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Results for January to November 2020

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:
January to November 2019 versus January to November 2020**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Nov 2019 1/	Jan – Nov 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Nov 2019 and Jan – Nov 2020	% change between Jan – Nov 2019 and Jan – Nov 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	52 727 674	34 618 081	-18 109 593	-34,3
-Dwelling-houses	28 628 866	21 781 072	-6 847 794	-23,9
-Flats and townhouses	23 328 021	12 537 807	-10 790 214	-46,3
-Other residential buildings	770 787	299 202	-471 585	-61,2
Non-residential buildings	21 596 508	13 944 162	-7 652 346	-35,4
Additions and alterations	28 287 521	18 692 686	-9 594 835	-33,9
Total	102 611 703	67 254 929	-35 356 774	-34,5

1/ 2019 and 2020 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total value of recorded building plans passed at current prices

The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 34,5% (-R35 356,8 million) during January to November 2020 compared with January to November 2019.

Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-35,4% or -R7 652,3 million), residential buildings (-34,3% or -R18 109,6 million) and additions and alterations (-33,9% or -R9 594,8 million) – see Table A.

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to November 2019 versus January to November 2020**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Nov 2019 1/	Jan – Nov 2020 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during Jan – Nov 2019	% change between Jan – Nov 2019 and Jan – Nov 2020	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Nov 2019 and Jan – Nov 2020	Difference in value between Jan – Nov 2019 and Jan – Nov 2020
	R'000	R'000			2/	R'000
Western Cape	26 893 663	21 869 833	26,2	-18,7	-4,9	-5 023 830
Eastern Cape	6 708 190	3 376 218	6,5	-49,7	-3,2	-3 331 972
Northern Cape	1 409 982	982 445	1,4	-30,3	-0,4	-427 537
Free State	2 955 500	1 905 377	2,9	-35,5	-1,0	-1 050 123
KwaZulu-Natal	16 364 364	11 795 588	15,9	-27,9	-4,5	-4 568 776
North West	2 577 918	2 557 803	2,5	-0,8	0,0	-20 115
Gauteng	39 757 168	19 905 678	38,7	-49,9	-19,3	-19 851 490
Mpumalanga	3 868 589	3 470 121	3,8	-10,3	-0,4	-398 468
Limpopo	2 076 329	1 391 866	2,0	-33,0	-0,7	-684 463
Total	102 611 703	67 254 929	100,0	-34,5	-34,5	-35 356 774

1/ 2019 and 2020 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January to November 2019 and January to November 2020 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during January to November 2019, divided by 100.

The largest contributions to the total decrease of 34,5% (-R35 356,8 million) were made by Gauteng (contributing -19,3 percentage points or -R19 851,5 million), Western Cape (contributing -4,9 percentage points or -R5 023,8 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -4,5 percentage points or -R4 568,8 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing -3,2 percentage points or -R3 332,0 million) – see Table B.

**Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices:
January to November 2019 versus January to November 2020**

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Nov 2019 1/	Jan – Nov 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Nov 2019 and Jan – Nov 2020	% change between Jan – Nov 2019 and Jan – Nov 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	43 330 906	27 490 496	-15 840 410	-36,6
Non-residential buildings	17 727 401	11 094 103	-6 633 298	-37,4
Additions and alterations	23 194 518	14 854 316	-8 340 202	-36,0
Total	84 252 825	53 438 915	-30 813 910	-36,6

1/ 2019 and 2020 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 36,6% (-R30 813,9 million) during January to November 2020 compared with January to November 2019. Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-37,4% or -R6 633,3 million), residential buildings (-36,6% or -R15 840,4 million) and additions and alterations (-36,0% or -R8 340,2 million) – see Table C.

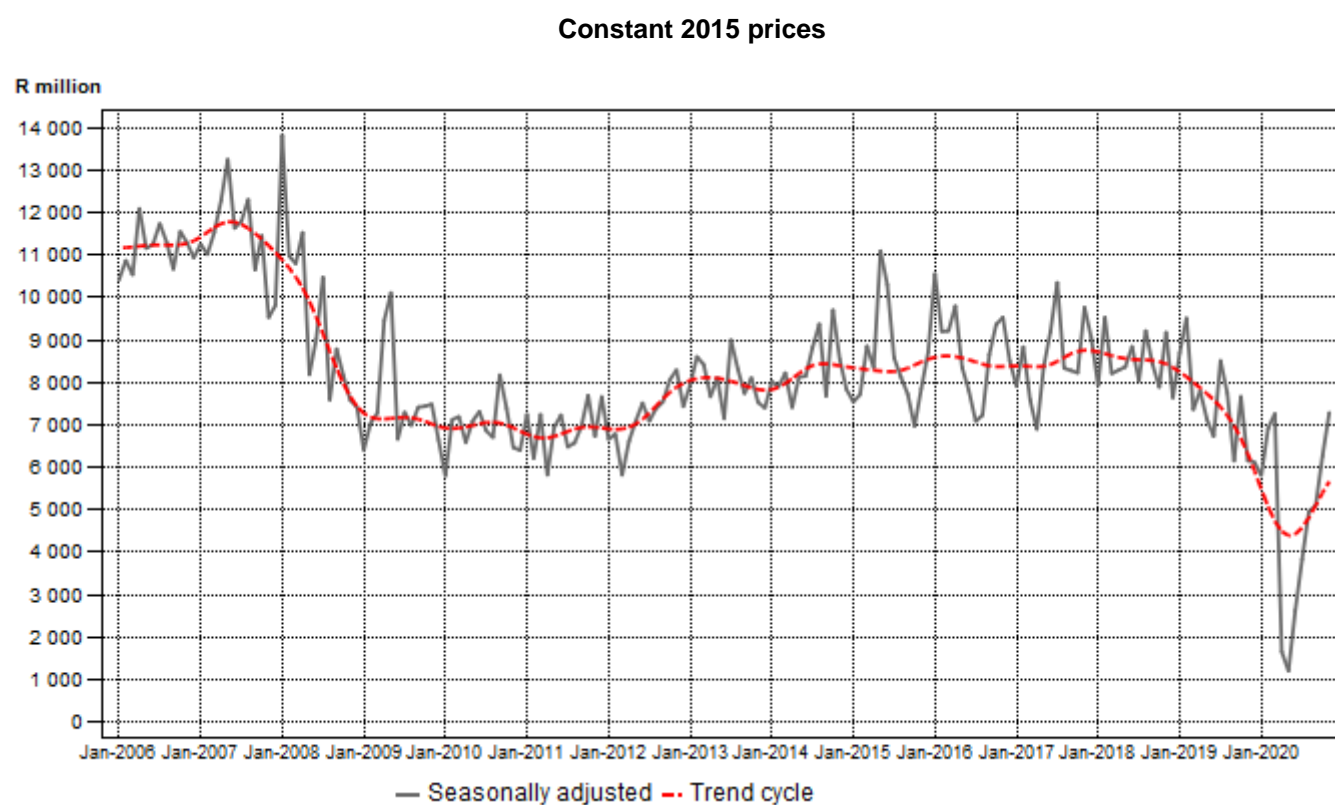
Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jun – Aug 2020	Sep – Nov 2020	% change between Jun – Aug 2020 and Sep – Nov 2020
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 964 977	9 973 237	67,2
Non-residential buildings 1/	2 272 093	3 805 526	67,5
Additions and alterations	3 158 256	4 857 172	53,8
Total	11 395 326	18 635 935	63,5

1/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 39.

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed increased by 63,5% in the three months ended November 2020 compared with the previous three months. Increases were recorded for non-residential buildings (67,5%), residential buildings (67,2%) and additions and alterations (53,8%) – see Table D.

Figure 1 – Real value of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities

**Table E – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices:
January to November 2019 versus January to November 2020**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Nov 2019 1/	Jan – Nov 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Nov 2019 and Jan – Nov 2020	% change between Jan – Nov 2019 and Jan – Nov 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	49 529 050	22 176 331	-27 352 719	-55,2
-Dwelling-houses	21 020 622	13 191 064	-7 829 558	-37,2
-Flats and townhouses	27 954 433	8 679 986	-19 274 447	-68,9
-Other residential buildings	553 995	305 281	-248 714	-44,9
Non-residential buildings	21 228 388	12 057 710	-9 170 678	-43,2
Additions and alterations	12 245 106	9 189 015	-3 056 091	-25,0
Total	83 002 544	43 423 056	-39 579 488	-47,7

1/ 2019 and 2020 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total value of buildings reported as completed at current prices

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 47,7% (-R39 579,5 million) during January to November 2020 compared with January to November 2019.

Decreases were recorded for residential buildings (-55,2% or -R27 352,7 million), non-residential buildings (-43,2% or -R9 170,7 million) and additions and alterations (-25,0% or -R3 056,1 million) – see Table E.

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to November 2019 versus January to November 2020**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Nov 2019 1/	Jan – Nov 2020 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during Jan – Nov 2019	% change between Jan – Nov 2019 and Jan – Nov 2020	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Nov 2019 and Jan – Nov 2020 2/	Difference in value between Jan – Nov 2019 and Jan – Nov 2020
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	20 033 332	14 667 630	24,1	-26,8	-6,5	-5 365 702
Eastern Cape	3 441 522	1 845 257	4,1	-46,4	-1,9	-1 596 265
Northern Cape	575 052	640 989	0,7	11,5	0,1	65 937
Free State	588 536	608 646	0,7	3,4	0,0	20 110
KwaZulu-Natal	12 308 506	7 174 704	14,8	-41,7	-6,2	-5 133 802
North West	1 858 235	1 296 758	2,2	-30,2	-0,7	-561 477
Gauteng	41 265 184	15 286 698	49,7	-63,0	-31,3	-25 978 486
Mpumalanga	2 132 858	1 119 354	2,6	-47,5	-1,2	-1 013 504
Limpopo	799 319	783 020	1,0	-2,0	0,0	-16 299
Total	83 002 544	43 423 056	100,0	-47,7	-47,7	-39 579 488

1/ 2019 and 2020 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January to November 2019 and January to November 2020 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January to November 2019, divided by 100.

Seven provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed during January to November 2020, of which Gauteng (contributing -31,3 percentage points or -R25 978,5 million), Western Cape (contributing -6,5 percentage points or -R5 365,7 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -6,2 percentage points or -R5 133,8 million) were the largest negative contributors – see Table F.

**Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices:
January to November 2019 versus January to November 2020**

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Nov 2019 1/	Jan – Nov 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Nov 2019 and Jan – Nov 2020	% change between Jan – Nov 2019 and Jan – Nov 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	40 645 441	17 598 377	-23 047 064	-56,7
Non-residential buildings	17 428 472	9 601 040	-7 827 432	-44,9
Additions and alterations	10 038 476	7 297 498	-2 740 978	-27,3
Total	68 112 389	34 496 915	-33 615 474	-49,4

1/ 2019 and 2020 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 49,4% (-R33 615,5 million) during January to November 2020 compared with January to November 2019. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-56,7% or -R23 047,1 million), non-residential buildings (-44,9% or -R7 827,4 million) and additions and alterations (-27,3% or -R2 741,0 million) – see Table G.

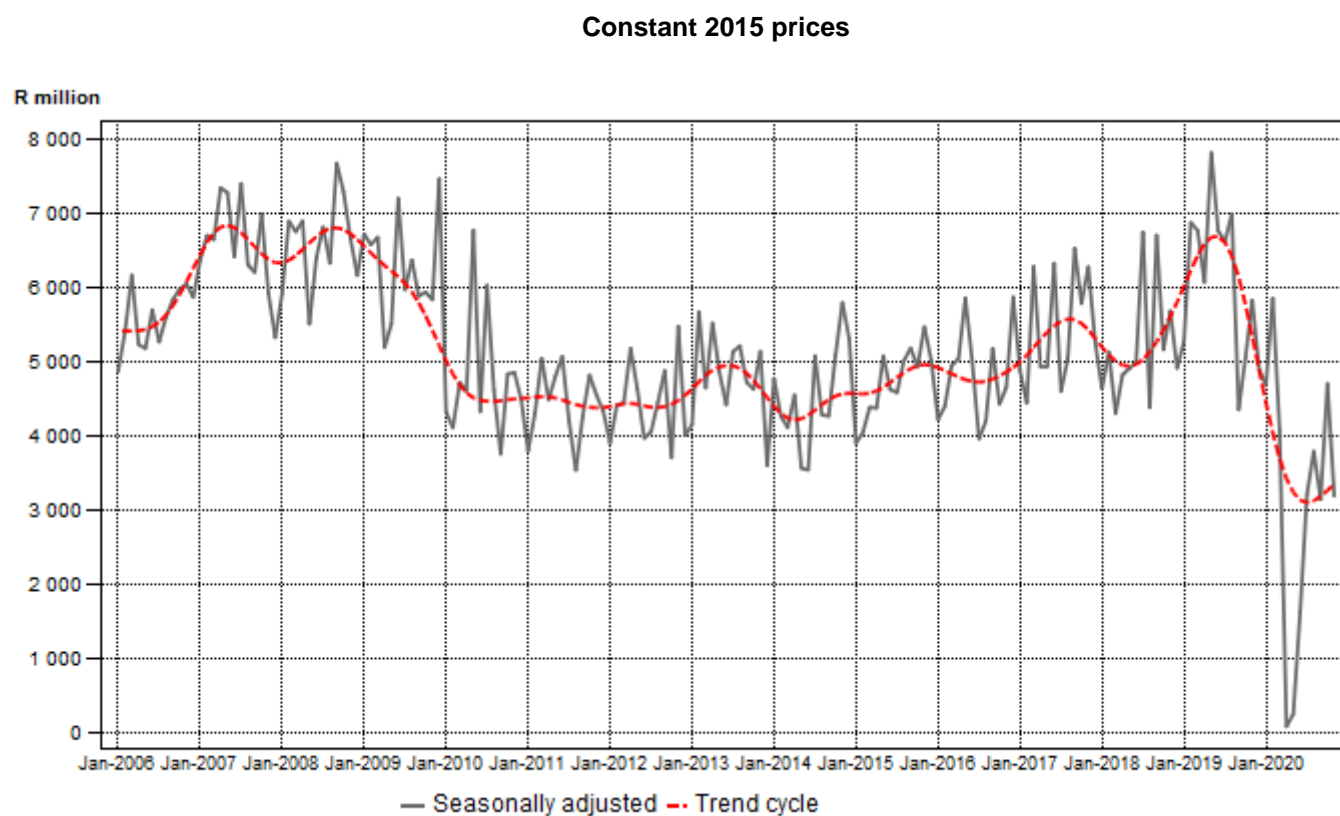
Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jun – Aug 2020	Sep – Nov 2020	% change between Jun – Aug 2020 and Sep – Nov 2020
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 255 164	5 836 254	11,1
Non-residential buildings 1/	1 668 924	2 706 199	62,2
Additions and alterations	1 690 729	2 489 555	47,2
Total	8 614 817	11 032 008	28,1

1/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 39.

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 28,1% in the three months ended November 2020 compared with the previous three months. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (62,2%), additions and alterations (47,2%) and residential buildings (11,1%) – see Table H.

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	4 772 821	39,4	1 611 299	-7,9	1 836 501	-10,4	8 220 621	13,8
	February	6 990 891	47,8	2 069 538	-45,8	2 399 945	1,7	11 460 374	5,1
	March	4 148 476	-7,3	2 414 651	32,7	2 314 165	-9,2	8 877 292	0,4
	April	4 276 398	-24,1	2 194 558	11,6	2 583 603	19,4	9 054 559	-7,2
	May	4 548 469	-20,0	1 696 466	-11,0	2 646 651	6,9	8 891 586	-11,7
	June	4 082 091	-24,9	1 648 322	-34,2	2 534 350	-6,2	8 264 763	-22,3
	July	6 167 514	18,8	1 917 207	-0,6	3 282 645	20,2	11 367 366	15,4
	August	5 031 902	-22,4	2 749 039	-4,7	2 453 296	-0,7	10 234 237	-13,6
	September	3 431 994	-36,3	1 679 577	-29,9	2 703 734	9,3	7 815 305	-23,8
	October	5 396 387	0,6	2 618 212	29,0	2 781 409	-12,3	10 796 008	2,2
	November	3 880 731	-29,1	997 639	-67,7	2 751 222	6,0	7 629 592	-31,6
	December	2 605 709	-41,8	1 980 035	59,6	1 961 680	5,1	6 547 424	-13,7
	Total	55 333 383	-10,4	23 576 543	-13,8	30 249 201	2,2	109 159 127	-8,0
2020	January	2 607 999	-45,4	1 422 087	-11,7	1 686 359	-8,2	5 716 445	-30,5
	February	4 312 361	-38,3	1 840 942	-11,0	2 501 881	4,2	8 655 184	-24,5
	March	4 613 171	11,2	2 056 317	-14,8	2 487 758	7,5	9 157 246	3,2
	April	807 896	-81,1	729 784	-66,7	442 419	-82,9	1 980 099	-78,1
	May	809 776	-82,2	180 087	-89,4	436 126	-83,5	1 425 989	-84,0
	June	1 534 178	-62,4	975 652	-40,8	853 147	-66,3	3 362 977	-59,3
	July	2 853 632	-53,7	964 709	-49,7	1 466 582	-55,3	5 284 923	-53,5
	August	3 642 253	-27,6	898 911	-67,3	1 941 160	-20,9	6 482 324	-36,7
	September	3 891 983	13,4	1 005 117	-40,2	2 146 483	-20,6	7 043 583	-9,9
	October	5 062 208	-6,2	1 385 581	-47,1	2 500 014	-10,1	8 947 803	-17,1
	November	4 482 624	15,5	2 484 975	149,1	2 230 757	-18,9	9 198 356	20,6

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 2 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	6 267 693	14,7	1 611 299	29,8	2 459 484	2,2	10 338 476	13,5
	February	6 836 791	9,1	2 069 538	28,4	2 485 616	1,1	11 391 945	10,2
	March	4 025 247	-41,1	2 414 651	16,7	2 489 892	0,2	8 929 790	-21,6
	April	4 637 331	15,2	2 194 558	-9,1	2 678 012	7,6	9 509 901	6,5
	May	4 373 336	-5,7	1 696 466	-22,7	2 604 048	-2,8	8 673 850	-8,8
	June	3 962 020	-9,4	1 648 322	-2,8	2 546 811	-2,2	8 157 153	-6,0
	July	5 766 198	45,5	1 917 207	16,3	2 687 871	5,5	10 371 276	27,1
	August	4 402 271	-23,7	2 749 039	43,4	2 367 389	-11,9	9 518 699	-8,2
	September	3 409 499	-22,6	1 679 577	-38,9	2 504 745	5,8	7 593 821	-20,2
	October	4 552 489	33,5	2 618 212	55,9	2 325 853	-7,1	9 496 554	25,1
	November	3 986 317	-12,4	997 639	-61,9	2 583 595	11,1	7 567 551	-20,3
	December	3 178 161	-20,3	1 980 035	98,5	2 419 722	-6,3	7 577 918	0,1
2020	January	3 490 459	9,8	1 422 087	-28,2	2 313 793	-4,4	7 226 339	-4,6
	February	4 192 165	20,1	1 840 942	29,5	2 628 917	13,6	8 662 024	19,9
	March	4 420 816	5,5	2 056 317	11,7	2 529 614	-3,8	9 006 747	4,0
	April	839 416	-81,0	729 784	-64,5	471 987	-81,3	2 041 187	-77,3
	May	827 644	-1,4	180 087	-75,3	460 396	-2,5	1 468 127	-28,1
	June	1 485 022	79,4	975 652	441,8	780 080	69,4	3 240 754	120,7
	July	2 561 645	72,5	964 709	-1,1	1 232 814	58,0	4 759 168	46,9
	August	3 408 670	33,1	898 911	-6,8	1 948 568	58,1	6 256 149	31,5
	September	3 620 373	6,2	1 005 117	11,8	1 859 317	-4,6	6 484 807	3,7
	October	4 446 941	22,8	1 385 581	37,9	2 220 560	19,4	8 053 082	24,2
	November	4 715 427	6,0	2 484 975	79,3	2 107 053	-5,1	9 307 455	15,6
	Jun – Aug 20	7 455 337		2 839 272		3 961 462		14 256 071	
	Sep – Nov 20 2/	12 782 741	71,5	4 875 673	71,7	6 186 930	56,2	23 845 344	67,3

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

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

3/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 39.

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	4 027 697	35,3	1 359 746	-10,6	1 549 790	-13,0	6 937 233	10,5
	February	5 850 118	42,1	1 731 831	-47,9	2 008 322	-2,2	9 590 271	1,0
	March	3 428 493	-11,8	1 995 579	26,2	1 912 533	-13,6	7 336 605	-4,5
	April	3 513 885	-27,9	1 803 252	5,9	2 122 928	13,4	7 440 065	-12,0
	May	3 731 312	-24,0	1 391 687	-15,5	2 171 166	1,4	7 294 165	-16,2
	June	3 351 470	-28,3	1 353 302	-37,2	2 080 747	-10,5	6 785 519	-25,9
	July	5 042 939	14,1	1 567 626	-4,5	2 684 092	15,4	9 294 657	10,8
	August	4 100 980	-25,9	2 240 456	-9,1	1 999 426	-5,3	8 340 862	-17,5
	September	2 776 694	-39,1	1 358 881	-33,0	2 187 487	4,5	6 323 062	-27,2
	October	4 362 479	-3,1	2 116 582	24,3	2 248 512	-15,5	8 727 573	-1,5
	November	3 144 839	-31,4	808 459	-68,7	2 229 515	2,6	6 182 813	-33,8
	December	2 104 773	-44,0	1 599 382	53,5	1 584 556	1,1	5 288 711	-17,0
	Total	45 435 679	-14,0	19 326 783	-17,4	24 779 074	-2,1	89 541 536	-11,8
2020	January	2 099 838	-47,9	1 144 998	-15,8	1 357 777	-12,4	4 602 613	-33,7
	February	3 455 417	-40,9	1 475 114	-14,8	2 004 712	-0,2	6 935 243	-27,7
	March	3 720 299	8,5	1 658 320	-16,9	2 006 256	4,9	7 384 875	0,7
	April	655 228	-81,4	591 877	-67,2	358 815	-83,1	1 605 920	-78,4
	May	657 286	-82,4	146 175	-89,5	353 998	-83,7	1 157 459	-84,1
	June	1 239 239	-63,0	788 087	-41,8	689 133	-66,9	2 716 459	-60,0
	July	2 281 081	-54,8	771 150	-50,8	1 172 328	-56,3	4 224 559	-54,5
	August	2 888 385	-29,6	712 856	-68,2	1 539 381	-23,0	5 140 622	-38,4
	September	3 057 332	10,1	789 566	-41,9	1 686 161	-22,9	5 533 059	-12,5
	October	3 942 530	-9,6	1 079 113	-49,0	1 947 051	-13,4	6 968 694	-20,2
	November	3 493 861	11,1	1 936 847	139,6	1 738 704	-22,0	7 169 412	16,0

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 4 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	5 264 049	15,3	1 359 746	30,5	2 065 945	2,1	8 689 740	13,9
	February	5 718 756	8,6	1 731 831	27,4	2 066 682	0,0	9 517 269	9,5
	March	3 319 440	-42,0	1 995 579	15,2	2 038 329	-1,4	7 353 348	-22,7
	April	3 811 582	14,8	1 803 252	-9,6	2 185 305	7,2	7 800 139	6,1
	May	3 595 678	-5,7	1 391 687	-22,8	2 143 616	-1,9	7 130 981	-8,6
	June	3 252 296	-9,5	1 353 302	-2,8	2 121 409	-1,0	6 727 007	-5,7
	July	4 752 252	46,1	1 567 626	15,8	2 192 950	3,4	8 512 828	26,5
	August	3 590 875	-24,4	2 240 456	42,9	1 915 008	-12,7	7 746 339	-9,0
	September	2 754 679	-23,3	1 358 881	-39,3	2 035 787	6,3	6 149 347	-20,6
	October	3 670 903	33,3	2 116 582	55,8	1 881 104	-7,6	7 668 589	24,7
	November	3 236 076	-11,8	808 459	-61,8	2 110 306	12,2	6 154 841	-19,7
	December	2 566 039	-20,7	1 599 382	97,8	1 951 705	-7,5	6 117 126	-0,6
2020	January	2 795 893	9,0	1 144 998	-28,4	1 861 738	-4,6	5 802 629	-5,1
	February	3 352 629	19,9	1 475 114	28,8	2 086 865	12,1	6 914 608	19,2
	March	3 550 159	5,9	1 658 320	12,4	2 051 430	-1,7	7 259 909	5,0
	April	681 858	-80,8	591 877	-64,3	379 321	-81,5	1 653 056	-77,2
	May	673 562	-1,2	146 175	-75,3	373 001	-1,7	1 192 738	-27,8
	June	1 199 131	78,0	788 087	439,1	631 845	69,4	2 619 063	119,6
	July	2 059 820	71,8	771 150	-2,1	991 537	56,9	3 822 507	45,9
	August	2 706 026	31,4	712 856	-7,6	1 534 874	54,8	4 953 756	29,6
	September	2 847 017	5,2	789 566	10,8	1 458 485	-5,0	5 095 068	2,9
	October	3 450 608	21,2	1 079 113	36,7	1 729 734	18,6	6 259 455	22,9
	November	3 675 612	6,5	1 936 847	79,5	1 668 953	-3,5	7 281 412	16,3
	Jun – Aug 20	5 964 977		2 272 093		3 158 256		11 395 326	
	Sep – Nov 20 2/	9 973 237	67,2	3 805 526	67,5	4 857 172	53,8	18 635 935	63,5

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

3/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 39.

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	3 215 693	19,7	1 129 725	40,0	704 984	-11,1	5 050 402	17,8
	February	3 662 196	22,2	3 157 234	107,5	991 268	-5,9	7 810 698	40,2
	March	5 459 272	93,3	1 420 463	36,0	1 490 196	39,5	8 369 931	69,5
	April	4 328 058	28,3	1 623 694	34,6	1 026 808	15,3	6 978 560	27,6
	May	5 249 660	64,5	3 123 392	112,0	1 035 312	14,6	9 408 364	69,0
	June	6 325 555	87,0	1 259 061	-14,8	868 430	-14,9	8 453 046	43,8
	July	4 795 499	-2,5	1 904 394	28,3	1 202 470	-11,7	7 902 363	1,8
	August	5 048 824	76,4	2 136 907	101,6	1 240 827	5,0	8 426 558	65,1
	September	3 405 658	-28,9	1 262 510	-53,5	1 108 538	16,0	5 776 706	-31,7
	October	3 267 018	-11,6	1 860 458	18,8	1 351 483	18,3	6 478 959	1,1
	November	4 771 617	-20,0	2 350 550	117,9	1 224 790	9,2	8 346 957	2,2
	December	2 964 337	-21,6	1 984 860	65,2	1 026 971	24,5	5 976 168	2,9
	Total	52 493 387	18,1	23 213 248	39,6	13 272 077	7,8	88 978 712	21,2
2020	January	2 148 619	-33,2	1 477 291	30,8	1 183 302	67,8	4 809 212	-4,8
	February	2 778 801	-24,1	2 973 015	-5,8	1 267 666	27,9	7 019 482	-10,1
	March	2 255 666	-58,7	1 899 216	33,7	995 404	-33,2	5 150 286	-38,5
	April	36 187	-99,2	46 153	-97,2	14 131	-98,6	96 471	-98,6
	May	112 461	-97,9	104 955	-96,6	84 515	-91,8	301 931	-96,8
	June	1 116 026	-82,4	520 306	-58,7	415 366	-52,2	2 051 698	-75,7
	July	2 767 364	-42,3	424 883	-77,7	719 931	-40,1	3 912 178	-50,5
	August	2 504 564	-50,4	1 146 262	-46,4	1 087 927	-12,3	4 738 753	-43,8
	September	2 146 712	-37,0	978 096	-22,5	1 128 749	1,8	4 253 557	-26,4
	October	3 504 863	7,3	1 616 791	-13,1	1 141 725	-15,5	6 263 379	-3,3
	November	2 805 068	-41,2	870 742	-63,0	1 150 299	-6,1	4 826 109	-42,2

1/ The percentage change is the change in the value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the relevant year/month compared with the value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the comparable period of the previous year expressed as a percentage.

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 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/
2019	January	4 213 553	12,9	1 129 725	-5,9	918 542	-2,2	6 261 820	6,6
	February	4 076 368	-3,3	3 157 234	179,5	985 183	7,3	8 218 785	31,3
	March	5 603 489	37,5	1 420 463	-55,0	1 144 457	16,2	8 168 409	-0,6
	April	4 460 342	-20,4	1 623 694	14,3	1 295 088	13,2	7 379 124	-9,7
	May	5 320 979	19,3	3 123 392	92,4	1 074 548	-17,0	9 518 919	29,0
	June	6 124 827	15,1	1 259 061	-59,7	835 821	-22,2	8 219 709	-13,6
	July	4 987 390	-18,6	1 904 394	51,3	1 199 693	43,5	8 091 477	-1,6
	August	5 289 069	6,0	2 136 907	12,2	1 153 118	-3,9	8 579 094	6,0
	September	3 044 246	-42,4	1 262 510	-40,9	1 069 444	-7,3	5 376 200	-37,3
	October	3 135 597	3,0	1 860 458	47,4	1 247 503	16,6	6 243 558	16,1
	November	3 713 417	18,4	2 350 550	26,3	1 113 910	-10,7	7 177 877	15,0
	December	2 924 016	-21,3	1 984 860	-15,6	1 167 691	4,8	6 076 567	-15,3
2020	January	2 824 770	-3,4	1 477 291	-25,6	1 535 305	31,5	5 837 366	-3,9
	February	3 078 232	9,0	2 973 015	101,2	1 258 544	-18,0	7 309 791	25,2
	March	2 323 556	-24,5	1 899 216	-36,1	810 683	-35,6	5 033 455	-31,1
	April	37 324	-98,4	46 153	-97,6	17 072	-97,9	100 549	-98,0
	May	113 939	205,3	104 955	127,4	88 314	417,3	307 208	205,5
	June	1 076 026	844,4	520 306	395,7	401 840	355,0	1 998 172	550,4
	July	2 874 510	167,1	424 883	-18,3	712 637	77,3	4 012 030	100,8
	August	2 633 802	-8,4	1 146 262	169,8	1 003 440	40,8	4 783 504	19,2
	September	1 925 117	-26,9	978 096	-14,7	1 092 223	8,8	3 995 436	-16,5
	October	3 364 704	74,8	1 616 791	65,3	1 051 251	-3,8	6 032 746	51,0
	November	2 171 951	-35,4	870 742	-46,1	1 040 377	-1,0	4 083 070	-32,3
	Jun – Aug 20	6 584 338		2 091 451		2 117 917		10 793 706	
	Sep – Nov 20 2/	7 461 772	13,3	3 465 629	65,7	3 183 851	50,3	14 111 252	30,7

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

2/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities for the latest three months compared with the seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the previous three months expressed as a percentage.

3/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 39.

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	2 713 665	16,2	953 354	35,9	594 923	-13,7	4 261 942	14,4
	February	3 064 599	17,5	2 642 037	99,5	829 513	-9,5	6 536 149	34,8
	March	4 511 795	83,9	1 173 936	29,3	1 231 567	32,7	6 917 298	61,3
	April	3 556 334	21,7	1 334 177	27,8	843 721	9,4	5 734 232	21,1
	May	4 306 530	56,1	2 562 258	101,2	849 313	8,7	7 718 101	60,4
	June	5 193 395	78,4	1 033 712	-18,7	712 997	-18,8	6 940 104	37,1
	July	3 921 095	-6,3	1 557 150	23,3	983 213	-15,2	6 461 458	-2,2
	August	4 114 771	68,4	1 741 570	92,4	1 011 269	0,2	6 867 610	57,6
	September	2 755 387	-32,0	1 021 448	-55,5	896 875	10,9	4 673 710	-34,7
	October	2 641 082	-14,8	1 504 008	14,5	1 092 549	14,0	5 237 639	-2,5
	November	3 866 788	-22,5	1 904 822	111,0	992 536	5,8	6 764 146	-1,0
	December	2 394 456	-24,5	1 603 279	59,0	829 540	19,7	4 827 275	-1,0
	Total	43 039 897	13,5	19 031 751	33,9	10 868 016	3,2	72 939 664	16,4
2020	January	1 729 967	-36,2	1 189 445	24,8	952 739	60,1	3 872 151	-9,1
	February	2 226 603	-27,3	2 382 224	-9,8	1 015 758	22,5	5 624 585	-13,9
	March	1 819 085	-59,7	1 531 626	30,5	802 745	-34,8	4 153 456	-40,0
	April	29 349	-99,2	37 431	-97,2	11 461	-98,6	78 241	-98,6
	May	91 283	-97,9	85 191	-96,7	68 600	-91,9	245 074	-96,8
	June	901 475	-82,6	420 279	-59,3	335 514	-52,9	1 657 268	-76,1
	July	2 212 122	-43,6	339 635	-78,2	575 484	-41,5	3 127 241	-51,6
	August	1 986 173	-51,7	909 010	-47,8	862 749	-14,7	3 757 932	-45,3
	September	1 686 341	-38,8	768 339	-24,8	886 684	-1,1	3 341 364	-28,5
	October	2 729 644	3,4	1 259 183	-16,3	889 194	-18,6	4 878 021	-6,9
	November	2 186 335	-43,5	678 677	-64,4	896 570	-9,7	3 761 582	-44,4

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 value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the comparable period of the previous year expressed as a percentage.

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 8 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	3 540 702	13,7	953 354	-5,5	771 837	-1,8	5 265 893	7,3
	February	3 406 591	-3,8	2 642 037	177,1	824 213	6,8	6 872 841	30,5
	March	4 644 730	36,3	1 173 936	-55,6	947 071	14,9	6 765 737	-1,6
	April	3 667 593	-21,0	1 334 177	13,6	1 064 445	12,4	6 066 215	-10,3
	May	4 371 232	19,2	2 562 258	92,0	883 080	-17,0	7 816 570	28,9
	June	5 038 635	15,3	1 033 712	-59,7	686 959	-22,2	6 759 306	-13,5
	July	4 078 998	-19,0	1 557 150	50,6	981 944	42,9	6 618 092	-2,1
	August	4 307 953	5,6	1 741 570	11,8	940 007	-4,3	6 989 530	5,6
	September	2 463 070	-42,8	1 021 448	-41,3	866 193	-7,9	4 350 711	-37,8
	October	2 537 382	3,0	1 504 008	47,2	1 008 334	16,4	5 049 724	16,1
	November	3 017 880	18,9	1 904 822	26,6	902 568	-10,5	5 825 270	15,4
	December	2 347 614	-22,2	1 603 279	-15,8	940 996	4,3	4 891 889	-16,0
2020	January	2 264 325	-3,5	1 189 445	-25,8	1 231 039	30,8	4 684 809	-4,2
	February	2 462 240	8,7	2 382 224	100,3	1 007 293	-18,2	5 851 757	24,9
	March	1 879 631	-23,7	1 531 626	-35,7	654 344	-35,0	4 065 601	-30,5
	April	30 281	-98,4	37 431	-97,6	13 857	-97,9	81 569	-98,0
	May	92 580	205,7	85 191	127,6	71 813	418,2	249 584	206,0
	June	870 684	840,5	420 279	393,3	324 769	352,2	1 615 732	547,4
	July	2 297 122	163,8	339 635	-19,2	570 068	75,5	3 206 825	98,5
	August	2 087 358	-9,1	909 010	167,6	795 892	39,6	3 792 260	18,3
	September	1 513 089	-27,5	768 339	-15,5	859 451	8,0	3 140 879	-17,2
	October	2 624 246	73,4	1 259 183	63,9	818 926	-4,7	4 702 355	49,7
	November	1 698 919	-35,3	678 677	-46,1	811 178	-0,9	3 188 774	-32,2
	Jun – Aug 20	5 255 164		1 668 924		1 690 729		8 614 817	
	Sep – Nov 20 2/	5 836 254	11,1	2 706 199	62,2	2 489 555	47,2	11 032 008	28,1

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

2/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities for the latest three months compared with the seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the previous three months expressed as a percentage.

3/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 39.

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

			Nov 2019	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Jan – Nov 2019	Jan – Nov 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	945	895	738	12 957	10 200	-21,3
		square metres	47 236	46 993	39 104	678 164	491 856	-27,5
		R'000	286 068	289 796	244 498	3 487 876	2 405 858	-31,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 199	1 353	1 216	12 405	9 246	-25,5
		square metres	291 416	386 365	346 189	3 365 006	2 561 593	-23,9
		R'000	2 221 511	2 973 245	2 655 286	25 140 990	19 375 214	-22,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 646	1 844	1 798	23 715	13 982	-41,0
		square metres	157 180	189 047	180 730	2 772 825	1 444 332	-47,9
		R'000	1 323 268	1 700 014	1 569 858	23 328 021	12 537 807	-46,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	6 415	12 159	1 956	105 970	39 533	-62,7
		R'000	49 884	99 153	12 982	770 787	299 202	-61,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	3 880 731	5 062 208	4 482 624	52 727 674	34 618 081	-34,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	26 719	6 955	3 365	381 775	199 134	-47,8
		R'000	222 443	51 623	30 768	3 466 785	1 625 510	-53,1
	Shopping space	square metres	24 985	69 380	44 172	499 664	430 413	-13,9
		R'000	184 862	519 363	400 335	3 870 820	3 445 265	-11,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	72 178	101 679	235 189	1 590 620	969 277	-39,1
		R'000	465 051	663 829	1 471 100	10 198 995	6 337 050	-37,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	18 921	22 279	62 359	569 374	324 893	-42,9
		R'000	125 283	150 766	582 772	4 059 908	2 536 337	-37,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	997 639	1 385 581	2 484 975	21 596 508	13 944 162	-35,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	253 408	247 407	215 693	2 644 305	1 740 796	-34,2
		R'000	1 903 248	1 928 916	1 692 928	19 921 147	13 249 493	-33,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	82 477	55 159	44 966	770 997	537 679	-30,3
		R'000	847 974	571 098	537 829	8 366 374	5 443 193	-34,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 751 222	2 500 014	2 230 757	28 287 521	18 692 686	-33,9
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	7 629 592	8 947 803	9 198 356	102 611 703	67 254 929	-34,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 10 – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Western Cape

			Nov 2019	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Jan – Nov 2019	Jan – Nov 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	162	467	285	2 668	2 314	-13,3
		square metres	7 526	21 759	12 894	120 725	108 387	-10,2
		R'000	44 955	127 197	74 887	718 835	640 103	-11,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	321	432	428	3 736	3 097	-17,1
		square metres	65 494	108 570	100 737	905 858	794 684	-12,3
		R'000	454 632	735 973	697 736	6 030 840	5 411 417	-10,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	338	799	923	6 192	5 935	-4,2
		square metres	43 398	63 682	98 184	662 783	557 896	-15,8
		R'000	339 332	496 427	784 232	5 212 565	4 400 810	-15,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	4 109	2 012	1 356	52 622	17 528	-66,7
		R'000	33 735	18 913	9 125	381 565	132 478	-65,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	872 654	1 378 510	1 565 980	12 343 805	10 584 808	-14,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	7 042	200	1 932	60 467	90 241	49,2
		R'000	47 240	1 600	13 880	462 648	749 332	62,0
	Shopping space	square metres	4 467	18 672	15 394	122 421	137 628	12,4
		R'000	36 920	162 439	110 354	1 003 461	1 115 541	11,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	12 552	36 851	17 009	393 711	268 277	-31,9
		R'000	85 051	253 585	107 707	2 814 441	1 885 463	-33,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	5 496	9 031	2 872	267 748	132 265	-50,6
		R'000	31 460	64 166	17 802	1 831 308	975 361	-46,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	200 671	481 790	249 743	6 111 858	4 725 697	-22,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	85 348	65 078	61 557	769 652	580 212	-24,6
		R'000	558 186	434 473	420 179	5 055 329	3 863 516	-23,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	26 347	28 814	22 655	303 896	261 576	-13,9
		R'000	324 511	279 595	237 842	3 382 671	2 695 812	-20,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	882 697	714 068	658 021	8 438 000	6 559 328	-22,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 956 022	2 574 368	2 473 744	26 893 663	21 869 833	-18,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 11 – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Eastern Cape

			Nov 2019	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Jan – Nov 2019	Jan – Nov 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	12	26	313	179	-42,8
		square metres	165	720	1 566	19 231	10 685	-44,4
		R'000	998	3 803	7 891	122 543	65 728	-46,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	136	108	87	1 078	737	-31,6
		square metres	26 802	22 601	24 167	242 051	174 263	-28,0
		R'000	178 950	164 543	175 403	1 626 569	1 242 541	-23,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	179	94	24	710	258	-63,7
		square metres	17 640	8 439	3 625	82 885	27 139	-67,3
		R'000	100 063	59 983	26 209	535 459	189 305	-64,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	3 662	0	273	3 852	1 311,0
		R'000	0	26 476	0	1 958	27 900	1 324,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	280 011	254 805	209 503	2 286 529	1 525 474	-33,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 039	0	0	17 102	9 796	-42,7
		R'000	14 007	0	0	111 343	62 618	-43,8
	Shopping space	square metres	4 639	0	792	37 594	34 226	-9,0
		R'000	26 303	0	5 418	227 328	236 821	4,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	11 162	0	0	275 041	48 051	-82,5
		R'000	75 842	0	0	1 826 570	303 312	-83,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	104	0	0	16 871	3 679	-78,2
		R'000	700	0	0	113 114	23 591	-79,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	116 852	0	5 418	2 278 355	626 342	-72,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	26 788	20 247	16 203	237 270	140 216	-40,9
		R'000	181 941	146 500	115 434	1 562 441	981 992	-37,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	6 924	3 116	889	82 494	29 333	-64,4
		R'000	49 269	22 055	18 901	580 865	242 410	-58,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	231 210	168 555	134 335	2 143 306	1 224 402	-42,9
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	628 073	423 360	349 256	6 708 190	3 376 218	-49,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 12 – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Northern Cape

			Nov 2019	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Jan – Nov 2019	Jan – Nov 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	0	2	145	16	-89,0
		square metres	260	0	100	6 831	876	-87,2
		R'000	2 279	0	876	31 741	7 523	-76,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	21	26	28	192	182	-5,2
		square metres	4 308	6 220	5 660	45 450	43 436	-4,4
		R'000	35 026	52 549	48 879	340 025	361 455	6,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	3	0	0	44	104	136,4
		square metres	396	0	0	3 826	9 687	153,2
		R'000	3 471	0	0	32 247	84 622	162,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	293	5 005	1 608,2
		R'000	0	0	0	2 568	41 041	1 498,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	40 776	52 549	49 755	406 581	494 641	21,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	278	879	145	5 759	2 735	-52,5
		R'000	2 280	7 559	1 247	46 904	21 668	-53,8
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	1 576	1 609	2,1
		R'000	0	0	0	9 261	9 709	4,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	874	0	0	10 340	12 851	24,3
		R'000	5 234	0	0	68 513	107 993	57,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	401	54 174	8 077	-85,1
		R'000	0	0	3 449	428 548	70 594	-83,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	7 514	7 559	4 696	553 226	209 964	-62,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 515	5 926	2 885	45 064	28 872	-35,9
		R'000	71 421	50 893	24 922	357 331	243 360	-31,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	390	968	480	9 242	3 601	-61,0
		R'000	3 729	8 965	4 467	92 844	34 480	-62,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	75 150	59 858	29 389	450 175	277 840	-38,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	123 440	119 966	83 840	1 409 982	982 445	-30,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 13 – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Free State

			Nov 2019	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Jan – Nov 2019	Jan – Nov 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	16	21	33	222	214	-3,6
		square metres	989	1 231	1 826	13 419	12 349	-8,0
		R'000	7 642	10 080	15 105	101 372	100 301	-1,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	52	34	43	646	397	-38,5
		square metres	11 491	6 807	9 619	136 796	84 155	-38,5
		R'000	81 109	49 103	71 767	933 053	627 986	-32,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	157	6	75	467	283	-39,4
		square metres	4 696	308	4 782	39 967	27 642	-30,8
		R'000	37 906	2 598	40 336	304 707	220 692	-27,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	100	10 284	908	-91,2
		R'000	0	0	844	56 785	6 989	-87,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	126 657	61 781	128 052	1 395 917	955 968	-31,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	90	120	8 802	5 965	-32,2
		R'000	0	629	868	61 406	47 988	-21,9
	Shopping space	square metres	585	0	0	15 575	887	-94,3
		R'000	3 036	0	0	90 607	6 378	-93,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	10 955	1 763	765	22 754	26 129	14,8
		R'000	56 845	11 989	5 345	136 834	155 310	13,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	1 259	27 829	3 726	-86,6
		R'000	0	0	10 620	204 751	29 649	-85,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	59 881	12 618	16 833	493 598	239 325	-51,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 562	5 282	5 170	103 116	73 677	-28,5
		R'000	44 215	39 808	40 197	701 113	550 061	-21,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 101	173	1 156	30 311	16 353	-46,0
		R'000	23 337	1 955	14 421	364 872	160 023	-56,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	67 552	41 763	54 618	1 065 985	710 084	-33,4
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	254 090	116 162	199 503	2 955 500	1 905 377	-35,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 14 – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: KwaZulu-Natal

			Nov 2019	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Jan – Nov 2019	Jan – Nov 2020	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	46	10	24	726	184	-74,7	
		square metres	2 680	625	1 510	29 004	10 684	-63,2	
		R'000	29 319	5 011	12 816	166 186	89 544	-46,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	124	92	99	1 138	816	-28,3	
		square metres	31 447	34 084	36 260	353 621	278 575	-21,2	
		R'000	299 837	342 525	361 015	3 409 358	2 725 566	-20,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	205	216	357	2 859	2 181	-23,7	
		square metres	30 519	44 350	42 301	359 685	270 076	-24,9	
		R'000	273 235	425 675	462 071	3 563 685	2 867 920	-19,5	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	5 531	0	10 553	6 066	-42,5	
		R'000	0	47 629	0	121 081	51 707	-57,3	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	602 391	820 840	835 902	7 260 310	5 734 737	-21,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	41 119	6 354	-84,5	
		R'000	0	0	0	401 458	58 264	-85,5	
	Shopping space	square metres	1 000	8 837	3 875	52 129	119 671	129,6	
		R'000	5 000	97 207	27 673	455 940	1 011 442	121,8	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	15 305	31 443	129 490	397 930	253 994	-36,2	
		R'000	94 725	197 533	810 601	2 434 233	1 674 910	-31,2	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 909	5 168	5 408	43 806	35 661	-18,6	
		R'000	16 800	39 071	50 109	388 033	315 571	-18,7	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	116 525	333 811	888 383	3 679 664	3 060 187	-16,8
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	29 438	29 826	29 489	343 467	191 971	-44,1
R'000			299 534	305 769	296 377	3 453 363	1 953 389	-43,4	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	18 522	8 501	11 778	154 018	78 864	-48,8	
		R'000	219 954	115 132	164 876	1 971 027	1 047 275	-46,9	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	519 488	420 901	461 253	5 424 390	3 000 664	-44,7	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 238 404	1 575 552	2 185 538	16 364 364	11 795 588	-27,9	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 15 – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: North West

			Nov 2019	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Jan – Nov 2019	Jan – Nov 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	304	11	9	358	1 627	354,5
		square metres	12 534	706	599	15 531	67 398	334,0
		R'000	46 814	4 049	3 383	63 080	184 113	191,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	79	79	72	595	616	3,5
		square metres	15 365	20 126	23 008	155 039	153 191	-1,2
		R'000	89 457	128 847	147 208	925 437	966 112	4,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	8	11	4	633	225	-64,5
		square metres	467	1 489	223	79 732	22 419	-71,9
		R'000	3 269	8 125	1 209	461 266	147 445	-68,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	3 156	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	20 381	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	139 540	141 021	151 800	1 449 783	1 318 051	-9,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	5 170	2 659	-48,6
		R'000	0	0	0	29 654	15 265	-48,5
	Shopping space	square metres	4 129	35 898	1 220	25 531	62 179	143,5
		R'000	26 665	203 266	7 022	163 138	373 073	128,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 767	4 558	2 395	6 675	23 801	256,6
		R'000	9 667	32 236	13 652	36 678	141 466	285,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	8 701	331	1 791	31 531	7 024	-77,7
		R'000	56 191	1 795	11 841	194 157	43 992	-77,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	92 523	237 297	32 515	423 627	573 796	35,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 176	14 644	12 075	96 677	88 649	-8,3
		R'000	47 858	88 073	71 867	555 892	538 810	-3,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 656	792	2 788	15 622	14 289	-8,5
		R'000	11 073	4 298	21 302	148 616	127 146	-14,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	58 931	92 371	93 169	704 508	665 956	-5,5
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	290 994	470 689	277 484	2 577 918	2 557 803	-0,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 16 – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Gauteng

			Nov 2019	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Jan – Nov 2019	Jan – Nov 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	383	309	294	8 141	5 285	-35,1
		square metres	21 722	18 253	16 783	450 873	259 637	-42,4
		R'000	146 795	118 233	108 562	2 166 451	1 195 327	-44,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	380	346	305	3 798	2 319	-38,9
		square metres	113 511	106 436	91 679	1 172 385	679 645	-42,0
		R'000	953 789	955 070	790 400	9 721 598	5 735 743	-41,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	744	654	409	12 005	4 593	-61,7
		square metres	59 005	65 238	31 057	1 497 174	505 805	-66,2
		R'000	559 641	672 089	252 304	12 960 537	4 487 628	-65,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	9 229	1 564	-83,1
		R'000	0	0	0	66 059	9 558	-85,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 660 225	1 745 392	1 151 266	24 914 645	11 428 256	-54,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	15 656	400	1 168	200 622	30 078	-85,0
		R'000	148 113	5 059	14 773	2 088 090	326 169	-84,4
	Shopping space	square metres	9 017	3 485	22 607	137 559	47 662	-65,4
		R'000	81 153	36 943	248 157	1 190 419	508 848	-57,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	16 217	13 379	66 498	415 043	249 061	-40,0
		R'000	119 654	83 894	411 263	2 499 486	1 497 633	-40,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 711	2 627	47 018	78 425	103 701	32,2
		R'000	20 132	17 512	469 374	596 020	863 532	44,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	369 052	143 408	1 143 567	6 374 015	3 196 182	-49,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	75 119	81 129	71 622	866 699	513 096	-40,8
		R'000	619 995	704 263	616 349	7 181 855	4 357 756	-39,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	22 421	7 448	4 461	152 283	118 785	-22,0
		R'000	176 369	87 851	53 088	1 286 653	923 484	-28,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	796 364	792 114	669 437	8 468 508	5 281 240	-37,6
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 825 641	2 680 914	2 964 270	39 757 168	19 905 678	-49,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 17 – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Mpumalanga

			Nov 2019	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Jan – Nov 2019	Jan – Nov 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	23	50	33	290	270	-6,9
		square metres	1 115	2 748	1 796	16 710	15 206	-9,0
		R'000	5 853	15 693	8 747	84 787	83 457	-1,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	51	171	100	781	732	-6,3
		square metres	10 907	59 375	32 885	202 091	230 299	14,0
		R'000	58 878	408 920	228 375	1 309 462	1 559 290	19,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	97	13	-86,6
		square metres	0	0	0	4 713	2 017	-57,2
		R'000	0	0	0	26 021	11 047	-57,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 306	0	0	11 965	0	-100,0
		R'000	16 149	0	0	65 918	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	80 880	424 613	237 122	1 486 188	1 653 794	11,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	897	5 386	0	32 646	50 683	55,3
		R'000	6 279	36 776	0	209 536	340 614	62,6
	Shopping space	square metres	0	2 488	0	66 614	22 338	-66,5
		R'000	0	19 508	0	487 960	157 285	-67,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 346	13 685	8 801	40 940	62 025	51,5
		R'000	18 033	84 592	61 187	223 574	423 355	89,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	4 594	3 610	40 595	26 565	-34,6
		R'000	0	24 913	19 577	258 398	186 601	-27,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	24 312	165 789	80 764	1 179 468	1 107 855	-6,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 534	19 565	13 061	124 690	90 731	-27,2
		R'000	57 501	124 577	86 103	727 772	558 931	-23,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 371	4 295	127	16 672	8 987	-46,1
		R'000	31 016	38 409	14 624	475 161	149 541	-68,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	88 517	162 986	100 727	1 202 933	708 472	-41,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	193 709	753 388	418 613	3 868 589	3 470 121	-10,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 18 – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Limpopo

			Nov 2019	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Jan – Nov 2019	Jan – Nov 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	15	32	94	111	18,1
		square metres	245	951	2 030	5 840	6 634	13,6
		R'000	1 413	5 730	12 231	32 881	39 762	20,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	35	65	54	441	350	-20,6
		square metres	12 091	22 146	22 174	151 715	123 345	-18,7
		R'000	69 833	135 715	134 503	844 648	745 104	-11,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	12	64	6	708	390	-44,9
		square metres	1 059	5 541	558	42 060	21 651	-48,5
		R'000	6 351	35 117	3 497	231 534	128 338	-44,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	954	500	10 751	1 454	-86,5
		R'000	0	6 135	3 013	74 853	9 148	-87,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	77 597	182 697	153 244	1 183 916	922 352	-22,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	807	0	0	10 088	623	-93,8
		R'000	4 524	0	0	55 746	3 592	-93,6
	Shopping space	square metres	1 148	0	284	40 665	4 213	-89,6
		R'000	5 785	0	1 711	242 706	26 168	-89,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	10 231	28 186	25 088	-11,0
		R'000	0	0	61 345	158 666	147 608	-7,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	528	0	8 395	4 195	-50,0
		R'000	0	3 309	0	45 579	27 446	-39,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	10 309	3 309	63 056	502 697	204 814	-59,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 928	5 710	3 631	57 670	33 372	-42,1
		R'000	22 597	34 560	21 500	326 051	201 678	-38,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	745	1 052	632	6 459	5 891	-8,8
		R'000	8 716	12 838	8 308	63 665	63 022	-1,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	31 313	47 398	29 808	389 716	264 700	-32,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	119 219	233 404	246 108	2 076 329	1 391 866	-33,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Nov 2019	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Jan – Nov 2019	Jan – Nov 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	858	738	907	9 061	6 831	-24,6
		square metres	44 385	38 162	46 518	465 253	346 458	-25,5
		R'000	266 025	242 816	297 033	2 693 536	2 079 566	-22,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	980	942	707	9 265	5 832	-37,1
		square metres	258 016	227 999	181 484	2 412 248	1 444 424	-40,1
		R'000	1 960 826	1 835 858	1 376 465	18 327 086	11 111 498	-39,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2 081	1 414	959	24 440	8 288	-66,1
		square metres	292 227	167 852	112 904	3 366 851	1 001 184	-70,3
		R'000	2 539 150	1 401 189	1 088 664	27 954 433	8 679 986	-68,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	919	2 603	5 510	65 411	33 125	-49,4
		R'000	5 616	25 000	42 906	553 995	305 281	-44,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	4 771 617	3 504 863	2 805 068	49 529 050	22 176 331	-55,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	70 312	22 634	13 564	532 196	382 068	-28,2
		R'000	729 933	209 780	104 115	5 376 867	3 602 362	-33,0
	Shopping space	square metres	77 706	44 235	23 487	553 250	234 788	-57,6
		R'000	731 525	462 198	191 625	5 110 782	2 022 210	-60,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	106 491	129 591	68 944	1 276 041	871 285	-31,7
		R'000	683 272	800 979	458 565	7 979 774	5 499 962	-31,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	29 214	15 401	17 174	386 496	127 108	-67,1
		R'000	205 820	143 834	116 437	2 760 965	933 176	-66,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 350 550	1 616 791	870 742	21 228 388	12 057 710	-43,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	86 924	76 696	75 503	987 123	637 447	-35,4
		R'000	665 868	622 207	575 268	7 297 360	4 861 337	-33,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	58 250	51 611	58 809	498 130	407 083	-18,3
		R'000	558 922	519 518	575 031	4 947 746	4 327 678	-12,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 224 790	1 141 725	1 150 299	12 245 106	9 189 015	-25,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	8 346 957	6 263 379	4 826 109	83 002 544	43 423 056	-47,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Nov 2019	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Jan – Nov 2019	Jan – Nov 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	229	222	334	2 472	1 998	-19,2
		square metres	11 097	9 618	15 617	114 397	90 143	-21,2
		R'000	68 166	52 915	90 361	686 400	500 728	-27,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	337	304	288	2 921	2 131	-27,0
		square metres	85 642	66 548	71 631	709 342	507 959	-28,4
		R'000	597 016	482 924	464 189	4 873 247	3 485 674	-28,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	310	467	222	5 811	3 090	-46,8
		square metres	46 912	65 594	29 983	660 747	353 567	-46,5
		R'000	357 755	530 785	242 805	5 215 085	2 849 662	-45,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	4 750	15 638	11 916	-23,8
		R'000	0	0	38 327	124 248	86 754	-30,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 022 937	1 066 624	835 682	10 898 980	6 922 818	-36,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	7 016	13 494	11 421	56 552	82 937	46,7
		R'000	59 869	120 151	83 452	454 034	667 772	47,1
	Shopping space	square metres	16 546	8 115	14 513	113 508	89 207	-21,4
		R'000	139 190	72 593	124 162	972 772	699 972	-28,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	20 295	36 733	9 605	325 572	133 854	-58,9
		R'000	138 817	245 528	48 260	2 233 712	894 791	-59,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	8 210	7 448	13 492	158 119	70 360	-55,5
		R'000	57 206	57 185	93 847	1 175 845	495 218	-57,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	395 082	495 457	349 721	4 836 363	2 757 753	-43,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	35 988	27 675	34 782	354 177	305 909	-13,6
		R'000	239 100	195 155	236 827	2 315 671	2 121 079	-8,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	22 452	21 381	38 334	198 331	255 845	29,0
		R'000	202 643	209 727	367 242	1 982 318	2 865 980	44,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	441 743	404 882	604 069	4 297 989	4 987 059	16,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 859 762	1 966 963	1 789 472	20 033 332	14 667 630	-26,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Nov 2019	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Jan – Nov 2019	Jan – Nov 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	94	3	8	346	103	-70,2
		square metres	3 918	194	512	16 414	6 032	-63,3
		R'000	14 835	1 136	2 747	84 317	38 234	-54,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	49	32	51	586	347	-40,8
		square metres	13 913	6 959	10 501	121 671	69 086	-43,2
		R'000	89 293	51 824	77 010	811 273	493 459	-39,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	61	1	0	266	102	-61,7
		square metres	4 858	145	0	26 193	9 925	-62,1
		R'000	32 568	1 048	0	172 280	68 877	-60,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	729	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	5 013	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	136 696	54 008	79 757	1 072 883	600 570	-44,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	10 981	1 070	-90,3
		R'000	0	0	0	73 050	7 047	-90,4
	Shopping space	square metres	244	445	1 924	7 674	2 369	-69,1
		R'000	1 560	3 217	13 911	50 504	17 128	-66,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	372	0	0	100 484	82 129	-18,3
		R'000	2 566	0	0	676 763	547 435	-19,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	29 846	1 852	-93,8
		R'000	0	0	0	193 398	9 607	-95,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	4 126	3 217	13 911	993 715	581 217	-41,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 578	6 019	7 117	144 215	70 931	-50,8
		R'000	57 885	43 233	50 762	946 080	495 726	-47,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 348	539	127	59 324	23 225	-60,9
		R'000	29 982	3 897	1 053	428 844	167 744	-60,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	87 867	47 130	51 815	1 374 924	663 470	-51,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	228 689	104 355	145 483	3 441 522	1 845 257	-46,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Nov 2019	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Jan – Nov 2019	Jan – Nov 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	2	0	40	5	-87,5
		square metres	0	136	0	2 464	308	-87,5
		R'000	0	1 170	0	19 579	2 650	-86,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	10	18	14	89	112	25,8
		square metres	2 182	3 120	5 253	25 609	26 546	3,7
		R'000	17 892	26 832	45 176	199 723	223 804	12,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1	0	2	33	18	-45,5
		square metres	75	0	142	3 209	1 257	-60,8
		R'000	615	0	1 221	25 763	10 560	-59,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	475	500	5,3
		R'000	0	0	0	3 563	4 300	20,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	18 507	28 002	46 397	248 628	241 314	-2,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	400	0	990	400	-59,6
		R'000	0	3 440	0	7 857	3 440	-56,2
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	4 775	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	39 155	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 899	2 651	0	8 117	13 768	69,6
		R'000	23 772	22 799	0	63 040	116 214	84,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	145	0	1 106	1 470	32,9
		R'000	0	1 247	0	8 627	12 440	44,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	23 772	27 486	0	79 524	171 249	115,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 212	2 579	2 492	23 969	19 354	-19,3
		R'000	18 140	22 179	21 431	189 037	165 104	-12,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	340	2 268	1 718	6 388	7 110	11,3
		R'000	3 018	20 068	15 395	57 863	63 322	9,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	21 158	42 247	36 826	246 900	228 426	-7,5
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	63 437	97 735	83 223	575 052	640 989	11,5

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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

			Nov 2019	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Jan – Nov 2019	Jan – Nov 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	18	0	30	49	108	120,4
		square metres	1 070	0	1 791	2 993	6 531	118,2
		R'000	8 575	0	14 754	22 024	52 891	140,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	11	7	5	177	105	-40,7
		square metres	2 589	1 600	856	36 569	24 191	-33,8
		R'000	16 702	10 010	5 919	221 305	174 290	-21,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	10	0	0	36	36	0,0
		square metres	629	0	0	2 108	10 313	389,2
		R'000	4 352	0	0	12 755	83 246	552,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	2 314	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	16 609	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	29 629	10 010	20 673	272 693	310 427	13,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	2 239	6 713	199,8
		R'000	0	0	0	11 872	54 187	356,4
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	650	234	3 620	1 447,0
		R'000	0	0	4 543	1 565	28 517	1 722,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 037	866	0	11 980	15 415	28,7
		R'000	7 175	6 052	0	77 048	122 231	58,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	856	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	6 743	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	7 175	6 052	4 543	97 228	204 935	110,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 288	780	502	30 262	7 985	-73,6
		R'000	15 520	5 248	3 381	173 915	50 300	-71,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	139	0	266	3 881	3 706	-4,5
		R'000	1 520	317	3 450	44 700	42 984	-3,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	17 040	5 565	6 831	218 615	93 284	-57,3
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	53 844	21 627	32 047	588 536	608 646	3,4

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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

			Nov 2019	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Jan – Nov 2019	Jan – Nov 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	17	11	137	124	-9,5
		square metres	601	911	656	7 908	7 409	-6,3
		R'000	4 274	9 152	6 222	67 999	75 045	10,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	38	78	53	680	514	-24,4
		square metres	9 943	22 927	16 003	213 032	138 022	-35,2
		R'000	112 658	240 975	167 441	2 291 271	1 453 548	-36,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	36	77	424	1 881	1 413	-24,9
		square metres	8 233	12 501	41 326	274 150	165 625	-39,6
		R'000	77 266	130 677	447 180	2 999 072	1 743 572	-41,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	11 133	13 463	20,9
		R'000	0	0	0	122 463	148 937	21,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	194 198	380 804	620 843	5 480 805	3 421 102	-37,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	11 133	965	0	118 241	28 681	-75,7
		R'000	122 463	10 615	0	1 290 650	296 438	-77,0
	Shopping space	square metres	15 232	2 162	277	62 164	17 150	-72,4
		R'000	141 499	23 782	3 047	647 413	145 130	-77,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	21 391	17 169	4 534	354 986	352 123	-0,8
		R'000	128 346	103 014	27 204	2 144 259	2 117 272	-1,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	11 968	7 578	559	45 358	9 004	-80,1
		R'000	71 808	84 016	6 175	301 038	99 413	-67,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	464 116	221 427	36 426	4 383 360	2 658 253	-39,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 328	14 076	8 663	116 842	73 961	-36,7
		R'000	95 793	159 912	99 354	1 306 644	813 037	-37,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	11 012	2 713	6 164	92 818	20 501	-77,9
		R'000	121 411	49 927	69 384	1 137 697	282 312	-75,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	217 204	209 839	168 738	2 444 341	1 095 349	-55,2
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	875 518	812 070	826 007	12 308 506	7 174 704	-41,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Nov 2019	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Jan – Nov 2019	Jan – Nov 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	19	18	50	88	76,0
		square metres	355	1 203	886	3 212	5 267	64,0
		R'000	1 842	6 685	5 100	17 756	29 193	64,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	62	89	45	781	406	-48,0
		square metres	18 081	22 541	11 010	152 434	90 515	-40,6
		R'000	109 934	150 015	68 655	884 315	585 074	-33,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	81	232	21	625	412	-34,1
		square metres	6 373	18 909	2 346	46 556	38 780	-16,7
		R'000	37 344	133 916	16 962	278 468	264 269	-5,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 260	0	6 697	1 260	-81,2
		R'000	0	9 110	0	38 401	9 110	-76,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	149 120	299 726	90 717	1 218 940	887 646	-27,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	442	1 189	4 900	5 785	18,1
		R'000	0	3 196	8 596	24 401	35 774	46,6
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 013	4 710	19 240	18 603	-3,3
		R'000	0	5 853	31 788	115 658	123 927	7,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	421	0	1 600	14 617	6 751	-53,8
		R'000	2 719	0	9 120	74 123	39 972	-46,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	10 751	2 194	-79,6
		R'000	0	0	0	57 859	12 255	-78,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 719	9 049	49 504	272 041	211 928	-22,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 063	9 777	381	39 340	21 084	-46,4
		R'000	5 444	69 186	2 146	230 513	139 868	-39,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	5 081	0	20 904	5 603	-73,2
		R'000	750	36 902	0	136 741	57 316	-58,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	6 194	106 088	2 146	367 254	197 184	-46,3
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	158 033	414 863	142 367	1 858 235	1 296 758	-30,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Nov 2019	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Jan – Nov 2019	Jan – Nov 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	456	452	480	5 421	4 149	-23,5
		square metres	24 584	24 719	25 574	284 830	216 626	-23,9
		R'000	152 804	163 440	169 208	1 622 479	1 302 834	-19,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	370	290	207	3 122	1 716	-45,0
		square metres	102 366	77 191	53 207	911 531	456 181	-50,0
		R'000	867 791	676 025	461 177	7 579 137	3 830 967	-49,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 506	605	275	15 399	3 004	-80,5
		square metres	217 460	68 484	37 584	2 307 319	403 877	-82,5
		R'000	1 988 116	591 394	370 607	18 999 014	3 553 031	-81,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	919	1 343	0	27 907	5 226	-81,3
		R'000	5 616	15 890	0	240 647	51 601	-78,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	3 014 327	1 446 749	1 000 992	28 441 277	8 738 433	-69,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	52 098	6 710	954	334 612	254 755	-23,9
		R'000	547 226	68 624	12 067	3 493 109	2 527 988	-27,6
	Shopping space	square metres	44 239	32 500	987	315 118	77 525	-75,4
		R'000	441 780	356 753	10 834	3 097 108	801 495	-74,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	53 457	54 436	48 716	436 552	219 763	-49,7
		R'000	333 640	316 727	346 935	2 573 661	1 356 926	-47,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	9 036	0	827	131 853	22 205	-83,2
		R'000	76 806	0	5 281	973 751	173 363	-82,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 399 452	742 104	375 117	10 137 629	4 859 772	-52,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	24 530	13 511	19 568	227 390	115 391	-49,3
		R'000	211 301	110 809	148 275	1 838 026	943 063	-48,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	19 834	15 846	12 200	109 386	81 350	-25,6
		R'000	181 579	167 911	116 534	848 252	745 430	-12,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	392 880	278 720	264 809	2 686 278	1 688 493	-37,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	4 806 659	2 467 573	1 640 918	41 265 184	15 286 698	-63,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Nov 2019	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Jan – Nov 2019	Jan – Nov 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	36	12	11	446	169	-62,1
		square metres	2 200	711	593	26 747	9 145	-65,8
		R'000	12 300	4 281	3 285	139 502	48 106	-65,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	74	108	25	581	313	-46,1
		square metres	16 039	22 533	6 836	154 612	73 470	-52,5
		R'000	108 399	170 124	49 412	978 100	518 805	-47,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	68	0	1	219	27	-87,7
		square metres	6 843	0	219	28 412	3 525	-87,6
		R'000	36 267	0	1 717	149 823	19 238	-87,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	156 966	174 405	54 414	1 267 425	586 149	-53,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 684	863	-48,8
		R'000	0	0	0	10 860	4 573	-57,9
	Shopping space	square metres	1 445	0	426	27 993	20 575	-26,5
		R'000	7 496	0	3 340	184 210	161 328	-12,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 647	0	0	14 229	16 809	18,1
		R'000	34 866	0	0	85 066	120 082	41,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	6 757	9 586	41,9
		R'000	0	0	0	34 651	72 745	109,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	42 362	0	3 340	314 787	358 728	14,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 480	2 152	1 304	44 562	18 398	-58,7
		R'000	20 335	15 865	8 911	261 899	107 867	-58,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	125	3 583	0	5 373	5 042	-6,2
		R'000	17 019	28 564	1 973	288 747	66 610	-76,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	37 354	44 429	10 884	550 646	174 477	-68,3
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	236 682	218 834	68 638	2 132 858	1 119 354	-47,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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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

			Nov 2019	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Jan – Nov 2019	Jan – Nov 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	9	11	15	100	87	-13,0
		square metres	560	670	889	6 288	4 997	-20,5
		R'000	3 229	4 037	5 356	33 480	29 885	-10,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	29	16	19	328	188	-42,7
		square metres	7 261	4 580	6 187	87 448	58 454	-33,2
		R'000	41 141	27 129	37 486	488 715	345 877	-29,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	8	32	14	170	186	9,4
		square metres	844	2 219	1 304	18 157	14 315	-21,2
		R'000	4 867	13 369	8 172	102 173	87 531	-14,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	760	518	760	46,7
		R'000	0	0	4 579	3 051	4 579	50,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	49 237	44 535	55 593	627 419	467 872	-25,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	65	623	0	1 997	864	-56,7
		R'000	375	3 754	0	11 034	5 143	-53,4
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	7 319	964	-86,8
		R'000	0	0	0	41 552	5 558	-86,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 972	17 736	4 489	9 504	30 673	222,7
		R'000	11 371	106 859	27 046	52 102	185 039	255,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	230	2 296	1 850	10 437	464,2
		R'000	0	1 386	11 134	9 053	58 135	542,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	11 746	111 999	38 180	113 741	253 875	123,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	457	127	694	6 366	4 434	-30,3
		R'000	2 350	620	4 181	35 575	25 293	-28,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	200	0	1 725	4 701	172,5
		R'000	1 000	2 205	0	22 584	35 980	59,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	3 350	2 825	4 181	58 159	61 273	5,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	64 333	159 359	97 954	799 319	783 020	-2,0

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3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

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Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
	2	In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
Purpose of the survey	3	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
Scope of the survey	4	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	5	Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> , (SIC) Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
Collection rate	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for November 2020 was 81,8%. The improved collection rate for October 2020 was 90,0%.
Statistical unit	7	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	8	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.
Constant prices	9	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2015. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: <i>Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP) Work Groups and Selected Materials Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2016=100) are converted to the base year 2015=100.

Seasonal adjustment	10	Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by US Bureau of the Census Economic Research and Analyses Division, 1968.
	11	<p>Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore, the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for building statistics is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at Click to download building statistics seasonal adjustment May 2017</p> <p>Note: Owing to the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown, additive outlier adjustments were performed. The methodology will be reviewed as more data points are added to the time series.</p>
Trend cycle	12	The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.
Revised figures	13	Revised figures are due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or to respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. Figures for the latest two years are therefore preliminary. Data are edited at municipal level.
	14	Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> is published with the revised and updated information at provincial and municipal level for the previous calendar year. Due to this comprehensive revision, the monthly statistical release P5041.1 reflects provincial revision where applicable.
Related publications	15	<p>Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P5041.3: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> issued annually; • P9101.2: <i>Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region</i> issued annually; and • <i>Building Statistics</i> (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.
Rounding-off of figures	16	Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.
Symbols and abbreviations	17	.. Changes from a zero in the preceding period cannot be calculated as a percentage.
	0	Nil or figure too small to publish.
	*	Revised.
	Stats SA	Statistics South Africa.
	SIC	Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities.
	ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities.

Glossary

Additions and alterations	Extensions to existing buildings as well as internal and external alterations of existing buildings.
Blocks of flats	High-density housing consisting of a number of self-contained dwelling-units, each with at least one living-room together with a kitchen and bathroom, conjoined to similar units in one building.
Dwelling-house	A free-standing, complete structure on a separate stand or a self-contained dwelling-unit, e.g. granny flat, on the same premises as an existing residence. Out-buildings and garages are included.
Local government institutions	<p>Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District municipalities; • Metropolitan municipalities; and • Local municipalities.
Municipality	A generic term describing the “unit” of government in the local spheres responsible for local government in a geographically demarcated area and including district, metropolitan and local municipalities. It is an institution consisting of a municipal council (elected political representatives) and municipal administration (appointed officials).
District municipality	A municipality that has municipal executive and legislative authority in an area that includes more than one municipality, and which is described in section 155(1) of the Constitution as a category C municipality (refer to Local Government: Municipal Structure Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998)).
Metropolitan municipality	A municipality that has municipal executive and legislative authority in an area that includes more than one municipality, and which is described in section 155(1) of the Constitution as a category A municipality (refer to Local Government: Municipal Structure Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998)).
Local municipality	A municipality that shares municipal executive and legislative authority in its area with a district municipality within whose area it falls, which is described in section 155(1) of the constitution as a category B municipality.
Non-residential buildings	Factories and commercial, financial and other office buildings, as well as other buildings not used for residential purposes, such as churches, halls, clubs, schools and hospitals.
Other residential buildings	Institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, old people’s homes, hostels, hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation, entertainment centres and casinos.
Percentage change	<p>When using monthly actual values, the percentage change is the change in actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the relevant month compared with the actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the same month in the previous year expressed as a percentage.</p> <p>When using annual actual values, the percentage change is the change in the actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the relevant year compared with the actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the previous year expressed as a percentage.</p> <p>When using seasonally adjusted values, the percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the relevant month compared with the seasonally adjusted values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the previous month expressed as a percentage.</p>

Reference period	One calendar month.
Residential buildings	Buildings that are used primarily as residences. Includes dwelling-houses, flats, townhouses and other residential buildings.
Townhouses	Multiple, medium-density dwelling-units including cluster housing, group housing, simplexes, duplexes, triplexes and other similar dwelling-units which are usually grouped together, with one level of each unit on ground level. This category excludes blocks of flats.

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