24 074	-40,6
		R'000	31 292	24 384	26 218	341 059	272 509	-20,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 598 855	2 374 978	1 936 987	11 444 872	11 189 276	-2,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	30 281	1 819	3 067	72 437	22 783	-68,5
		R'000	314 145	17 319	22 182	767 904	209 921	-72,7
	Shopping space	square metres	34 796	17 153	16 731	121 027	134 654	11,3
		R'000	260 644	167 854	142 364	898 681	1 281 675	42,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	70 377	50 092	29 585	327 701	166 808	-49,1
		R'000	545 332	384 132	227 607	2 277 683	1 343 960	-41,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	13 290	36 786	16 351	55 501	78 407	41,3
		R'000	108 293	446 907	127 195	463 549	812 504	75,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 228 414	1 016 212	519 348	4 407 817	3 648 060	-17,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	47 842	41 728	50 955	214 031	253 194	18,3
		R'000	421 009	386 888	439 090	1 884 244	2 242 266	19,0
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	58 378	27 732	23 935	142 664	136 634	-4,2
		R'000	706 325	292 726	256 320	1 693 227	1 531 201	-9,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 127 334	679 614	695 410	3 577 471	3 773 467	5,5
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	4 954 603	4 070 804	3 151 745	19 430 160	18 610 803	-4,2

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² 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 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jan – May 2025	Jan – May 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	55	107	252	343	1 221	256,0
		square metres	2 786	4 771	11 410	16 188	52 442	224,0
		R'000	17 827	33 308	77 870	106 735	371 504	248,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	160	239	191	942	1 229	30,5
		square metres	44 471	53 983	48 322	251 960	295 778	17,4
		R'000	328 458	420 961	371 494	1 930 176	2 293 926	18,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	468	641	204	2 388	2 321	-2,8
		square metres	39 716	41 803	18 522	237 142	176 510	-25,6
		R'000	353 890	360 715	162 591	2 102 196	1 574 627	-25,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	361	223	2 298	29 452	10 046	-65,9
		R'000	2 786	1 667	19 453	245 853	92 841	-62,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	702 961	816 651	631 408	4 384 960	4 332 898	-1,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	4 161	0	0	15 343	13 060	-14,9
		R'000	30 842	0	0	114 137	110 196	-3,5
	Shopping space	square metres	205	476	7 027	786	15 313	1 848,2
		R'000	1 538	4 046	66 011	6 819	142 050	1 983,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	9 811	15 212	14 490	36 422	62 155	70,7
		R'000	79 027	112 613	107 200	266 751	466 890	75,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	6 704	3 466	5 174	15 350	13 997	-8,8
		R'000	53 125	24 895	36 261	118 175	97 689	-17,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	164 532	141 554	209 472	505 882	816 825	61,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 026	19 548	18 038	68 681	101 127	47,2
		R'000	90 856	158 130	137 076	509 326	778 603	52,9
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	19 929	14 681	16 932	43 785	75 584	72,6
		R'000	202 537	144 443	154 814	559 016	770 877	37,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	293 393	302 573	291 890	1 068 342	1 549 480	45,0
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 160 886	1 260 778	1 132 770	5 959 184	6 699 203	12,4

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² 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 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jan – May 2025	Jan – May 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	38	12	248	132	-46,8
		square metres	434	1 962	666	9 701	6 053	-37,6
		R'000	3 532	17 780	6 141	74 549	54 029	-27,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	45	30	25	85	128	50,6
		square metres	12 074	8 279	7 609	24 651	33 263	34,9
		R'000	106 851	75 435	71 224	214 560	302 568	41,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	14	3	1	19	23	21,1
		square metres	1 591	302	134	2 109	2 652	25,7
		R'000	14 485	2 696	1 196	18 975	22 859	20,5
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	217	0	0	4 731	0	-100,0
		R'000	1 881	0	0	41 726	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	126 749	95 911	78 561	349 810	379 456	8,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	353	1 610	0	962	2 072	115,4
		R'000	3 051	14 372	0	8 272	18 496	123,6
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	596	12 824	1 058	-91,7
		R'000	0	0	5 320	107 439	9 444	-91,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	66	4 449	1 771	12 373	598,6
		R'000	0	589	40 985	15 349	111 975	629,5
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	3 398	1 565	3 582	7 943	121,7
		R'000	0	30 325	13 971	32 764	72 468	121,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	3 051	45 286	60 276	163 824	212 383	29,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 887	4 320	4 754	33 251	38 713	16,4
		R'000	83 887	39 060	41 671	283 137	347 629	22,8
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	10 295	4 331	571	24 550	14 911	-39,3
		R'000	87 567	39 762	6 794	219 824	132 836	-39,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	171 454	78 822	48 465	502 961	480 465	-4,5
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	301 254	220 019	187 302	1 016 595	1 072 304	5,5

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² 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 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jan – May 2025	Jan – May 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	0	0	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	0	4	1	13	10	-23,1
		square metres	0	905	185	2 454	2 143	-12,7
		R'000	0	9 221	1 885	24 277	21 389	-11,9
	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	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	0	9 221	1 885	24 277	21 389	-11,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	285	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	2 904	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	1 256	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	12 797	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	291	1 737	496,9
		R'000	0	0	0	2 879	17 698	514,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	59	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	584	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	0	3 463	33 399	864,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	999	1 005	1 591	3 688	6 700	81,7
		R'000	9 883	10 240	16 211	36 486	68 266	87,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	0	0	812	1 340	65,0
		R'000	250	0	105	8 824	14 398	63,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	10 133	10 240	16 316	45 310	82 664	82,4
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	10 133	19 461	18 201	73 050	137 452	88,2

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² 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 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jan – May 2025	Jan – May 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	9	5	48	860,0
		square metres	0	0	360	287	1 943	577,0
		R'000	0	0	1 620	2 902	12 273	322,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1	5	9	36	27	-25,0
		square metres	260	1 135	2 405	8 263	6 105	-26,1
		R'000	2 143	8 661	20 840	75 452	53 165	-29,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	23	7	-69,6
		square metres	0	0	0	1 984	1 057	-46,7
		R'000	0	0	0	20 062	11 009	-45,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 143	8 661	22 460	98 416	76 447	-22,3
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	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	0	1 498	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	10 816	..
	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	0	0	10 816	..
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	107	112	122	867	1 181	36,2
		R'000	887	1 003	1 086	5 821	10 344	77,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	0	0	0	169	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	1 458	..
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	887	1 003	1 086	5 821	11 802	102,7
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 030	9 664	23 546	104 237	99 065	-5,0

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² 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 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jan – May 2025	Jan – May 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	21	4	6	63	18	-71,4
		square metres	1 140	240	381	3 422	1 083	-68,4
		R'000	11 548	2 699	4 534	37 517	11 799	-68,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	57	44	39	266	195	-26,7
		square metres	18 566	14 879	17 196	82 570	66 853	-19,0
		R'000	222 753	156 633	181 929	961 220	718 691	-25,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	37	78	10	382	274	-28,3
		square metres	7 784	8 071	2 190	51 947	33 830	-34,9
		R'000	72 213	94 477	19 025	558 157	375 730	-32,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	1 909	0	0	2 330	..
		R'000	0	22 717	0	0	27 348	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	306 514	276 526	205 488	1 556 894	1 133 568	-27,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	9 899	0	833	16 649	1 374	-91,7
		R'000	108 889	0	6 664	183 139	10 960	-94,0
	Shopping space	square metres	7 164	2 247	2 100	17 208	11 978	-30,4
		R'000	76 793	15 321	18 703	182 071	116 235	-36,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	11 730	8 677	59 215	33 409	-43,6
		R'000	0	115 913	54 908	375 150	300 245	-20,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	3 515	0	0	7 150	1 023	-85,7
		R'000	26 887	0	0	60 556	13 811	-77,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	212 569	131 234	80 275	800 916	441 251	-44,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 427	6 384	8 710	35 661	32 511	-8,8
		R'000	74 306	72 191	92 002	402 846	364 291	-9,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	4 223	5 766	3 139	16 574	22 309	34,6
		R'000	46 693	64 754	53 449	193 949	360 769	86,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	120 999	136 945	145 451	596 795	725 060	21,5
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	640 082	544 705	431 214	2 954 605	2 299 879	-22,2

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² 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 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jan – May 2025	Jan – May 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	21	1	14	63	52	-17,5
		square metres	1 178	59	840	3 623	3 110	-14,2
		R'000	7 038	351	5 000	21 434	19 089	-10,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	63	20	45	241	178	-26,1
		square metres	15 143	7 206	11 421	54 290	44 898	-17,3
		R'000	109 113	57 651	86 348	386 769	343 421	-11,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	17	10	35	33	59	78,8
		square metres	3 305	828	5 413	4 731	6 984	47,6
		R'000	19 100	5 428	32 882	30 807	43 284	40,5
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	1 277	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	8 481	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	135 251	63 430	124 230	447 491	405 794	-9,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	737	0	1 004	2 112	1 159	-45,1
		R'000	4 791	0	6 367	12 737	7 405	-41,9
	Shopping space	square metres	23 789	0	3 595	55 350	9 191	-83,4
		R'000	154 984	0	25 418	364 702	59 353	-83,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	335	838	288	7 285	1 576	-78,4
		R'000	2 320	5 978	1 928	48 104	10 919	-77,3
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 447	0	0	12 283	2 721	-77,8
		R'000	9 406	0	0	96 254	17 338	-82,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	171 501	5 978	33 713	521 797	95 015	-81,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 011	390	4 358	20 144	14 837	-26,3
		R'000	39 152	2 455	29 229	131 423	99 551	-24,3
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	1 869	991	190	3 586	2 082	-41,9
		R'000	87 096	16 980	1 975	106 153	34 722	-67,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	126 248	19 435	31 204	237 576	134 273	-43,5
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	433 000	88 843	189 147	1 206 864	635 082	-47,4

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² 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 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jan – May 2025	Jan – May 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	219	191	194	1 156	991	-14,3	
		square metres	11 027	11 322	10 350	56 276	53 433	-5,1	
		R'000	89 353	82 893	82 201	405 418	413 892	2,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	157	126	193	723	672	-7,1	
		square metres	35 503	38 680	46 345	186 018	189 219	1,7	
		R'000	364 357	414 334	465 199	1 821 827	1 920 256	5,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	748	472	321	1 937	2 083	7,5	
		square metres	65 675	42 149	22 748	169 731	145 396	-14,3	
		R'000	704 927	441 477	263 177	1 833 896	1 803 673	-1,6	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	2 485	0	858	3 868	11 698	202,4	
		R'000	26 625	0	6 765	37 212	152 320	309,3	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 185 262	938 704	817 342	4 098 353	4 290 141	4,7
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	14 140	209	0	36 380	3 603	-90,1
R'000			159 414	2 947	0	442 461	50 809	-88,5	
Shopping space		square metres	0	8 674	3 413	25 851	52 015	101,2	
		R'000	0	114 020	26 912	172 226	646 136	275,2	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	59 333	22 035	1 681	218 455	50 617	-76,8	
		R'000	457 499	146 996	22 586	1 536 875	392 085	-74,5	
Other non-residential buildings ³		square metres	1 624	29 922	909	17 077	44 020	157,8	
		R'000	18 875	391 687	12 213	155 216	546 448	252,1	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	635 788	655 650	61 711	2 306 778	1 635 478	-29,1	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 475	9 054	7 965	43 268	44 919	3,8
	R'000		114 922	96 335	84 789	445 666	478 588	7,4	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	22 062	1 963	3 103	49 881	19 347	-61,2	
		R'000	281 682	26 777	36 059	561 740	202 883	-63,9	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	396 604	123 112	120 848	1 007 406	681 471	-32,4
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 217 654	1 717 466	999 901	7 412 537	6 607 090	-10,9	

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² 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 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jan – May 2025	Jan – May 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	1	0	17	6	-64,7
		square metres	0	77	0	1 187	365	-69,3
		R'000	0	745	0	8 768	3 533	-59,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	7	23	8	68	97	42,6
		square metres	2 558	5 754	1 296	17 930	21 737	21,2
		R'000	24 043	53 208	12 181	155 850	197 365	26,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2	72	7	7	90	1 185,7
		square metres	570	5 863	3 538	2 498	11 267	351,0
		R'000	3 787	56 760	24 214	16 598	93 745	464,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	1 198	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	7 787	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	27 830	110 713	36 395	189 003	294 643	55,9
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	958	37 850	3 850,9
		R'000	0	0	0	6 227	259 774	4 071,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	211	0	1 822	3 443	89,0
		R'000	0	2 043	0	17 125	33 332	94,6
	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	2 043	0	23 352	293 106	1 155,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	644	799	5 119	7 579	12 275	62,0
		R'000	5 195	6 611	34 809	63 098	88 068	39,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	0	0	3 347	692	-79,3
		R'000	0	10	624	39 471	8 770	-77,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	5 195	6 621	35 433	102 569	96 838	-5,6
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	33 025	119 377	71 828	314 924	684 587	117,4

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² 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 2025	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jan – May 2025	Jan – May 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	0	3	10	7	-30,0
		square metres	250	0	236	664	537	-19,1
		R'000	1 842	0	1 756	4 869	3 902	-19,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	23	17	21	96	90	-6,3
		square metres	9 928	7 366	2 347	34 488	29 622	-14,1
		R'000	71 270	55 161	17 462	246 724	219 619	-11,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	73	0	0	77	32	-58,4
		square metres	5 404	0	0	6 102	4 223	-30,8
		R'000	39 033	0	0	44 075	31 419	-28,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	112 145	55 161	19 218	295 668	254 940	-13,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	991	0	1 230	991	1 230	24,1
		R'000	7 158	0	9 151	7 158	9 151	27,8
	Shopping space	square metres	3 638	5 756	0	8 050	5 993	-25,6
		R'000	27 329	34 467	0	59 197	35 886	-39,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	898	0	0	2 440	0	-100,0
		R'000	6 486	0	0	15 450	0	-100,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	8 703	0	8 703	..
		R'000	0	0	64 750	0	64 750	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	40 973	34 467	73 901	81 805	109 787	34,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	266	116	298	892	931	4,4
		R'000	1 921	863	2 217	6 441	6 926	7,5
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	0	0	129	200	55,0
		R'000	500	0	2 500	4 250	4 488	5,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 421	863	4 717	10 691	11 414	6,8
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	155 539	90 491	97 836	388 164	376 141	-3,1

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² 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: • 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 2026 was 90,0%. The collection rate for April 2026 was 89,1%.
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 is not intended to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences that may occur in a given 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:

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- 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-26	Additional information from respondents	May-24 - Apr-26
Jun-26	Additional information from respondents	Jun-24 - May-26
Jul-26	Additional information from respondents	Jul-24 - Jun-26
Aug-26	Additional information from respondents	Aug-24 - Jul-26
Sep-26	Additional information from respondents	Sep-24 - Aug-26
Oct-26	Additional information from respondents	Oct-24 - Sep-26
Nov-26	Additional information from respondents	Nov-24 - Oct-26
Dec-26	Additional information from respondents	Dec-24 - Nov-26
Jan-27	Additional information from respondents New base year for constant prices	Jan-82 - Dec-26
Feb-27	Additional information from respondents	Feb-25 - Jan-27
Mar-27	Additional information from respondents	Mar-25 - Feb-27
Apr-27	Additional information from respondents	Apr-25 - Mar-27
New base year in 2026/27 – 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	Include: • 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, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation, entertainment centres and casinos.
Percentage change	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. 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. 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.

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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