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Key findings for January to November 2025

Building plans passed at current prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Nov 2024	Jan – Nov 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Nov 2024 and Jan – Nov 2025	% change between Jan – Nov 2024 and Jan – Nov 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	45 488 308	43 912 278	-1 576 030	-3,5
-Dwelling-houses	28 334 543	29 964 527	1 629 984	5,8
-Flats and townhouses	15 471 856	12 517 658	-2 954 198	-19,1
-Other residential buildings	1 681 909	1 430 093	-251 816	-15,0
Non-residential buildings	22 973 714	20 944 535	-2 029 179	-8,8
Additions and alterations	26 297 140	28 242 807	1 945 667	7,4
Total	94 759 162	93 099 620	-1 659 542	-1,8

The value of building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 1,8% (-R1 659,5 million) during January to November 2025 compared with January to November 2024. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-R2 029,2 million) and residential buildings (-R1 576,0 million). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (R1 945,7 million) – see Table A.

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

Province	Jan – Nov 2024	Jan – Nov 2025	Weight Jan – Nov 2024	% change between Jan – Nov 2024 and Jan – Nov 2025	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Nov 2024 and Jan – Nov 2025 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Nov 2024 and Jan – Nov 2025
	R'000	R'000				
Western Cape	30 121 478	32 799 674	31,8	8,9	2,8	2 678 196
Eastern Cape	4 901 125	6 322 827	5,2	29,0	1,5	1 421 702
Northern Cape	1 223 044	831 394	1,3	-32,0	-0,4	-391 650
Free State	2 229 515	2 688 693	2,4	20,6	0,5	459 178
KwaZulu-Natal	14 194 219	13 245 769	15,0	-6,7	-1,0	-948 450
North West	3 437 163	2 910 405	3,6	-15,3	-0,6	-526 758
Gauteng	31 044 989	26 759 122	32,8	-13,8	-4,5	-4 285 867
Mpumalanga	5 531 416	5 446 410	5,8	-1,5	-0,1	-85 006
Limpopo	2 076 213	2 095 326	2,2	0,9	0,0	19 113
Total	94 759 162	93 099 620	100,0	-1,8	-1,8	-1 659 542

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

The largest negative contributors to the total decrease of 1,8% (-R1 659,5 million) were Gauteng (contributing -4,5 percentage points or -R4 285,9 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -1,0 percentage point or -R948,5 million).

The largest positive contributors were Western Cape (contributing 2,8 percentage points or R2 678,2 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing 1,5 percentage points or R1 421,7 million) – see Table B.

Building plans passed at constant 2019 prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Nov 2024	Jan – Nov 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Nov 2024 and Jan – Nov 2025	% change between Jan – Nov 2024 and Jan – Nov 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	33 248 603	31 362 342	-1 886 261	-5,7
Non-residential buildings	16 777 359	14 953 279	-1 824 080	-10,9
Additions and alterations	19 216 559	20 173 838	957 279	5,0
Total	69 242 521	66 489 459	-2 753 062	-4,0

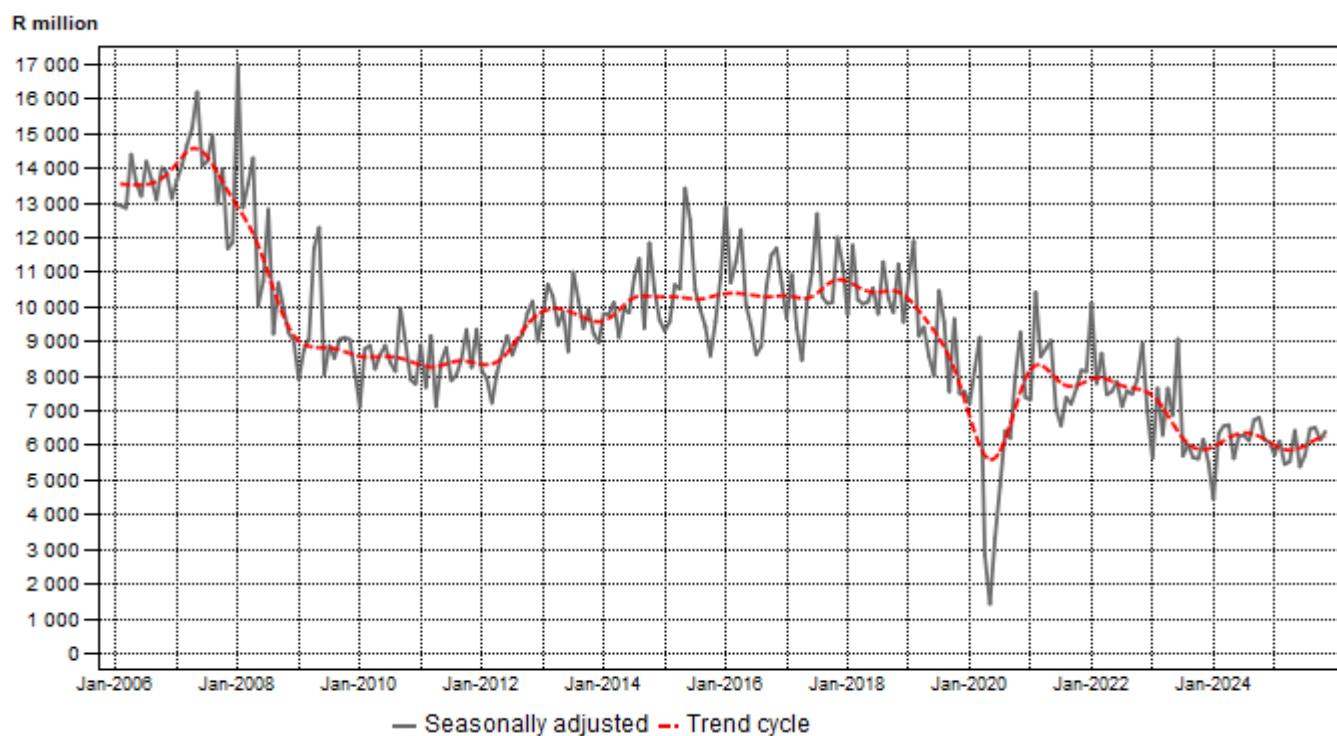
The real value of building plans passed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 4,0% (-R2 753,1 million) during January to November 2025 compared with January to November 2024. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-R1 886,3 million) and non-residential buildings (-R1 824,1 million). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (R957,3 million) – see Table C.

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

Type of building	Jun – Aug 2025	Sep – Nov 2025	% change between Jun – Aug 2025 and Sep – Nov 2025
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 254 100	8 943 242	8,3
Non-residential buildings ¹	4 208 077	4 647 266	10,4
Additions and alterations	5 126 607	5 487 912	7,0
Total	17 588 784	19 078 420	8,5

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of building plans passed increased by 8,5% in the three months ended November 2025 compared with the previous three months. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (10,4%), residential buildings (8,3%) and additions and alterations (7,0%) – see Table D.

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

Buildings reported as completed at current prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Nov 2024	Jan – Nov 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Nov 2024 and Jan – Nov 2025	% change between Jan – Nov 2024 and Jan – Nov 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	27 031 293	28 398 508	1 367 215	5,1
-Dwelling-houses	17 528 131	16 300 106	-1 228 025	-7,0
-Flats and townhouses	9 230 353	11 302 420	2 072 067	22,4
-Other residential buildings	272 809	795 982	523 173	191,8
Non-residential buildings	10 933 410	11 236 651	303 241	2,8
Additions and alterations	9 652 522	8 504 812	-1 147 710	-11,9
Total	47 617 225	48 139 971	522 746	1,1

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 1,1% (R522,7 million) during January to November 2025 compared with January to November 2024. Increases were reported for residential buildings (R1 367,2 million) and non-residential buildings (R303,2 million). A decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-R1 147,7 million) – see Table E.

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

Province	Jan – Nov 2024	Jan – Nov 2025	Weight Jan – Nov 2024	% change between Jan – Nov 2024 and Jan – Nov 2025	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Nov 2024 and Jan – Nov 2025 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Nov 2024 and Jan – Nov 2025
	R'000	R'000	%			
Western Cape	14 102 265	15 818 301	29,6	12,2	3,6	1 716 036
Eastern Cape	2 938 898	2 800 900	6,2	-4,7	-0,3	-137 998
Northern Cape	353 778	227 334	0,7	-35,7	-0,3	-126 444
Free State	382 201	328 196	0,8	-14,1	-0,1	-54 005
KwaZulu-Natal	7 383 696	8 150 757	15,5	10,4	1,6	767 061
North West	1 800 378	1 985 758	3,8	10,3	0,4	185 380
Gauteng	18 654 891	17 115 890	39,2	-8,2	-3,2	-1 539 001
Mpumalanga	1 347 073	765 000	2,8	-43,2	-1,2	-582 073
Limpopo	654 045	947 835	1,4	44,9	0,6	293 790
Total	47 617 225	48 139 971	100,0	1,1	1,1	522 746

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

Four out of the nine provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to November 2025. The largest positive contributors were Western Cape (contributing 3,6 percentage points or R1 716,0 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 1,6 percentage points or R767,1 million).

The largest negative contributors were Gauteng (contributing -3,2 percentage points or -R1 539,0 million) and Mpumalanga (contributing -1,2 percentage points or -R582,1 million) – see Table F.

Buildings reported as completed at constant 2019 prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Nov 2024	Jan – Nov 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Nov 2024 and Jan – Nov 2025	% change between Jan – Nov 2024 and Jan – Nov 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	19 749 916	20 269 744	519 828	2,6
Non-residential buildings	7 982 588	8 029 882	47 294	0,6
Additions and alterations	7 053 674	6 072 634	-981 040	-13,9
Total	34 786 178	34 372 260	-413 918	-1,2

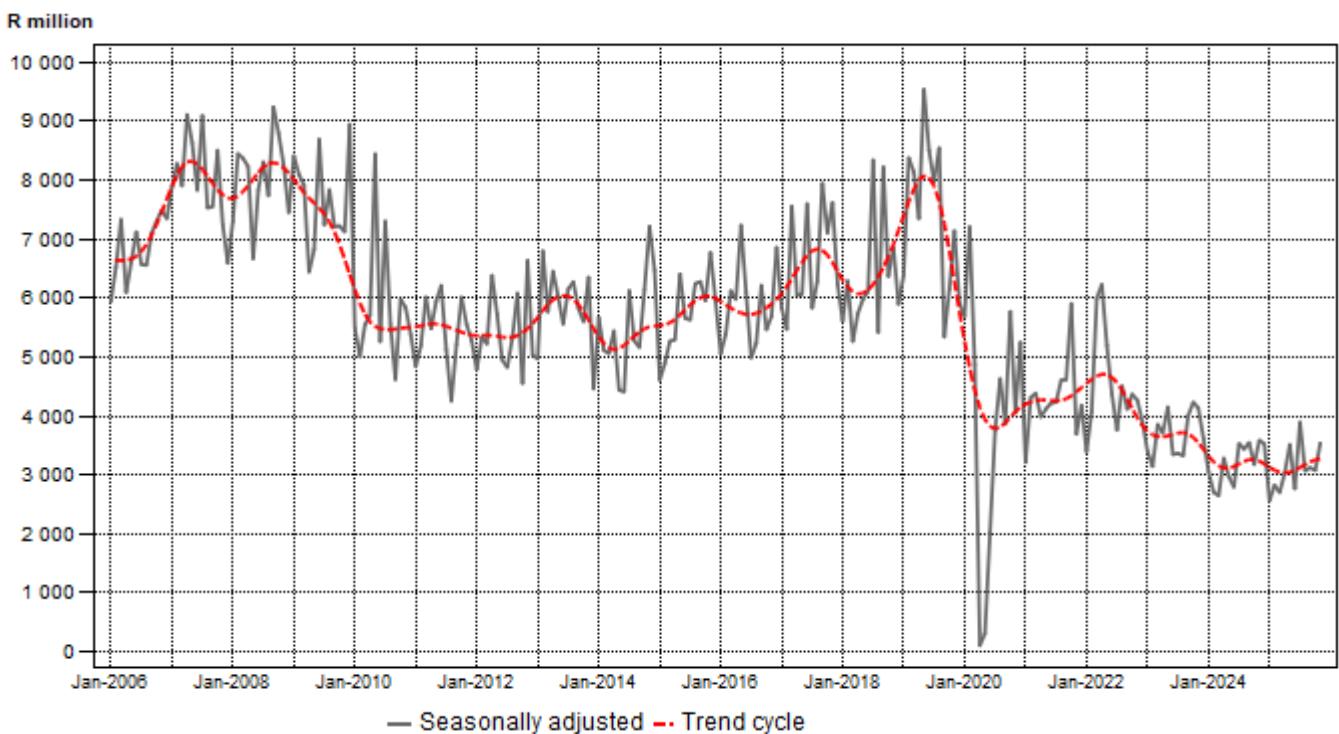
The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 1,2% (-R413,9 million) during January to November 2025 compared with January to November 2024. A decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-R981,0 million). Increases were reported for residential buildings (R519,8 million) and non-residential buildings (R47,3 million) – see Table G.

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

Type of building	Jun – Aug 2025	Sep – Nov 2025	% change between Jun – Aug 2025 and Sep – Nov 2025
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 889 981	5 333 670	-9,4
Non-residential buildings ¹	2 049 271	2 805 178	36,9
Additions and alterations	1 779 596	1 587 939	-10,8
Total	9 718 848	9 726 787	0,1

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 0,1% in the three months ended November 2025 compared with the previous three months. Non-residential buildings rose by 36,9%. Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-10,8%) and residential buildings (-9,4%) – see Table H.

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

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Tables

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	2 641 211	-4,4	646 429	-10,4	1 392 946	-27,7	4 680 586	-13,5
	February	4 987 654	-6,0	1 655 142	-0,6	2 359 384	-10,5	9 002 180	-6,3
	March	3 543 222	-23,9	1 905 469	12,3	2 596 885	20,7	8 045 576	-5,4
	April	4 241 995	-8,1	2 658 595	24,4	2 282 122	0,5	9 182 712	1,8
	May	4 138 159	-6,8	2 040 668	-0,9	1 955 538	-33,9	8 134 365	-14,0
	June	3 769 542	-20,2	2 538 847	-47,3	2 334 452	-15,7	8 642 841	-29,8
	July	3 978 787	-7,4	2 652 065	138,7	2 835 702	15,6	9 466 554	20,4
	August	4 294 462	9,3	2 005 025	-6,1	2 578 344	1,1	8 877 831	3,1
	September	4 892 901	9,2	2 070 383	102,1	2 661 175	11,6	9 624 459	22,0
	October	4 650 594	15,7	2 891 035	162,5	2 743 048	-8,3	10 284 677	26,8
	November	4 349 781	-2,6	1 910 056	14,8	2 557 544	-8,0	8 817 381	-1,1
	December	2 945 291	10,3	1 798 704	15,0	2 256 261	24,3	7 000 256	15,7
	Total	48 433 599	-3,8	24 772 418	14,2	28 553 401	-3,8	101 759 418	0,0
2025	January	3 186 144	20,6	1 206 164	86,6	1 871 867	34,4	6 264 175	33,8
	February	3 404 090	-31,7	2 395 437	44,7	2 505 413	6,2	8 304 940	-7,7
	March	3 635 173	2,6	1 385 314	-27,3	2 431 589	-6,4	7 452 076	-7,4
	April	3 412 504	-19,6	1 531 377	-42,4	2 341 150	2,6	7 285 031	-20,7
	May	4 284 380	3,5	1 964 424	-3,7	2 979 174	52,3	9 227 978	13,4
	June	3 864 945	2,5	1 313 123	-48,3	2 383 783	2,1	7 561 851	-12,5
	July	4 076 597	2,5	1 983 248	-25,2	2 903 987	2,4	8 963 832	-5,3
	August	4 424 700	3,0	2 607 377	30,0	2 272 708	-11,9	9 304 785	4,8
	September	4 326 400	-11,6	2 535 922	22,5	2 953 505	11,0	9 815 827	2,0
	October	4 297 279	-7,6	2 426 170	-16,1	2 863 931	4,4	9 587 380	-6,8
	November	5 000 066	14,9	1 595 979	-16,4	2 735 700	7,0	9 331 745	5,8

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	3 581 764	-0,9	646 429	-58,7	1 835 156	-19,7	6 063 349	-18,8
	February	4 522 986	26,3	1 655 142	156,0	2 367 803	29,0	8 545 931	40,9
	March	4 049 225	-10,5	1 905 469	15,1	2 975 605	25,7	8 930 299	4,5
	April	4 087 669	0,9	2 658 595	39,5	2 232 647	-25,0	8 978 911	0,5
	May	3 844 732	-5,9	2 040 668	-23,2	1 841 452	-17,5	7 726 852	-13,9
	June	3 658 239	-4,9	2 538 847	24,4	2 429 427	31,9	8 626 513	11,6
	July	3 597 551	-1,7	2 652 065	4,5	2 398 932	-1,3	8 648 548	0,3
	August	3 956 961	10,0	2 005 025	-24,4	2 459 509	2,5	8 421 495	-2,6
	September	4 756 002	20,2	2 070 383	3,3	2 458 492	0,0	9 284 877	10,3
	October	3 972 497	-16,5	2 891 035	39,6	2 385 704	-3,0	9 249 236	-0,4
	November	4 214 466	6,1	1 910 056	-33,9	2 377 667	-0,3	8 502 189	-8,1
	December	3 886 007	-7,8	1 798 704	-5,8	2 724 302	14,6	8 409 013	-1,1
2025	January	4 236 877	9,0	1 206 164	-32,9	2 502 783	-8,1	7 945 824	-5,5
	February	3 583 600	-15,4	2 395 437	98,6	2 538 744	1,4	8 517 781	7,2
	March	3 717 776	3,7	1 385 314	-42,2	2 517 494	-0,8	7 620 584	-10,5
	April	3 636 919	-2,2	1 531 377	10,5	2 534 744	0,7	7 703 040	1,1
	May	4 092 013	12,5	1 964 424	28,3	2 866 324	13,1	8 922 761	15,8
	June	3 769 871	-7,9	1 313 123	-33,2	2 387 675	-16,7	7 470 669	-16,3
	July	3 537 368	-6,2	1 983 248	51,0	2 491 140	4,3	8 011 756	7,2
	August	4 200 330	18,7	2 607 377	31,5	2 288 050	-8,2	9 095 757	13,5
	September	4 064 008	-3,2	2 535 922	-2,7	2 591 198	13,2	9 191 128	1,0
	October	3 779 594	-7,0	2 426 170	-4,3	2 497 970	-3,6	8 703 734	-5,3
	November	4 851 363	28,4	1 595 979	-34,2	2 672 493	7,0	9 119 835	4,8
	Jun – Aug 25	11 507 569		5 903 748		7 166 865		24 578 182	
	Sep – Nov 25 ²	12 694 965	10,3	6 558 071	11,1	7 761 661	8,3	27 014 697	9,9

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

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

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	1 957 903	-9,7	479 191	-15,4	1 032 577	-31,7	3 469 671	-18,3
	February	3 686 367	-10,2	1 223 313	-5,0	1 743 817	-14,5	6 653 497	-10,5
	March	2 603 396	-27,1	1 400 051	7,7	1 908 071	15,7	5 911 518	-9,3
	April	3 098 608	-12,4	1 941 998	18,6	1 666 999	-4,2	6 707 605	-3,0
	May	3 005 199	-11,2	1 481 967	-5,7	1 420 144	-37,1	5 907 310	-18,1
	June	2 747 480	-23,9	1 850 472	-49,7	1 701 496	-19,6	6 299 448	-33,1
	July	2 883 179	-11,7	1 921 786	127,6	2 054 857	10,2	6 859 822	14,8
	August	3 118 709	4,9	1 456 082	-9,9	1 872 436	-3,0	6 447 227	-1,1
	September	3 555 887	5,5	1 504 639	95,2	1 933 993	7,8	6 994 519	17,9
	October	3 414 533	13,2	2 122 640	156,7	2 013 985	-10,3	7 551 158	24,0
	November	3 177 342	-4,9	1 395 220	12,1	1 868 184	-10,2	6 440 746	-3,4
	December	2 151 418	8,2	1 313 882	12,9	1 648 109	22,1	5 113 409	13,6
Total		35 400 021	-7,6	18 091 241	9,6	20 864 668	-7,6	74 355 930	-4,0
2025	January	2 315 512	18,3	876 573	82,9	1 360 368	31,7	4 552 453	31,2
	February	2 447 225	-33,6	1 722 097	40,8	1 801 160	3,3	5 970 482	-10,3
	March	2 594 699	-0,3	988 804	-29,4	1 735 610	-9,0	5 319 113	-10,0
	April	2 442 737	-21,2	1 096 190	-43,6	1 675 841	0,5	5 214 768	-22,3
	May	3 084 507	2,6	1 414 272	-4,6	2 144 834	51,0	6 643 613	12,5
	June	2 782 538	1,3	945 373	-48,9	1 716 186	0,9	5 444 097	-13,6
	July	2 897 368	0,5	1 409 558	-26,7	2 063 957	0,4	6 370 883	-7,1
	August	3 144 776	0,8	1 853 146	27,3	1 615 286	-13,7	6 613 208	2,6
	September	3 074 911	-13,5	1 802 361	19,8	2 099 151	8,5	6 976 423	-0,3
	October	3 036 946	-11,1	1 714 608	-19,2	2 023 980	0,5	6 775 534	-10,3
	November	3 541 123	11,4	1 130 297	-19,0	1 937 465	3,7	6 608 885	2,6

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

Table 4 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	2 615 545	-1,1	479 191	-58,8	1 354 729	-20,0	4 449 465	-19,1
	February	3 361 869	28,5	1 223 313	155,3	1 751 460	29,3	6 336 642	42,4
	March	2 975 385	-11,5	1 400 051	14,4	2 187 707	24,9	6 563 143	3,6
	April	3 016 438	1,4	1 941 998	38,7	1 638 049	-25,1	6 596 485	0,5
	May	2 798 535	-7,2	1 481 967	-23,7	1 341 350	-18,1	5 621 852	-14,8
	June	2 664 574	-4,8	1 850 472	24,9	1 766 286	31,7	6 281 332	11,7
	July	2 624 221	-1,5	1 921 786	3,9	1 745 070	-1,2	6 291 077	0,2
	August	2 888 974	10,1	1 456 082	-24,2	1 792 680	2,7	6 137 736	-2,4
	September	3 454 871	19,6	1 504 639	3,3	1 781 476	-0,6	6 740 986	9,8
	October	2 933 172	-15,1	2 122 640	41,1	1 749 505	-1,8	6 805 317	1,0
	November	3 032 747	3,4	1 395 220	-34,3	1 732 613	-1,0	6 160 580	-9,5
	December	2 800 665	-7,7	1 313 882	-5,8	1 982 198	14,4	6 096 745	-1,0
2025	January	3 044 695	8,7	876 573	-33,3	1 812 885	-8,5	5 734 153	-5,9
	February	2 579 022	-15,3	1 722 097	96,5	1 825 958	0,7	6 127 077	6,9
	March	2 667 591	3,4	988 804	-42,6	1 800 830	-1,4	5 457 225	-10,9
	April	2 619 638	-1,8	1 096 190	10,9	1 816 715	0,9	5 532 543	1,4
	May	2 957 841	12,9	1 414 272	29,0	2 067 201	13,8	6 439 314	16,4
	June	2 725 753	-7,8	945 373	-33,2	1 717 257	-16,9	5 388 383	-16,3
	July	2 533 680	-7,0	1 409 558	49,1	1 776 947	3,5	5 720 185	6,2
	August	2 994 667	18,2	1 853 146	31,5	1 632 403	-8,1	6 480 216	13,3
	September	2 882 504	-3,7	1 802 361	-2,7	1 834 996	12,4	6 519 861	0,6
	October	2 681 403	-7,0	1 714 608	-4,9	1 766 255	-3,7	6 162 266	-5,5
	November	3 379 335	26,0	1 130 297	-34,1	1 886 661	6,8	6 396 293	3,8
	Jun – Aug 25	8 254 100		4 208 077		5 126 607		17 588 784	
	Sep – Nov 25 ²	8 943 242	8,3	4 647 266	10,4	5 487 912	7,0	19 078 420	8,5

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

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	1 834 865	14,6	738 235	-49,1	662 252	23,5	3 235 352	-9,9
	February	2 097 005	-13,1	464 909	-18,4	932 878	9,6	3 494 792	-8,9
	March	2 149 921	-21,9	392 388	-77,0	911 912	35,3	3 454 221	-32,7
	April	2 362 554	-6,7	1 461 297	8,4	730 773	5,4	4 554 624	-0,4
	May	2 403 328	-39,4	1 152 721	77,5	577 566	-32,4	4 133 615	-24,4
	June	2 166 878	-23,5	833 237	10,5	744 988	-4,4	3 745 103	-14,2
	July	2 995 552	12,7	818 680	-33,8	1 371 761	93,2	5 185 993	12,6
	August	2 500 529	-18,2	1 344 921	101,1	968 386	28,4	4 813 836	7,4
	September	3 089 032	-13,7	977 587	-21,4	1 044 219	34,3	5 110 838	-8,7
	October	2 825 730	-10,3	746 281	-51,5	895 522	-18,3	4 467 533	-22,8
	November	2 605 899	-26,5	2 003 154	19,3	812 265	-19,9	5 421 318	-13,1
	December	2 331 225	-29,0	1 569 481	162,8	816 420	-3,5	4 717 126	-0,2
	Total	29 362 518	-17,0	12 502 891	-7,0	10 468 942	9,2	52 334 351	-10,4
2025	January	1 276 232	-30,4	1 244 982	68,6	401 356	-39,4	2 922 570	-9,7
	February	2 263 890	8,0	884 148	90,2	550 009	-41,0	3 698 047	5,8
	March	2 505 920	16,6	569 063	45,0	772 015	-15,3	3 846 998	11,4
	April	2 799 975	18,5	481 210	-67,1	726 757	-0,5	4 007 942	-12,0
	May	2 598 855	8,1	1 228 414	6,6	1 127 334	95,2	4 954 603	19,9
	June	2 076 793	-4,2	1 096 793	31,6	617 782	-17,1	3 791 368	1,2
	July	3 384 823	13,0	1 213 265	48,2	1 262 969	-7,9	5 861 057	13,0
	August	3 029 738	21,2	559 053	-58,4	761 372	-21,4	4 350 163	-9,6
	September	2 759 745	-10,7	1 153 612	18,0	719 069	-31,1	4 632 426	-9,4
	October	2 339 585	-17,2	1 373 530	84,0	739 507	-17,4	4 452 622	-0,3
	November	3 362 952	29,1	1 432 581	-28,5	826 642	1,8	5 622 175	3,7

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

Table 6 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	2 582 795	-20,3	738 235	23,6	824 547	-20,2	4 145 577	-14,9
	February	2 322 681	-10,1	464 909	-37,0	876 717	6,3	3 664 307	-11,6
	March	2 300 370	-1,0	392 388	-15,6	915 559	4,4	3 608 317	-1,5
	April	2 325 931	1,1	1 461 297	272,4	682 984	-25,4	4 470 212	23,9
	May	2 388 882	2,7	1 152 721	-21,1	543 438	-20,4	4 085 041	-8,6
	June	2 190 615	-8,3	833 237	-27,7	815 832	50,1	3 839 684	-6,0
	July	2 802 909	28,0	818 680	-1,7	1 222 995	49,9	4 844 584	26,2
	August	2 462 807	-12,1	1 344 921	64,3	903 982	-26,1	4 711 710	-2,7
	September	2 847 928	15,6	977 587	-27,3	1 041 855	15,3	4 867 370	3,3
	October	2 708 751	-4,9	746 281	-23,7	876 393	-15,9	4 331 425	-11,0
	November	2 127 983	-21,4	2 003 154	168,4	781 608	-10,8	4 912 745	13,4
	December	2 315 323	8,8	1 569 481	-21,6	945 529	21,0	4 830 333	-1,7
2025	January	1 803 602	-22,1	1 244 982	-20,7	490 178	-48,2	3 538 762	-26,7
	February	2 509 128	39,1	884 148	-29,0	536 543	9,5	3 929 819	11,1
	March	2 507 049	-0,1	569 063	-35,6	699 832	30,4	3 775 944	-3,9
	April	2 948 217	17,6	481 210	-15,4	789 687	12,8	4 219 114	11,7
	May	2 580 436	-12,5	1 228 414	155,3	1 060 273	34,3	4 869 123	15,4
	June	2 099 327	-18,6	1 096 793	-10,7	648 325	-38,9	3 844 445	-21,0
	July	3 158 066	50,4	1 213 265	10,6	1 086 573	67,6	5 457 904	42,0
	August	2 980 284	-5,6	559 053	-53,9	753 705	-30,6	4 293 042	-21,3
	September	2 547 134	-14,5	1 153 612	106,4	682 607	-9,4	4 383 353	2,1
	October	2 242 077	-12,0	1 373 530	19,1	735 499	7,7	4 351 106	-0,7
	November	2 740 675	22,2	1 432 581	4,3	829 544	12,8	5 002 800	15,0
	Jun – Aug 25	8 237 677		2 869 111		2 488 603		13 595 391	
	Sep – Nov 25 ²	7 529 886	-8,6	3 959 723	38,0	2 247 650	-9,7	13 737 259	1,0

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

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Table 7 – Value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	1 360 167	8,2	547 246	-52,0	490 921	16,7	2 398 334	-14,9
	February	1 549 893	-17,0	343 613	-22,0	689 489	4,7	2 582 995	-12,9
	March	1 579 663	-25,1	288 309	-78,0	670 031	29,7	2 538 003	-35,5
	April	1 725 752	-11,1	1 067 419	3,4	533 801	0,5	3 326 972	-5,1
	May	1 745 336	-42,3	837 125	69,0	419 438	-35,6	3 001 899	-28,0
	June	1 579 357	-27,1	607 316	5,3	542 994	-8,9	2 729 667	-18,2
	July	2 170 690	7,5	593 246	-36,9	994 030	84,2	3 757 966	7,4
	August	1 815 925	-21,6	976 704	92,9	703 258	23,2	3 495 887	3,1
	September	2 244 936	-16,6	710 456	-24,1	758 880	29,7	3 714 272	-11,8
	October	2 074 692	-12,3	547 930	-52,5	657 505	-20,1	3 280 127	-24,5
	November	1 903 505	-28,2	1 463 224	16,5	593 327	-21,8	3 960 056	-15,1
	December	1 702 867	-30,3	1 146 443	158,0	596 362	-5,3	3 445 672	-2,0
2025	Total	21 452 783	-20,1	9 129 031	-10,8	7 650 036	5,1	38 231 850	-13,8
	January	927 494	-31,8	904 783	65,3	291 683	-40,6	2 123 960	-11,4
	February	1 627 527	5,0	635 620	85,0	395 405	-42,7	2 658 552	2,9
	March	1 788 665	13,2	406 183	40,9	551 046	-17,8	2 745 894	8,2
	April	2 004 277	16,1	344 460	-67,7	520 227	-2,5	2 868 964	-13,8
	May	1 871 026	7,2	884 387	5,6	811 616	93,5	3 567 029	18,8
	June	1 495 171	-5,3	789 628	30,0	444 767	-18,1	2 729 566	0,0
	July	2 405 702	10,8	862 306	45,4	897 633	-9,7	4 165 641	10,8
	August	2 153 332	18,6	397 337	-59,3	541 131	-23,1	3 091 800	-11,6
	September	1 961 439	-12,6	819 909	15,4	511 065	-32,7	3 292 413	-11,4
	October	1 653 417	-20,3	970 693	77,2	522 620	-20,5	3 146 730	-4,1
	November	2 381 694	25,1	1 014 576	-30,7	585 441	-1,3	3 981 711	0,5

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

Table 8 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	1 901 863	-20,8	547 246	23,1	602 605	-22,0	3 051 714	-15,7
	February	1 716 379	-9,8	343 613	-37,2	643 101	6,7	2 703 093	-11,4
	March	1 688 719	-1,6	288 309	-16,1	668 345	3,9	2 645 373	-2,1
	April	1 706 732	1,1	1 067 419	270,2	507 491	-24,1	3 281 642	24,1
	May	1 734 656	1,6	837 125	-21,6	398 230	-21,5	2 970 011	-9,5
	June	1 593 447	-8,1	607 316	-27,5	587 637	47,6	2 788 400	-6,1
	July	2 038 985	28,0	593 246	-2,3	895 901	52,5	3 528 132	26,5
	August	1 796 401	-11,9	976 704	64,6	660 291	-26,3	3 433 396	-2,7
	September	2 074 069	15,5	710 456	-27,3	758 743	14,9	3 543 268	3,2
	October	1 985 839	-4,3	547 930	-22,9	638 497	-15,8	3 172 266	-10,5
	November	1 552 194	-21,8	1 463 224	167,0	569 702	-10,8	3 585 120	13,0
	December	1 683 623	8,5	1 146 443	-21,6	691 141	21,3	3 521 207	-1,8
2025	January	1 301 929	-22,7	904 783	-21,1	352 323	-49,0	2 559 035	-27,3
	February	1 803 938	38,6	635 620	-29,7	383 121	8,7	2 822 679	10,3
	March	1 792 530	-0,6	406 183	-36,1	498 489	30,1	2 697 202	-4,4
	April	2 115 686	18,0	344 460	-15,2	569 187	14,2	3 029 333	12,3
	May	1 857 229	-12,2	884 387	156,7	770 195	35,3	3 511 811	15,9
	June	1 508 178	-18,8	789 628	-10,7	462 896	-39,9	2 760 702	-21,4
	July	2 253 335	49,4	862 306	9,2	777 929	68,1	3 893 570	41,0
	August	2 128 468	-5,5	397 337	-53,9	538 771	-30,7	3 064 576	-21,3
	September	1 813 836	-14,8	819 909	106,4	485 588	-9,9	3 119 333	1,8
	October	1 581 950	-12,8	970 693	18,4	519 599	7,0	3 072 242	-1,5
	November	1 937 884	22,5	1 014 576	4,5	582 752	12,2	3 535 212	15,1
	Jun – Aug 25	5 889 981		2 049 271		1 779 596		9 718 848	
	Sep – Nov 25 ²	5 333 670	-9,4	2 805 178	36,9	1 587 939	-10,8	9 726 787	0,1

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

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

			Nov 2024	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Jan – Nov 2024	Jan – Nov 2025	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	525	738	1 109	5 796	7 145	23,3	
		square metres	26 024	35 527	50 400	285 216	345 759	21,2	
		R'000	212 458	283 476	378 174	2 227 239	2 632 627	18,2	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	884	1 250	907	10 568	11 186	5,8	
		square metres	259 464	359 092	281 761	3 073 679	3 178 444	3,4	
		R'000	2 208 784	3 078 863	2 523 337	26 107 304	27 331 900	4,7	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 503	1 010	1 657	15 931	12 448	-21,9	
		square metres	134 403	91 042	165 414	1 569 074	1 263 176	-19,5	
		R'000	1 377 603	828 496	1 878 837	15 471 856	12 517 658	-19,1	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	55 910	12 385	21 029	180 982	158 137	-12,6	
		R'000	550 936	106 444	219 718	1 681 909	1 430 093	-15,0	
Total residential buildings			R'000	4 349 781	4 297 279	5 000 066	45 488 308	43 912 278	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	13 987	17 696	14 820	195 825	280 174	43,1	
		R'000	145 544	146 628	118 002	1 938 898	3 026 025	56,1	
		square metres	59 128	81 250	5 582	730 704	441 040	-39,6	
	Shopping space	R'000	442 982	741 549	44 055	6 880 425	3 841 860	-44,2	
		square metres	145 307	173 179	155 335	1 544 111	1 515 257	-1,9	
		R'000	994 168	1 249 452	1 175 626	11 143 469	11 241 377	0,9	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	38 922	34 587	24 682	356 933	326 847	-8,4	
		R'000	327 362	288 541	258 296	3 010 922	2 835 273	-5,8	
		R'000	1 910 056	2 426 170	1 595 979	22 973 714	20 944 535	-8,8	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	189 199	218 204	188 188	2 102 968	2 126 551	1,1	
		R'000	1 674 255	1 918 838	1 729 133	18 114 678	18 699 789	3,2	
		square metres	85 043	87 937	74 857	761 067	829 210	9,0	
		R'000	883 289	945 093	1 006 567	8 182 462	9 543 018	16,6	
Total additions and alterations			R'000	2 557 544	2 863 931	2 735 700	26 297 140	28 242 807	
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	8 817 381	9 587 380	9 331 745	94 759 162	93 099 620	

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Nov 2024	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Jan – Nov 2024	Jan – Nov 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	174	330	557	1 734	2 693	55,3
		square metres	8 116	14 437	23 980	80 362	120 972	50,5
		R'000	74 066	109 191	185 487	610 280	903 340	48,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	422	519	353	4 200	4 980	18,6
		square metres	116 345	142 178	94 796	1 125 224	1 277 453	13,5
		R'000	876 959	1 115 772	761 846	8 672 706	9 874 533	13,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	714	544	203	6 585	5 516	-16,2
		square metres	57 200	50 958	28 983	646 416	518 265	-19,8
		R'000	558 195	434 327	269 167	6 083 120	4 682 269	-23,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	10 907	2 159	16 250	49 603	68 783	38,7
		R'000	69 925	16 059	159 468	417 435	610 206	46,2
Total residential buildings			R'000	1 579 145	1 675 349	1 375 968	15 783 541	16 070 348
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	11 661	6 193	3 804	55 267	105 595	91,1
		R'000	116 782	51 271	32 441	489 627	1 001 913	104,6
	Shopping space	square metres	15 588	42 448	1 533	156 475	170 931	9,2
		R'000	108 900	369 412	12 405	1 522 574	1 444 642	-5,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	28 832	17 220	31 624	324 400	292 746	-9,8
		R'000	229 284	136 957	234 131	2 433 101	2 234 260	-8,2
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	5 271	18 101	6 308	125 717	156 230	24,3
		R'000	41 297	137 315	47 384	1 045 945	1 232 675	17,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	496 263	694 955	326 361	5 491 247	5 913 490	7,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	69 695	98 238	75 141	759 640	867 566	14,2
		R'000	563 676	797 399	614 091	5 687 905	6 819 171	19,9
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	25 226	36 796	22 451	253 396	292 205	15,3
		R'000	333 398	450 792	477 748	3 158 785	3 996 665	26,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	897 074	1 248 191	1 091 839	8 846 690	10 815 836	22,3
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 972 482	3 618 495	2 794 168	30 121 478	32 799 674	8,9

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Nov 2024	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Jan – Nov 2024	Jan – Nov 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	45	68	10	508	739	45,5
		square metres	2 007	3 021	428	23 198	32 578	40,4
		R'000	17 280	25 885	3 535	188 513	280 844	49,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	33	92	41	597	651	9,0
		square metres	8 389	24 706	12 650	163 947	178 145	8,7
		R'000	70 871	216 991	111 660	1 383 437	1 567 420	13,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	4	33	10	196	257	31,1
		square metres	708	5 416	1 516	26 191	43 489	66,0
		R'000	6 136	49 067	13 139	213 438	361 077	69,2
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	55	0	1 660	11 111	569,3
		R'000	0	477	0	15 256	65 637	330,2
Total residential buildings			R'000	94 287	292 420	128 334	1 800 644	2 274 978
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	2 525	1 227	9 265	8 738	-5,7
		R'000	0	21 884	9 445	60 440	72 751	20,4
	Shopping space	square metres	14 958	0	681	20 787	9 236	-55,6
		R'000	129 641	0	5 883	173 521	80 259	-53,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 923	9 533	26 756	87 116	154 158	77,0
		R'000	58 001	80 797	232 219	725 364	1 335 283	84,1
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 221	1 616	787	13 289	16 224	22,1
		R'000	10 583	9 766	6 820	105 491	135 720	28,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	198 225	112 447	254 367	1 064 816	1 624 013	52,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 285	14 097	13 094	154 879	172 095	11,1
		R'000	111 738	118 654	114 225	1 274 875	1 468 680	15,2
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	4 790	14 840	9 603	87 616	97 178	10,9
		R'000	42 064	135 201	79 960	760 790	955 156	25,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	153 802	253 855	194 185	2 035 665	2 423 836	19,1
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	446 314	658 722	576 886	4 901 125	6 322 827	29,0

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Nov 2024	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Jan – Nov 2024	Jan – Nov 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	77	2	2	438	76	-82,6
		square metres	3 128	93	98	17 830	3 234	-81,9
		R'000	30 610	921	970	172 101	31 719	-81,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	12	13	14	148	161	8,8
		square metres	2 136	2 598	3 392	31 225	34 098	9,2
		R'000	18 476	22 328	30 147	268 036	296 180	10,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	5	0	0	11	0	-100,0
		square metres	1 710	0	0	2 858	0	-100,0
		R'000	11 259	0	0	21 410	0	-100,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	473	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	4 483	0	-100,0
Total residential buildings			R'000	60 345	23 249	31 117	466 030	327 899
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 977	83	-95,8
		R'000	0	0	0	16 104	821	-94,9
	Shopping space	square metres	2 937	0	0	6 555	14 876	126,9
		R'000	29 056	0	0	63 237	107 415	69,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	28 511	5 137	-82,0
		R'000	0	0	0	272 297	50 821	-81,3
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	11 063	0	0	17 391	2 553	-85,3
		R'000	109 446	0	0	163 982	20 538	-87,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	138 502	0	0	515 620	179 595	-65,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 715	2 057	1 860	20 099	20 801	3,5
		R'000	16 700	19 802	18 133	182 683	199 758	9,3
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	110	461	500	4 802	9 266	93,0
		R'000	11 876	4 713	5 063	58 711	124 142	111,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	28 576	24 515	23 196	241 394	323 900	34,2
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	227 423	47 764	54 313	1 223 044	831 394	-32,0

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Nov 2024	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Jan – Nov 2024	Jan – Nov 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	48	28	277	299	685	129,1
		square metres	2 688	1 168	12 710	13 719	30 307	120,9
		R'000	13 606	6 645	87 793	82 611	201 464	143,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	30	45	65	391	453	15,9
		square metres	8 106	10 324	19 969	99 500	116 432	17,0
		R'000	74 714	84 076	180 937	861 487	1 007 261	16,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	6	0	144	119	-17,4
		square metres	0	865	0	15 503	13 189	-14,9
		R'000	0	7 527	0	151 744	125 818	-17,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	1 673	10 220	510,9
		R'000	0	0	0	14 909	91 653	514,7
Total residential buildings			R'000	88 320	98 248	268 730	1 110 751	1 426 196
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	735	4 231	1 725	-59,2
		R'000	0	0	7 457	39 084	15 782	-59,6
	Shopping space	square metres	345	0	225	24 449	9 552	-60,9
		R'000	2 243	0	2 283	156 920	80 240	-48,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 649	4 336	8 142	14 507	46 040	217,4
		R'000	15 225	34 861	64 492	116 955	340 832	191,4
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	806	463	12 367	9 638	-22,1
		R'000	0	5 283	4 152	90 153	91 776	1,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	17 468	40 144	78 384	403 112	528 630	31,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 668	3 030	8 923	62 990	59 784	-5,1
		R'000	50 348	26 299	80 075	541 648	526 515	-2,8
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	763	767	604	17 350	22 032	27,0
		R'000	29 481	6 371	7 266	174 004	207 352	19,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	79 829	32 670	87 341	715 652	733 867	2,5
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	185 617	171 062	434 455	2 229 515	2 688 693	20,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.

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

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

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

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

			Nov 2024	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Jan – Nov 2024	Jan – Nov 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	12	25	4	191	131	-31,4
		square metres	640	1 247	234	9 028	7 438	-17,6
		R'000	6 397	11 332	2 340	73 954	62 368	-15,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	73	89	64	901	867	-3,8
		square metres	24 330	31 226	26 237	291 525	324 524	11,3
		R'000	272 164	320 688	280 870	3 081 461	3 447 127	11,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	13	93	181	2 161	1 664	-23,0
		square metres	4 294	14 739	27 726	255 344	216 993	-15,0
		R'000	35 988	135 900	325 904	2 553 626	2 318 013	-9,2
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	27 078	1 228	4 152	60 239	37 133	-38,4
		R'000	298 970	13 964	56 052	696 106	418 564	-39,9
Total residential buildings			R'000	613 519	481 884	665 166	6 405 147	6 246 072
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	99	1 716	842	24 869	18 545	-25,4
		R'000	895	13 769	6 756	243 930	189 625	-22,3
	Shopping space	square metres	971	1 690	0	167 365	26 906	-83,9
		R'000	9 912	12 474	0	1 699 633	246 587	-85,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	20 756	39 803	23 997	196 426	295 218	50,3
		R'000	126 624	292 536	156 656	1 271 982	1 940 077	52,5
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 100	3 343	5 448	41 402	43 794	5,8
		R'000	14 850	20 058	68 923	448 019	457 988	2,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	152 281	338 837	232 335	3 663 564	2 834 277	-22,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	18 778	22 711	16 196	254 639	252 638	-0,8
		R'000	202 344	237 333	180 723	2 732 674	2 727 551	-0,2
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	14 524	7 142	16 106	109 958	116 436	5,9
		R'000	147 796	101 488	164 965	1 392 834	1 437 869	3,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	350 140	338 821	345 688	4 125 508	4 165 420	1,0
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 115 940	1 159 542	1 243 189	14 194 219	13 245 769	-6,7

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Nov 2024	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Jan – Nov 2024	Jan – Nov 2025	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	11	3	63	51	-19,0	
		square metres	0	567	148	3 461	2 891	-16,5	
		R'000	0	3 995	1 002	24 045	19 697	-18,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	37	58	45	542	501	-7,6	
		square metres	9 864	22 733	11 561	157 246	140 657	-10,5	
		R'000	74 208	169 925	93 660	1 135 109	1 047 841	-7,7	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	49	67	16	241	461	91,3	
		square metres	7 036	5 291	1 095	21 305	55 196	159,1	
		R'000	41 944	40 554	9 308	152 755	422 883	176,8	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	627	29 683	1 409	-95,3	
		R'000	0	0	4 198	211 542	9 281	-95,6	
Total residential buildings			R'000	116 152	214 474	108 168	1 523 451	1 499 702	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	527	0	2 275	3 384	48,7	
		R'000	0	3 426	0	15 923	21 516	35,1	
	Shopping space	square metres	1 982	643	801	91 586	21 068	-77,0	
		R'000	12 996	4 215	5 363	735 783	142 520	-80,6	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 223	3 026	0	30 078	37 013	23,1	
		R'000	36 287	19 669	0	223 325	246 053	10,2	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	763	277	72	13 725	3 035	-77,9	
		R'000	4 960	1 715	482	107 814	19 660	-81,8	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	54 243	29 025	5 845	1 082 845	429 749	
								-60,3	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 062	7 342	4 589	85 880	68 047	-20,8	
		R'000	45 224	52 058	30 963	590 722	463 686	-21,5	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	2 196	1 204	400	17 868	34 031	90,5	
		R'000	28 392	36 034	3 798	240 145	517 268	115,4	
Total additions and alterations			R'000	73 616	88 092	34 761	830 867	980 954	
Building plans passed			Total at current prices	R'000	244 011	331 591	148 774	3 437 163	
								2 910 405	
								-15,3	

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Nov 2024	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Jan – Nov 2024	Jan – Nov 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	159	251	249	2 412	2 590	7,4
		square metres	8 825	13 608	12 423	128 253	137 552	7,3
		R'000	66 109	115 228	94 154	1 004 395	1 044 912	4,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	191	273	210	2 596	2 445	-5,8
		square metres	61 194	78 926	64 253	782 739	710 726	-9,2
		R'000	591 460	787 804	662 903	7 612 243	7 026 136	-7,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	706	254	1 172	6 215	4 008	-35,5
		square metres	60 802	12 263	99 083	562 952	358 199	-36,4
		R'000	705 873	149 969	1 211 620	6 023 784	4 194 284	-30,4
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	10 479	4 651	0	15 273	14 678	-3,9
		R'000	124 205	35 603	0	167 339	122 007	-27,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 487 647	1 088 604	1 968 677	14 807 761	12 387 339	-16,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 990	6 735	7 740	66 874	134 905	101,7
		R'000	25 639	56 278	58 072	864 285	1 672 516	93,5
	Shopping space	square metres	729	24 135	564	190 631	97 604	-48,8
		R'000	8 965	270 228	5 035	2 024 237	1 115 232	-44,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	67 863	87 894	51 030	711 052	567 025	-20,3
		R'000	426 885	595 942	386 141	5 076 434	4 210 531	-17,1
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 670	9 243	6 473	79 177	45 165	-43,0
		R'000	13 268	105 188	81 846	677 242	483 726	-28,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	474 757	1 027 636	531 094	8 642 198	7 482 005	-13,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	57 837	55 662	56 606	583 300	517 042	-11,4
		R'000	572 698	563 787	606 105	5 801 064	5 286 607	-8,9
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	27 064	11 031	21 506	201 351	165 402	-17,9
		R'000	187 400	104 678	236 227	1 793 966	1 603 171	-10,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	760 098	668 465	842 332	7 595 030	6 889 778	-9,3
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 722 502	2 784 705	3 342 103	31 044 989	26 759 122	-13,8

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Nov 2024	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Jan – Nov 2024	Jan – Nov 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	23	7	121	148	22,3
		square metres	342	1 386	379	7 462	8 726	16,9
		R'000	2 414	10 279	2 893	58 292	73 118	25,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	59	130	81	817	768	-6,0
		square metres	21 020	36 543	35 739	283 849	266 994	-5,9
		R'000	170 746	287 790	304 250	2 104 794	2 111 169	0,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	3	3	42	223	226	1,3
		square metres	1 650	714	3 397	19 058	30 070	57,8
		R'000	10 963	5 978	23 595	131 884	216 446	64,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	7 446	4 292	0	15 643	12 919	-17,4
		R'000	57 836	40 341	0	111 061	100 110	-9,9
Total residential buildings			R'000	241 959	344 388	330 738	2 406 031	2 500 843
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	237	0	472	20 988	4 942	-76,5
		R'000	2 228	0	3 831	140 156	34 722	-75,2
	Shopping space	square metres	20 579	6 758	1 282	60 549	72 422	19,6
		R'000	133 764	45 180	9 503	415 878	490 752	18,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 269	10 487	11 051	129 354	90 776	-29,8
		R'000	45 277	82 141	82 232	864 946	685 738	-20,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	710	623	5 131	20 392	21 959	7,7
		R'000	5 381	5 856	48 689	135 837	191 923	41,3
	Total non-residential buildings			R'000	186 650	133 177	144 255	1 556 817
								1 403 135
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 050	12 831	8 465	149 310	139 688	-6,4
		R'000	96 317	88 143	60 868	1 073 098	999 794	-6,8
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	9 631	15 481	2 656	56 268	73 002	29,7
		R'000	96 684	103 263	22 093	495 470	542 638	9,5
	Total additions and alterations			R'000	193 001	191 406	82 961	1 568 568
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	621 610	668 971	557 954	5 531 416	5 446 410

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos).³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Nov 2024	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Jan – Nov 2024	Jan – Nov 2025	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	0	0	30	32	6,7	
		square metres	278	0	0	1 903	2 061	8,3	
		R'000	1 976	0	0	13 048	15 165	16,2	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	27	31	34	376	360	-4,3	
		square metres	8 080	9 858	13 164	138 424	129 415	-6,5	
		R'000	59 186	73 489	97 064	988 031	954 233	-3,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	9	10	33	155	197	27,1	
		square metres	1 003	796	3 614	19 447	27 775	42,8	
		R'000	7 245	5 174	26 104	140 095	196 868	40,5	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	6 735	1 884	-72,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	43 778	12 635	-71,1	
Total residential buildings			R'000	68 407	78 663	123 168	1 184 952	1 178 901	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	10 079	2 257	-77,6	
		R'000	0	0	0	69 349	16 379	-76,4	
	Shopping space	square metres	1 039	5 576	496	12 307	18 445	49,9	
		R'000	7 505	40 040	3 583	88 642	134 213	51,4	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	7 792	880	2 735	22 667	27 144	19,8	
		R'000	56 585	6 549	19 755	159 065	197 782	24,3	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	17 124	578	0	33 473	28 249	-15,6	
		R'000	127 577	3 360	0	236 439	201 267	-14,9	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	191 667	49 949	23 338	553 495	549 641	
								-0,7	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 109	2 236	3 314	32 231	28 890	-10,4	
		R'000	15 210	15 363	23 950	230 009	208 027	-9,6	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	739	215	1 031	12 458	19 658	57,8	
		R'000	6 198	2 553	9 447	107 757	158 757	47,3	
Total additions and alterations			R'000	21 408	17 916	33 397	337 766	366 784	
Building plans passed			Total at current prices	R'000	281 482	146 528	179 903	2 076 213	
								2 095 326	
								0,9	

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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 2024	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Jan – Nov 2024	Jan – Nov 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	481	449	767	4 381	5 027	14,7
		square metres	24 324	22 888	37 499	227 445	246 119	8,2
		R'000	153 330	172 229	285 631	1 623 146	1 821 014	12,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	703	609	674	6 838	6 077	-11,1
		square metres	202 446	155 421	182 999	1 817 375	1 636 897	-9,9
		R'000	1 816 218	1 346 637	1 672 925	15 904 985	14 479 092	-9,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	508	705	1 264	10 002	11 912	19,1
		square metres	63 039	86 695	114 643	950 127	1 155 347	21,6
		R'000	623 767	814 820	1 245 137	9 230 353	11 302 420	22,4
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 506	636	13 489	34 501	83 262	141,3
		R'000	12 584	5 899	159 259	272 809	795 982	191,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 605 899	2 339 585	3 362 952	27 031 293	28 398 508	5,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	11 916	31 182	19 176	105 790	142 576	34,8
		R'000	102 911	282 281	203 072	1 113 205	1 444 284	29,7
	Shopping space	square metres	40 306	33 539	23 153	280 495	305 197	8,8
		R'000	422 253	323 485	235 742	2 810 860	2 689 938	-4,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	190 230	85 663	114 230	862 410	862 165	0,0
		R'000	1 402 397	626 644	891 362	6 351 800	6 206 234	-2,3
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	7 548	15 072	10 904	82 433	105 993	28,6
		R'000	75 593	141 120	102 405	657 545	896 195	36,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 003 154	1 373 530	1 432 581	10 933 410	11 236 651	2,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	59 811	53 902	58 105	654 816	568 414	-13,2
		R'000	529 379	448 427	525 948	5 687 953	4 992 597	-12,2
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	24 215	23 692	26 045	357 834	300 017	-16,2
		R'000	282 886	291 080	300 694	3 964 569	3 512 215	-11,4
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	5 421 318	4 452 622	5 622 175	47 617 225	48 139 971	1,1

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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 2024	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Jan – Nov 2024	Jan – Nov 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	115	153	218	1 484	1 306	-12,0
		square metres	5 901	6 483	9 244	68 340	57 880	-15,3
		R'000	41 031	45 187	67 813	447 256	422 092	-5,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	305	232	307	2 571	2 390	-7,0
		square metres	81 812	64 121	75 758	652 928	633 924	-2,9
		R'000	641 181	458 413	585 131	4 925 747	4 812 808	-2,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	204	329	594	3 758	5 415	44,1
		square metres	31 062	38 854	61 947	395 594	554 777	40,2
		R'000	269 426	365 456	575 292	3 414 315	4 870 662	42,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 326	307	68	23 810	46 111	93,7
		R'000	11 281	2 280	510	166 739	396 945	138,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	962 919	871 336	1 228 746	8 954 057	10 502 507	17,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	7 515	22 037	0	19 643	39 261	99,9
		R'000	63 609	183 936	0	173 961	316 080	81,7
	Shopping space	square metres	3 605	3 848	13 337	48 633	67 828	39,5
		R'000	33 633	32 739	130 062	365 238	631 736	73,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	34 048	4 561	26 338	182 521	164 998	-9,6
		R'000	273 058	37 086	207 589	1 369 031	1 238 667	-9,5
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 491	5 568	4 912	50 737	42 084	-17,1
		R'000	13 494	44 245	46 111	339 178	326 604	-3,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	383 794	298 006	383 762	2 247 408	2 513 087	11,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	19 320	23 720	26 747	191 178	194 160	1,6
		R'000	149 826	172 324	211 913	1 414 604	1 457 848	3,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	14 896	12 813	13 735	145 048	106 459	-26,6
		R'000	165 797	160 594	156 427	1 486 196	1 344 859	-9,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	315 623	332 918	368 340	2 900 800	2 802 707	-3,4
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 662 336	1 502 260	1 980 848	14 102 265	15 818 301	12,2

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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 2024	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Jan – Nov 2024	Jan – Nov 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	5	6	4	240	307	27,9
		square metres	214	414	264	12 243	12 961	5,9
		R'000	1 799	3 474	2 270	101 101	102 014	0,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	18	17	4	377	263	-30,2
		square metres	4 811	4 093	827	93 814	70 050	-25,3
		R'000	40 988	33 039	6 929	786 779	609 133	-22,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	4	17	392	157	-59,9
		square metres	0	1 193	3 663	25 632	17 467	-31,9
		R'000	0	10 340	31 746	207 511	154 013	-25,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	61	0	0	61	5 268	8 536,1
		R'000	529	0	0	529	46 480	8 686,4
Total residential buildings			R'000	43 316	46 853	40 945	1 095 920	911 640
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 884	566	0	4 438	2 236	-49,6
		R'000	24 162	4 906	0	36 978	19 314	-47,8
	Shopping space	square metres	2 673	0	0	13 699	13 028	-4,9
		R'000	17 375	0	0	109 702	109 207	-0,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	8 327	16 040	1 088	21 902	31 813	45,3
		R'000	72 170	137 140	9 430	186 362	273 844	46,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	328	515	0	3 045	4 097	34,5
		R'000	2 843	2 976	0	24 521	35 740	45,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	116 550	145 022	9 430	357 563	438 105	22,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 897	10 696	9 264	123 302	116 798	-5,3
		R'000	117 723	92 742	78 893	1 032 302	1 003 010	-2,8
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	2 445	39	3 292	48 338	47 638	-1,4
		R'000	22 855	1 523	29 268	453 113	448 145	-1,1
Total additions and alterations			R'000	140 578	94 265	108 161	1 485 415	1 451 155
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	300 444	286 140	158 536	2 938 898	2 800 900	-4,7

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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 2024	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Jan – Nov 2024	Jan – Nov 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	0	1	6	3	-50,0
		square metres	53	0	70	331	193	-41,7
		R'000	524	0	693	3 194	1 910	-40,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	7	2	3	49	28	-42,9
		square metres	1 398	350	415	9 244	5 036	-45,5
		R'000	13 830	3 463	4 106	85 452	49 040	-42,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	6	0	0	6	0	-100,0
		square metres	815	0	0	815	0	-100,0
		R'000	5 298	0	0	5 298	0	-100,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	2 170	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	20 909	0	-100,0
Total residential buildings			R'000	19 652	3 463	4 799	114 853	50 950
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 074	584	-45,6
		R'000	0	0	0	10 109	5 778	-42,8
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	450	2 033	3 585	3 352	-6,5
		R'000	0	4 453	20 112	33 746	33 162	-1,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	193	59	-69,4
		R'000	0	0	0	1 817	584	-67,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	4 453	20 112	45 672	39 524	-13,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	954	644	699	16 975	9 395	-44,7
		R'000	9 438	6 371	6 915	164 596	91 735	-44,3
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	50	0	1 640	2 835	4 255	50,1
		R'000	465	1 400	16 775	28 657	45 125	57,5
Total additions and alterations			R'000	9 903	7 771	23 690	193 253	136 860
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	29 555	15 687	48 601	353 778	227 334	-35,7

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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 2024	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Jan – Nov 2024	Jan – Nov 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	5	1	10	22	120,0
		square metres	245	314	60	637	1 327	108,3
		R'000	2 477	3 073	609	6 361	13 319	109,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	17	6	13	96	74	-22,9
		square metres	4 787	2 061	3 331	22 146	17 651	-20,3
		R'000	44 156	15 137	31 437	188 775	159 356	-15,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	23	10	43	87	102,3
		square metres	0	3 833	706	7 178	10 951	52,6
		R'000	0	38 759	7 162	72 605	110 759	52,6
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	991	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	7 654	0	-100,0
Total residential buildings		R'000	46 633	56 969	39 208	275 395	283 434	2,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	277	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	2 665	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	1 017	361	-64,5
		R'000	0	0	0	9 287	2 347	-74,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	107	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	1 082	0	-100,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	0	13 034	2 347	-82,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	432	171	876	12 076	2 748	-77,2
		R'000	3 149	1 398	6 681	85 687	20 151	-76,5
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	575	0	276	808	192,8
		R'000	0	5 814	15 000	8 085	22 264	175,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	3 149	7 212	21 681	93 772	42 415	-54,8
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	49 782	64 181	60 889	382 201	328 196	-14,1

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.

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

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

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

Table 24 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: KwaZulu-Natal

			Nov 2024	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Jan – Nov 2024	Jan – Nov 2025	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	21	1	6	144	117	-18,8	
		square metres	1 226	50	344	8 394	6 413	-23,6	
		R'000	13 061	595	3 849	91 606	67 431	-26,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	62	43	54	595	594	-0,2	
		square metres	21 745	12 210	27 225	183 874	197 089	7,2	
		R'000	248 749	140 877	318 445	2 057 169	2 271 165	10,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	95	136	83	1 082	883	-18,4	
		square metres	12 961	24 041	9 937	116 887	124 017	6,1	
		R'000	157 880	219 599	111 957	1 282 119	1 316 465	2,7	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	329	0	604	3 656	505,3	
		R'000	0	3 619	0	5 704	43 718	666,4	
Total residential buildings			R'000	419 690	364 690	434 251	3 436 598	3 698 779	
								7,6	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	8 579	19 176	1 732	48 487	2 699,5	
		R'000	0	93 439	203 072	15 260	510 883	3 247,9	
	Shopping space	square metres	33 114	18 709	8 056	111 528	97 018	-13,0	
		R'000	364 254	205 799	86 534	1 190 551	1 011 122	-15,1	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	19 074	16 106	63 267	110 822	203 518	83,6	
		R'000	123 192	122 969	493 730	747 132	1 441 663	93,0	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	5 155	452	8 263	13 869	67,8	
		R'000	0	56 705	6 102	85 002	136 493	60,6	
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	487 446	478 912	789 438	2 037 945	3 100 161	52,1	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 052	5 737	7 113	90 635	79 328	-12,5	
		R'000	90 052	62 030	82 740	1 027 115	892 892	-13,1	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	1 457	4 095	1 186	55 365	35 404	-36,1	
		R'000	16 380	60 148	35 596	882 038	458 925	-48,0	
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	106 432	122 178	118 336	1 909 153	1 351 817	-29,2	
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 013 568	965 780	1 342 025	7 383 696	8 150 757	10,4	

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.

² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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 2024	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Jan – Nov 2024	Jan – Nov 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	30	39	29	199	201	1,0
		square metres	1 443	2 127	1 582	11 052	11 332	2,5
		R'000	7 813	11 690	8 887	73 613	65 463	-11,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	67	42	26	544	508	-6,6
		square metres	19 131	8 806	7 127	126 571	107 412	-15,1
		R'000	140 661	69 232	56 218	912 372	777 889	-14,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	39	0	8	182	97	-46,7
		square metres	2 556	0	584	16 989	9 773	-42,5
		R'000	20 117	0	3 375	115 788	61 921	-46,5
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	119	0	0	2 596	1 618	-37,7
		R'000	774	0	0	18 505	10 698	-42,2
Total residential buildings			R'000	169 365	80 922	68 480	1 120 278	915 971
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	690	0	0	3 789	3 039	-19,8
		R'000	4 485	0	0	24 501	19 472	-20,5
	Shopping space	square metres	678	2 441	371	6 242	66 589	966,8
		R'000	4 459	17 205	2 570	44 369	440 246	892,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 453	0	1 484	14 315	9 572	-33,1
		R'000	12 336	0	8 576	99 807	62 242	-37,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	284	14 221	4 907,4
		R'000	0	0	0	1 757	108 852	6 095,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	21 280	17 205	11 146	170 434	630 812	270,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 109	4 612	305	46 591	40 076	-14,0
		R'000	15 487	30 026	1 982	300 997	261 427	-13,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	1 672	893	304	14 663	9 613	-34,4
		R'000	37 977	21 560	2 934	208 669	177 548	-14,9
Total additions and alterations			R'000	53 464	51 586	4 916	509 666	438 975
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	244 109	149 713	84 542	1 800 378	1 985 758	10,3

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.

² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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 2024	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Jan – Nov 2024	Jan – Nov 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	297	239	508	2 245	3 026	34,8
		square metres	14 720	13 091	25 935	123 080	153 001	24,3
		R'000	82 215	104 912	201 510	875 740	1 125 322	28,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	177	237	229	2 122	1 864	-12,2
		square metres	54 528	54 750	55 232	596 503	489 596	-17,9
		R'000	567 752	551 708	561 577	5 947 027	4 883 798	-17,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	136	193	533	4 284	4 578	6,9
		square metres	13 418	16 081	35 456	363 856	390 785	7,4
		R'000	150 112	162 774	498 859	3 970 453	4 444 020	11,9
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	13 421	4 269	25 411	495,2
		R'000	0	0	158 749	52 769	290 354	450,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	800 079	819 394	1 420 695	10 845 989	10 743 494	-0,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	827	0	0	55 496	47 628	-14,2
		R'000	10 655	0	0	698 100	562 310	-19,5
	Shopping space	square metres	236	8 541	1 105	91 379	50 009	-45,3
		R'000	2 532	67 742	14 525	1 027 580	420 090	-59,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	127 328	47 038	20 020	495 235	435 804	-12,0
		R'000	921 641	314 393	151 925	3 663 026	3 060 186	-16,5
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	3 498	3 834	5 540	14 655	31 602	115,6
		R'000	38 287	37 194	50 192	165 038	287 482	74,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	973 115	419 329	216 642	5 553 744	4 330 068	-22,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 514	6 572	11 643	142 476	105 889	-25,7
		R'000	125 123	69 898	125 935	1 434 310	1 109 795	-22,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	3 695	4 748	5 466	86 777	90 704	4,5
		R'000	39 050	34 671	40 473	820 848	932 533	13,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	164 173	104 569	166 408	2 255 158	2 042 328	-9,4
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 937 367	1 343 292	1 803 745	18 654 891	17 115 890	-8,2

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation (e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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 2024	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Jan – Nov 2024	Jan – Nov 2025	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	5	2	0	19	28	47,4	
		square metres	342	138	0	1 243	1 860	49,6	
		R'000	3 110	1 297	0	9 586	15 003	56,5	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	37	15	21	299	168	-43,8	
		square metres	9 492	3 952	6 053	81 005	45 685	-43,6	
		R'000	84 361	37 144	58 599	638 373	409 972	-35,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	28	20	2	204	96	-52,9	
		square metres	2 227	2 693	583	18 038	14 658	-18,7	
		R'000	20 934	17 892	3 983	126 100	106 755	-15,3	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	1 198	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	7 787	..	
Total residential buildings			R'000	108 405	56 333	62 582	774 059	539 517	
								-30,3	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	9 748	350	-96,4	
		R'000	0	0	0	84 480	3 289	-96,1	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	3 263	2 030	-37,8	
		R'000	0	0	0	30 669	13 942	-54,5	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	22 477	1 822	-91,9	
		R'000	0	0	0	173 873	17 125	-90,2	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	2 231	0	0	5 256	0	-100,0	
		R'000	20 969	0	0	40 232	0	-100,0	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	20 969	0	0	329 254	34 356	
								-89,6	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 089	769	338	25 509	15 499	-39,2	
		R'000	15 593	6 170	2 799	186 709	122 703	-34,3	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	341	0	2 861	3 832	33,9	
		R'000	362	4 012	673	57 051	68 424	19,9	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	15 955	10 182	3 472	243 760	191 127	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	145 329	66 515	66 054	1 347 073	765 000	
								-43,2	

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.

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

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

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

Table 28 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Limpopo

			Nov 2024	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Jan – Nov 2024	Jan – Nov 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	4	0	34	17	-50,0
		square metres	180	271	0	2 125	1 152	-45,8
		R'000	1 300	2 001	0	14 689	8 460	-42,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	13	15	17	185	188	1,6
		square metres	4 742	5 078	7 031	51 290	70 454	37,4
		R'000	34 540	37 624	50 483	363 291	505 931	39,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	17	51	599	1 074,5
		square metres	0	0	1 767	5 138	32 919	540,7
		R'000	0	0	12 763	36 164	237 825	557,6
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
Total residential buildings			R'000	35 840	39 625	63 246	414 144	752 216
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	9 593	991	-89,7
		R'000	0	0	0	67 151	7 158	-89,3
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	284	4 734	8 334	76,0
		R'000	0	0	2 051	33 464	61 248	83,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	1 468	0	11 446	11 286	-1,4
		R'000	0	10 603	0	77 741	79 345	2,1
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	61	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	440	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	10 603	2 051	178 356	148 191	-16,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	444	981	1 120	6 074	4 521	-25,6
		R'000	2 988	7 468	8 090	41 633	33 036	-20,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	188	422	1 671	1 304	-22,0
		R'000	0	1 358	3 548	19 912	14 392	-27,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 988	8 826	11 638	61 545	47 428	-22,9
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	38 828	59 054	76 935	654 045	947 835	44,9

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.

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

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

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

Explanatory notes

Introduction 1 Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.

Purpose of the survey 2 The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.

Scope of the survey 3 This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding:

- passing of building plans; and
- final inspection of completed buildings.

Classification 4 Building activities are classified in division five according to the 1993 edition of the *Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities* (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 *International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities* (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.

Collection rate 5 The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for November 2025 was 86,4%. The revised collection rate for October 2025 was 88,2%.

Statistical unit 6 The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.

Survey methodology and design 7 Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85% of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by email and telephone.

Constant prices 8 The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2019. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151.1: *Construction Materials Price Indices*. In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2023=100) are converted to the base year 2019=100.

Seasonal adjustment 9 Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by the United States Census Bureau.

10 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment is not intended to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences that may occur in a given month.

Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore, the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for building statistics is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at:

[Click to download building statistics seasonal adjustment February 2022.](#)

Trend cycle 11 The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.

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

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

Related publications 13 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:

- P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* issued annually;
- P9101.2: *Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region* issued annually; and
- *Building Statistics* (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.

Rounding-off of figures 14 Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.

Symbols and abbreviations 15 .. Changes from a zero in the preceding period cannot be calculated as a percentage
0 Nil or figure too small to publish
* Revised figures
Stats SA Statistics South Africa
SIC Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities
ISIC International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities

Glossary

Additions and alterations	Extensions to existing buildings as well as internal and external alterations of existing buildings.
Blocks of flats	High-density housing consisting of a number of self-contained dwelling-units, each with at least one living-room together with a kitchen and bathroom, conjoined to similar units in one building.
Dwelling-house	A free-standing, complete structure on a separate stand or a self-contained dwelling-unit, e.g. granny flat, on the same premises as an existing residence. Out-buildings and garages are included.
Local government institutions	Include: <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	When using monthly actual values, the percentage change is the change in actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the relevant month compared with the same month in the previous year, expressed as a percentage.
	When using annual actual values, the percentage change is the change in the actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the relevant year compared with the previous year expressed as a percentage.
	When using seasonally adjusted values, the percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the relevant month compared with the previous month, expressed as a percentage.

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

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