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Results for January to October 2019

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:
January to October 2018 versus January to October 2019**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Oct 2018 1/	Jan – Oct 2019 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2018 and Jan – Oct 2019	% change between Jan – Oct 2018 and Jan – Oct 2019
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	51 804 567	47 625 349	-4 179 218	-8,1
-Dwelling-houses	28 378 544	26 124 730	-2 253 814	-7,9
-Flats and townhouses	21 673 442	20 842 269	-831 173	-3,8
-Other residential buildings	1 752 581	658 350	-1 094 231	-62,4
Non-residential buildings	22 265 744	20 130 685	-2 135 059	-9,6
Additions and alterations	25 148 582	25 418 081	269 499	1,1
Total	99 218 893	93 174 115	-6 044 778	-6,1

1/ 2018 and 2019 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 6,1% (-R6 044,8 million) during January to October 2019 compared with January to October 2018.

Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-9,6% or -R2 135,1 million) and residential buildings (-8,1% or -R4 179,2 million). An increase was recorded for additions and alterations (1,1% or R269,5 million) – see Table A.

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to October 2018 versus January to October 2019**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Oct 2018 1/	Jan – Oct 2019 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during Jan – Oct 2018	% change between Jan – Oct 2018 and Jan – Oct 2019	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Oct 2018 and Jan – Oct 2019 2/	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2018 and Jan – Oct 2019
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	27 891 411	24 914 249	28,1	-10,7	-3,0	-2 977 162
Eastern Cape	5 844 978	6 080 117	5,9	4,0	0,2	235 139
Northern Cape	862 972	1 286 542	0,9	49,1	0,4	423 570
Free State	3 321 865	2 701 410	3,3	-18,7	-0,6	-620 455
KwaZulu-Natal	17 152 234	15 076 768	17,3	-12,1	-2,1	-2 075 466
North West	2 442 687	2 255 136	2,5	-7,7	-0,2	-187 551
Gauteng	36 852 687	35 260 604	37,1	-4,3	-1,6	-1 592 083
Mpumalanga	3 409 969	3 642 179	3,4	6,8	0,2	232 210
Limpopo	1 440 090	1 957 110	1,5	35,9	0,5	517 020
Total	99 218 893	93 174 115	100,0	-6,1	-6,1	-6 044 778

1/ 2018 and 2019 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 October 2018 and January to October 2019 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during January to October 2018, divided by 100.

The largest negative contributions to the total decrease of 6,1% (-R6 044,8 million) were made by Western Cape (contributing -3,0 percentage points or -R2 977,2 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -2,1 percentage points or -R2 075,5 million) and Gauteng (contributing -1,6 percentage points or -R1 592,1 million) – see Table B.

Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices: January to October 2018 versus January to October 2019

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Oct 2018 1/	Jan – Oct 2019 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2018 and Jan – Oct 2019	% change between Jan – Oct 2018 and Jan – Oct 2019
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	44 459 332	39 188 689	-5 270 643	-11,9
Non-residential buildings	19 133 862	16 535 237	-2 598 625	-13,6
Additions and alterations	21 578 262	20 867 975	-710 287	-3,3
Total	85 171 456	76 591 901	-8 579 555	-10,1

1/ 2018 and 2019 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 10,1% (-R8 579,6 million) during January to October 2019 compared with January to October 2018. Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-13,6% or -R2 598,6 million), residential buildings (-11,9% or -R5 270,6 million) and additions and alterations (-3,3% or -R710,3 million) – see Table C.

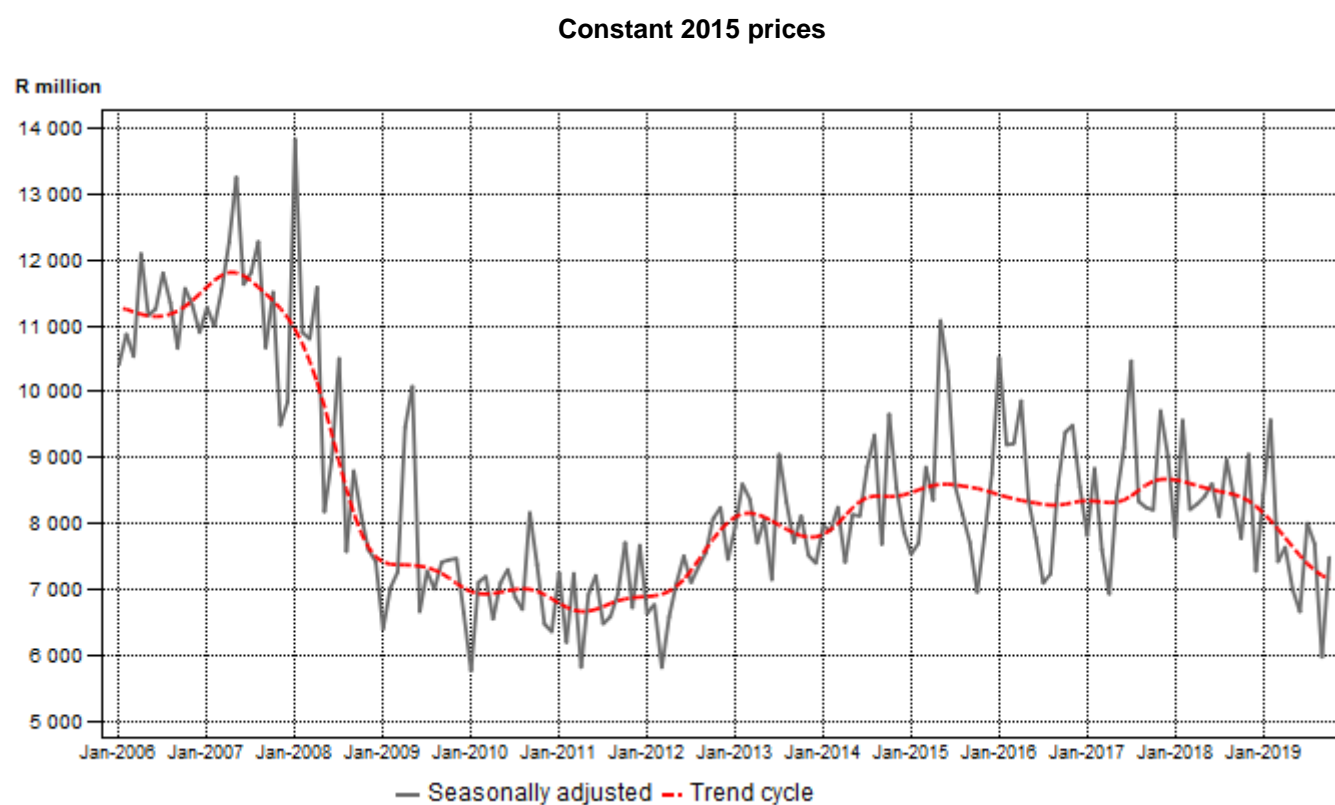
Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	May – Jul 2019	Aug – Oct 2019	% change between May – Jul 2019 and Aug – Oct 2019
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	10 981 875	9 768 469	-11,0
Non-residential buildings 1/	4 277 620	5 575 842	30,3
Additions and alterations	6 417 056	5 812 012	-9,4
Total	21 676 551	21 156 323	-2,4

1/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed decreased by 2,4% in the three months ended October 2019 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were recorded for residential buildings (-11,0%) and additions and alterations (-9,4%). An increase was recorded for non-residential buildings (30,3%) – 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 October 2018 versus January to October 2019**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Oct 2018 1/	Jan – Oct 2019 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2018 and Jan – Oct 2019	% change between Jan – Oct 2018 and Jan – Oct 2019
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	34 721 422	44 757 614	10 036 192	28,9
-Dwelling-houses	18 763 504	18 793 952	30 448	0,2
-Flats and townhouses	15 501 116	25 415 283	9 914 167	64,0
-Other residential buildings	456 802	548 379	91 577	20,0
Non-residential buildings	14 354 011	18 877 838	4 523 827	31,5
Additions and alterations	10 370 995	11 020 316	649 321	6,3
Total	59 446 428	74 655 768	15 209 340	25,6

1/ 2018 and 2019 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total value of buildings reported as completed at current prices

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 25,6% (R15 209,3 million) during January to October 2019 compared with January to October 2018.

Increases were recorded for non-residential buildings (31,5% or R4 523,8 million), residential buildings (28,9% or R10 036,2 million) and additions and alterations (6,3% or R649,3 million) – see Table E.

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to October 2018 versus January to October 2019**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Oct 2018 1/	Jan – Oct 2019 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during Jan – Oct 2018	% change between Jan – Oct 2018 and Jan – Oct 2019	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Oct 2018 and Jan – Oct 2019 2/	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2018 and Jan – Oct 2019
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	17 112 831	18 173 570	28,8	6,2	1,8	1 060 739
Eastern Cape	1 870 555	3 212 833	3,1	71,8	2,3	1 342 278
Northern Cape	377 292	511 615	0,6	35,6	0,2	134 323
Free State	974 481	534 692	1,6	-45,1	-0,7	-439 789
KwaZulu-Natal	7 546 882	11 432 988	12,7	51,5	6,5	3 886 106
North West	1 749 567	1 700 202	2,9	-2,8	-0,1	-49 365
Gauteng	27 465 681	36 458 525	46,2	32,7	15,1	8 992 844
Mpumalanga	1 602 546	1 896 357	2,7	18,3	0,5	293 811
Limpopo	746 593	734 986	1,3	-1,6	0,0	-11 607
Total	59 446 428	74 655 768	100,0	25,6	25,6	15 209 340

1/ 2018 and 2019 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 October 2018 and January to October 2019 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January to October 2018, divided by 100.

Six provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to October 2019, of which Gauteng (contributing 15,1 percentage points or R8 992,8 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 6,5 percentage points or R3 886,1 million), Eastern Cape (contributing 2,3 percentage points or R1 342,3 million) and Western Cape (contributing 1,8 percentage points or R1 060,7 million) were the largest positive contributors – see Table F.

**Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices:
January to October 2018 versus January to October 2019**

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Oct 2018 1/	Jan – Oct 2019 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2018 and Jan – Oct 2019	% change between Jan – Oct 2018 and Jan – Oct 2019
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	29 771 130	36 778 799	7 007 669	23,5
Non-residential buildings	12 300 709	15 523 650	3 222 941	26,2
Additions and alterations	8 899 844	9 045 940	146 096	1,6
Total	50 971 683	61 348 389	10 376 706	20,4

1/ 2018 and 2019 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) increased by 20,4% (R10 376,7 million) during January to October 2019 compared with January to October 2018. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (26,2% or R3 222,9 million), residential buildings (23,5% or R7 007,7 million) and additions and alterations (1,6% or R146,1 million) – see Table G.

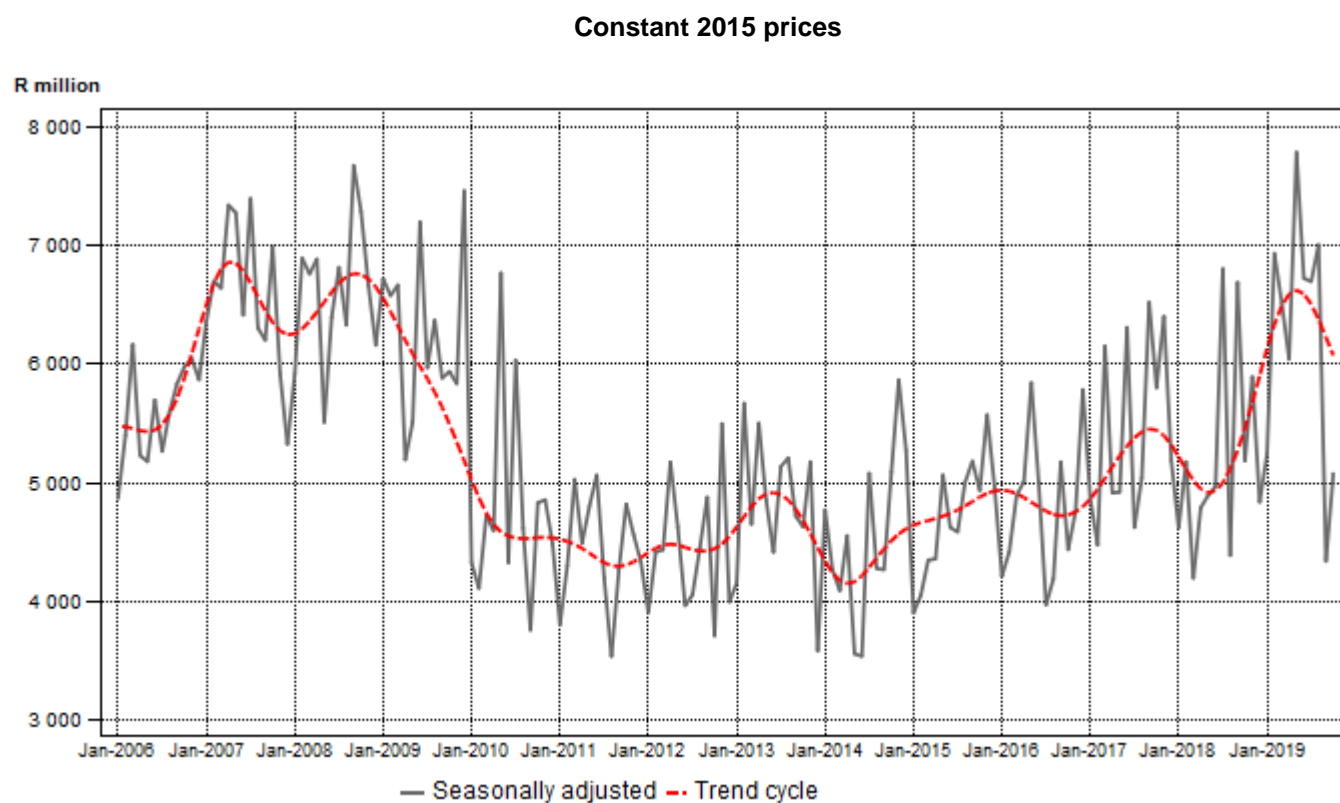
Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	May – Jul 2019	Aug – Oct 2019	% change between May – Jul 2019 and Aug – Oct 2019
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	13 500 883	9 354 139	-30,7
Non-residential buildings 1/	5 153 120	4 267 026	-17,2
Additions and alterations	2 549 205	2 794 938	9,6
Total	21 203 208	16 416 103	-22,6

1/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased by 22,6% in the three months ended October 2019 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were recorded for residential buildings (-30,7%) and non-residential buildings (-17,2%). An increase was recorded for additions and alterations (9,6%) – 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/
2018	January	3 423 823	8,3	1 750 009	-8,7	2 048 834	20,3	7 222 666	6,5
	February	4 728 955	3,7	3 819 701	29,2	2 360 140	9,2	10 908 796	12,7
	March	4 473 589	-5,3	1 689 517	-5,9	2 549 303	11,9	8 712 409	-1,0
	April	5 632 240	38,8	1 966 738	89,1	2 162 953	9,0	9 761 931	37,9
	May	5 682 387	22,3	1 906 493	-21,2	2 476 180	1,4	10 065 060	5,8
	June	5 433 066	-9,4	2 239 121	-3,6	2 702 425	2,3	10 374 612	-5,4
	July	5 192 940	-16,4	1 928 957	-31,2	2 732 053	4,0	9 853 950	-15,4
	August	6 483 327	41,4	2 682 408	-6,7	2 471 082	-16,5	11 636 817	11,7
	September	5 389 035	-2,9	2 396 777	44,1	2 474 656	-8,5	10 260 468	3,5
	October	5 365 205	0,9	1 886 023	-2,3	3 170 956	5,9	10 422 184	1,8
	November	5 434 664	16,1	3 089 401	-24,6	2 596 278	-6,8	11 120 343	-3,8
	December	4 169 412	-5,9	1 240 912	-51,1	1 866 810	-5,8	7 277 134	-18,7
	Total	61 408 643	6,0	26 596 057	-6,2	29 611 670	1,2	117 616 370	1,8
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	2 014 721	-47,3	2 399 945	1,7	11 405 557	4,6
	March	4 148 476	-7,3	2 320 258	37,3	2 314 165	-9,2	8 782 899	0,8
	April	4 276 398	-24,1	2 091 416	6,3	2 473 785	14,4	8 841 599	-9,4
	May	4 422 359	-22,2	1 653 807	-13,3	2 646 651	6,9	8 722 817	-13,3
	June	4 029 716	-25,8	1 648 322	-26,4	2 534 350	-6,2	8 212 388	-20,8
	July	5 361 588	3,2	1 917 207	-0,6	3 282 645	20,2	10 561 440	7,2
	August	5 000 208	-22,9	2 749 039	2,5	2 453 296	-0,7	10 202 543	-12,3
	September	3 431 994	-36,3	1 552 481	-35,2	2 703 734	9,3	7 688 209	-25,1
	October	5 190 898	-3,2	2 572 135	36,4	2 773 009	-12,5	10 536 042	1,1

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/
2018	January	4 578 276	-14,3	1 750 009	-31,0	2 663 739	4,7	8 992 024	-13,7
	February	4 711 339	2,9	3 819 701	118,3	2 471 567	-7,2	11 002 607	22,4
	March	4 919 078	4,4	1 689 517	-55,8	2 920 008	18,1	9 528 603	-13,4
	April	5 391 788	9,6	1 966 738	16,4	2 199 630	-24,7	9 558 156	0,3
	May	5 410 156	0,3	1 906 493	-3,1	2 404 916	9,3	9 721 565	1,7
	June	5 165 249	-4,5	2 239 121	17,4	2 592 096	7,8	9 996 466	2,8
	July	5 216 004	1,0	1 928 957	-13,9	2 357 157	-9,1	9 502 118	-4,9
	August	5 548 254	6,4	2 682 408	39,1	2 281 015	-3,2	10 511 677	10,6
	September	5 143 190	-7,3	2 396 777	-10,6	2 374 166	4,1	9 914 133	-5,7
	October	4 774 779	-7,2	1 886 023	-21,3	2 554 461	7,6	9 215 263	-7,0
	November	5 287 515	10,7	3 089 401	63,8	2 436 203	-4,6	10 813 119	17,3
	December	5 086 213	-3,8	1 240 912	-59,8	2 391 271	-1,8	8 718 396	-19,4
2019	January	5 985 060	17,7	1 611 299	29,8	2 416 151	1,0	10 012 510	14,8
	February	6 923 993	15,7	2 014 721	25,0	2 517 763	4,2	11 456 477	14,4
	March	4 158 306	-39,9	2 320 258	15,2	2 519 062	0,1	8 997 626	-21,5
	April	4 631 087	11,4	2 091 416	-9,9	2 595 100	3,0	9 317 603	3,6
	May	4 275 856	-7,7	1 653 807	-20,9	2 603 199	0,3	8 532 862	-8,4
	June	3 929 164	-8,1	1 648 322	-0,3	2 529 052	-2,8	8 106 538	-5,0
	July	5 177 349	31,8	1 917 207	16,3	2 687 522	6,3	9 782 078	20,7
	August	4 335 872	-16,3	2 749 039	43,4	2 383 710	-11,3	9 468 621	-3,2
	September	3 338 043	-23,0	1 552 481	-43,5	2 497 241	4,8	7 387 765	-22,0
	October	4 365 694	30,8	2 572 135	65,7	2 253 127	-9,8	9 190 956	24,4
	May – Jul 19	13 382 369		5 219 336		7 819 773		26 421 478	
	Aug – Oct 19 2/	12 039 609	-10,0	6 873 655	31,7	7 134 078	-8,8	26 047 342	-1,4

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

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

3/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

Table 3 – Value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 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/
2018	January	2 977 237	3,6	1 521 747	-12,6	1 781 595	15,1	6 280 579	1,9
	February	4 115 714	0,0	3 324 370	24,5	2 054 082	5,3	9 494 166	8,7
	March	3 886 698	-8,6	1 467 869	-9,2	2 214 859	8,0	7 569 426	-4,4
	April	4 876 398	33,8	1 702 803	82,2	1 872 687	5,1	8 451 888	32,9
	May	4 911 311	18,7	1 647 790	-23,6	2 140 173	-1,6	8 699 274	2,7
	June	4 675 616	-12,8	1 926 954	-7,2	2 325 667	-1,5	8 928 237	-8,9
	July	4 419 523	-20,4	1 641 666	-34,5	2 325 151	-0,8	8 386 340	-19,3
	August	5 536 573	35,9	2 290 699	-10,3	2 110 232	-19,7	9 937 504	7,4
	September	4 559 251	-6,8	2 027 730	38,3	2 093 618	-12,3	8 680 599	-0,7
	October	4 501 011	-3,3	1 582 234	-6,4	2 660 198	1,5	8 743 443	-2,5
	November	4 547 836	11,6	2 585 273	-27,5	2 172 618	-10,4	9 305 727	-7,5
	December	3 500 766	-9,1	1 041 908	-52,7	1 567 431	-9,1	6 110 105	-21,5
	Total	52 507 934	2,0	22 761 043	-9,6	25 318 311	-2,6	100 587 288	-2,0
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	1 685 959	-49,3	2 008 322	-2,2	9 544 399	0,5
	March	3 428 493	-11,8	1 917 569	30,6	1 912 533	-13,6	7 258 595	-4,1
	April	3 513 885	-27,9	1 718 501	0,9	2 032 691	8,5	7 265 077	-14,0
	May	3 627 858	-26,1	1 356 692	-17,7	2 171 166	1,4	7 155 716	-17,7
	June	3 308 470	-29,2	1 353 302	-29,8	2 080 747	-10,5	6 742 519	-24,5
	July	4 383 964	-0,8	1 567 626	-4,5	2 684 092	15,4	8 635 682	3,0
	August	4 075 149	-26,4	2 240 456	-2,2	1 999 426	-5,3	8 315 031	-16,3
	September	2 776 694	-39,1	1 256 053	-38,1	2 187 487	4,5	6 220 234	-28,3
	October	4 196 361	-6,8	2 079 333	31,4	2 241 721	-15,7	8 517 415	-2,6

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 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/
2018	January	3 979 889	-13,6	1 521 747	-31,0	2 294 054	3,6	7 795 690	-13,6
	February	4 102 734	3,1	3 324 370	118,5	2 143 529	-6,6	9 570 633	22,8
	March	4 265 981	4,0	1 467 869	-55,8	2 481 012	15,7	8 214 862	-14,2
	April	4 662 856	9,3	1 702 803	16,0	1 931 715	-22,1	8 297 374	1,0
	May	4 682 250	0,4	1 647 790	-3,2	2 080 903	7,7	8 410 943	1,4
	June	4 446 216	-5,0	1 926 954	16,9	2 230 877	7,2	8 604 047	2,3
	July	4 454 308	0,2	1 641 666	-14,8	2 009 740	-9,9	8 105 714	-5,8
	August	4 737 428	6,4	2 290 699	39,5	1 940 893	-3,4	8 969 020	10,7
	September	4 350 155	-8,2	2 027 730	-11,5	2 013 384	3,7	8 391 269	-6,4
	October	4 017 545	-7,6	1 582 234	-22,0	2 175 474	8,1	7 775 253	-7,3
	November	4 434 287	10,4	2 585 273	63,4	2 034 825	-6,5	9 054 385	16,5
	December	4 235 632	-4,5	1 041 908	-59,7	2 004 361	-1,5	7 281 901	-19,6
2019	January	5 048 425	19,2	1 359 746	30,5	2 032 078	1,4	8 440 249	15,9
	February	5 791 574	14,7	1 685 959	24,0	2 097 010	3,2	9 574 543	13,4
	March	3 439 682	-40,6	1 917 569	13,7	2 067 553	-1,4	7 424 804	-22,5
	April	3 799 519	10,5	1 718 501	-10,4	2 125 458	2,8	7 643 478	2,9
	May	3 512 626	-7,6	1 356 692	-21,1	2 137 575	0,6	7 006 893	-8,3
	June	3 221 648	-8,3	1 353 302	-0,2	2 089 100	-2,3	6 664 050	-4,9
	July	4 247 601	31,8	1 567 626	15,8	2 190 381	4,8	8 005 608	20,1
	August	3 529 000	-16,9	2 240 456	42,9	1 923 816	-12,2	7 693 272	-3,9
	September	2 700 063	-23,5	1 256 053	-43,9	2 022 517	5,1	5 978 633	-22,3
	October	3 539 406	31,1	2 079 333	65,5	1 865 679	-7,8	7 484 418	25,2
	May – Jul 19	10 981 875		4 277 620		6 417 056		21 676 551	
	Aug – Oct 19 2/	9 768 469	-11,0	5 575 842	30,3	5 812 012	-9,4	21 156 323	-2,4

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

3/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2018	January	2 685 943	13,8	807 034	-39,1	792 693	4,9	4 285 670	-3,4
	February	2 996 399	0,3	1 521 419	91,7	1 053 541	25,5	5 571 359	20,6
	March	2 823 654	-21,4	1 044 722	-57,7	1 068 288	-2,6	4 936 664	-31,0
	April	3 373 893	-9,4	1 205 988	44,3	890 508	29,3	5 470 389	4,3
	May	3 191 090	6,5	1 473 491	1,0	903 658	-3,7	5 568 239	3,2
	June	3 381 928	6,2	1 478 214	-47,4	1 020 156	-8,9	5 880 298	-17,3
	July	4 918 774	76,2	1 484 338	4,6	1 362 088	55,0	7 765 200	52,6
	August	2 862 038	-5,3	1 060 192	-31,1	1 181 840	5,4	5 104 070	-10,2
	September	4 790 862	58,8	2 712 580	-22,5	955 730	-22,6	8 459 172	9,1
	October	3 696 841	10,9	1 566 033	-41,3	1 142 493	37,4	6 405 367	-6,3
	November	5 964 109	62,8	1 078 925	-66,9	1 121 099	-1,8	8 164 133	1,3
	December	3 779 538	-9,1	1 201 138	39,1	825 065	-13,9	5 805 741	-2,9
	Total	44 465 069	14,5	16 634 074	-27,5	12 317 159	6,1	73 416 302	0,1
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	3 267 199	-11,6	1 860 458	18,8	1 351 483	18,3	6 479 140	1,2

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/
2018	January	3 472 251	-14,2	807 034	-6,5	1 046 631	-5,6	5 325 916	-11,5
	February	3 361 666	-3,2	1 521 419	88,5	1 058 062	1,1	5 941 147	11,6
	March	2 759 189	-17,9	1 044 722	-31,3	1 012 906	-4,3	4 816 817	-18,9
	April	3 425 358	24,1	1 205 988	15,4	878 908	-13,2	5 510 254	14,4
	May	3 260 028	-4,8	1 473 491	22,2	933 323	6,2	5 666 842	2,8
	June	3 316 038	1,7	1 478 214	0,3	972 563	4,2	5 766 815	1,8
	July	5 118 368	54,4	1 484 338	0,4	1 374 388	41,3	7 977 094	38,3
	August	2 965 079	-42,1	1 060 192	-28,6	1 098 105	-20,1	5 123 376	-35,8
	September	4 275 172	44,2	2 712 580	155,9	917 214	-16,5	7 904 966	54,3
	October	3 560 943	-16,7	1 566 033	-42,3	1 043 099	13,7	6 170 075	-21,9
	November	4 931 459	38,5	1 078 925	-31,1	1 033 845	-0,9	7 044 229	14,2
	December	3 662 867	-25,7	1 201 138	11,3	943 838	-8,7	5 807 843	-17,6
2019	January	4 164 500	13,7	1 129 725	-5,9	933 685	-1,1	6 227 910	7,2
	February	4 114 247	-1,2	3 157 234	179,5	1 008 430	8,0	8 279 911	32,9
	March	5 309 160	29,0	1 420 463	-55,0	1 130 858	12,1	7 860 481	-5,1
	April	4 421 838	-16,7	1 623 694	14,3	1 284 540	13,6	7 330 072	-6,7
	May	5 305 278	20,0	3 123 392	92,4	1 071 814	-16,6	9 500 484	29,6
	June	6 108 372	15,1	1 259 061	-59,7	820 763	-23,4	8 188 196	-13,8
	July	5 050 132	-17,3	1 904 394	51,3	1 216 481	48,2	8 171 007	-0,2
	August	5 283 649	4,6	2 136 907	12,2	1 152 736	-5,2	8 573 292	4,9
	September	3 030 547	-42,6	1 262 510	-40,9	1 065 384	-7,6	5 358 441	-37,5
	October	3 177 344	4,8	1 860 458	47,4	1 230 745	15,5	6 268 547	17,0
	May – Jul 19	16 463 782		6 286 847		3 109 058		25 859 687	
	Aug – Oct 19 2/	11 491 540	-30,2	5 259 875	-16,3	3 448 865	10,9	20 200 280	-21,9

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

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

3/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

Table 7 – Value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 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/
2018	January	2 335 603	8,9	701 769	-41,7	689 298	0,4	3 726 670	-7,6
	February	2 607 832	-3,3	1 324 124	84,8	916 920	21,0	4 848 876	16,3
	March	2 453 218	-24,1	907 665	-59,2	928 139	-6,0	4 289 022	-33,4
	April	2 921 119	-12,7	1 044 145	39,0	771 003	24,6	4 736 267	0,5
	May	2 758 073	3,3	1 273 545	-2,0	781 035	-6,5	4 812 653	0,2
	June	2 910 437	2,3	1 272 129	-49,3	877 931	-12,2	5 060 497	-20,4
	July	4 186 191	67,9	1 263 266	-0,3	1 159 224	47,8	6 608 681	45,4
	August	2 444 097	-8,9	905 373	-33,7	1 009 257	1,3	4 358 727	-13,6
	September	4 053 183	52,3	2 294 907	-25,7	808 570	-25,7	7 156 660	4,7
	October	3 101 377	6,3	1 313 786	-43,8	958 467	31,6	5 373 630	-10,2
	November	4 990 886	56,5	902 866	-68,1	938 158	-5,6	6 831 910	-2,6
	December	3 173 416	-12,3	1 008 512	34,4	692 750	-16,9	4 874 678	-6,3
	Total	37 935 432	10,0	14 212 087	-30,1	10 530 752	2,1	62 678 271	-3,8
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	2 641 228	-14,8	1 504 008	14,5	1 092 549	14,0	5 237 785	-2,5

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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/
2018	January	3 007 353	-13,4	701 769	-6,5	906 664	-5,6	4 615 786	-11,0
	February	2 929 302	-2,6	1 324 124	88,7	921 521	1,6	5 174 947	12,1
	March	2 407 043	-17,8	907 665	-31,5	878 650	-4,7	4 193 358	-19,0
	April	2 979 192	23,8	1 044 145	15,0	764 223	-13,0	4 787 560	14,2
	May	2 810 129	-5,7	1 273 545	22,0	807 684	5,7	4 891 358	2,2
	June	2 854 002	1,6	1 272 129	-0,1	837 728	3,7	4 963 859	1,5
	July	4 371 954	53,2	1 263 266	-0,7	1 170 285	39,7	6 805 505	37,1
	August	2 543 104	-41,8	905 373	-28,3	936 738	-20,0	4 385 215	-35,6
	September	3 617 157	42,2	2 294 907	153,5	776 832	-17,1	6 688 896	52,5
	October	2 994 694	-17,2	1 313 786	-42,8	874 164	12,5	5 182 644	-22,5
	November	4 124 350	37,7	902 866	-31,3	865 780	-1,0	5 892 996	13,7
	December	3 035 473	-26,4	1 008 512	11,7	790 415	-8,7	4 834 400	-18,0
2019	January	3 500 869	15,3	953 354	-5,5	784 960	-0,7	5 239 183	8,4
	February	3 446 830	-1,5	2 642 037	177,1	844 210	7,5	6 933 077	32,3
	March	4 404 146	27,8	1 173 936	-55,6	936 581	10,9	6 514 663	-6,0
	April	3 649 137	-17,1	1 334 177	13,6	1 056 699	12,8	6 040 013	-7,3
	May	4 343 963	19,0	2 562 258	92,0	880 530	-16,7	7 786 751	28,9
	June	5 013 595	15,4	1 033 712	-59,7	674 093	-23,4	6 721 400	-13,7
	July	4 143 325	-17,4	1 557 150	50,6	994 582	47,5	6 695 057	-0,4
	August	4 326 452	4,4	1 741 570	11,8	938 033	-5,7	7 006 055	4,6
	September	2 452 105	-43,3	1 021 448	-41,3	863 113	-8,0	4 336 666	-38,1
	October	2 575 582	5,0	1 504 008	47,2	993 792	15,1	5 073 382	17,0
	May – Jul 19	13 500 883		5 153 120		2 549 205		21 203 208	
	Aug – Oct 19 2/	9 354 139	-30,7	4 267 026	-17,2	2 794 938	9,6	16 416 103	-22,6

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

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

3/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

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

			Oct 2018	Sep 2019	Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2018	Jan – Oct 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 029	948	1 462	15 132	12 012	-20,6
		square metres	51 857	47 862	78 525	722 543	630 928	-12,7
		R'000	279 403	256 815	389 012	3 943 252	3 201 808	-18,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 424	1 094	1 342	12 655	11 209	-11,4
		square metres	386 418	310 765	351 017	3 388 192	3 074 253	-9,3
		R'000	2 835 325	2 370 134	2 686 994	24 435 292	22 922 922	-6,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 615	901	2 353	23 266	21 332	-8,3
		square metres	279 391	91 488	261 055	2 669 915	2 475 106	-7,3
		R'000	2 224 566	762 875	2 089 514	21 673 442	20 842 269	-3,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	4 182	6 315	3 670	180 162	90 354	-49,8
		R'000	25 911	42 170	25 378	1 752 581	658 350	-62,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	5 365 205	3 431 994	5 190 898	51 804 567	47 625 349	-8,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	46 691	17 873	7 800	488 645	335 508	-31,3
		R'000	384 983	172 805	63 684	4 468 609	3 048 622	-31,8
	Shopping space	square metres	34 107	44 895	41 026	546 826	464 943	-15,0
		R'000	310 977	345 253	373 119	4 552 559	3 613 962	-20,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	150 356	129 908	233 388	1 615 275	1 514 727	-6,2
		R'000	897 595	811 220	1 664 448	9 825 633	9 711 947	-1,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	38 705	36 349	65 187	486 566	527 496	8,4
		R'000	292 468	223 203	470 884	3 418 943	3 756 154	9,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 886 023	1 552 481	2 572 135	22 265 744	20 130 685	-9,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	303 104	233 584	276 643	2 444 972	2 390 561	-2,2
		R'000	2 264 206	1 798 121	2 079 018	17 861 356	18 015 740	0,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	98 496	98 021	75 551	770 126	678 240	-11,9
		R'000	906 750	905 613	693 991	7 287 226	7 402 341	1,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	3 170 956	2 703 734	2 773 009	25 148 582	25 418 081	1,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	10 422 184	7 688 209	10 536 042	99 218 893	93 174 115	-6,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Oct 2018	Sep 2019	Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2018	Jan – Oct 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	364	154	154	5 366	2 506	-53,3
		square metres	16 511	7 418	7 745	239 847	113 199	-52,8
		R'000	96 683	54 880	45 668	1 412 368	673 880	-52,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	495	291	328	4 453	3 415	-23,3
		square metres	121 881	73 251	77 254	1 086 134	840 364	-22,6
		R'000	799 270	499 169	517 071	7 228 721	5 576 208	-22,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	401	310	1 161	8 542	5 854	-31,5
		square metres	50 587	35 998	95 814	849 968	619 385	-27,1
		R'000	381 340	286 490	775 605	6 430 160	4 873 233	-24,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	702	2 837	0	24 172	48 513	100,7
		R'000	7 000	20 763	0	188 605	347 830	84,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 284 293	861 302	1 338 344	15 259 854	11 471 151	-24,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	16 542	301	3 235	92 560	53 425	-42,3
		R'000	120 938	2 113	28 306	729 706	415 408	-43,1
	Shopping space	square metres	3 665	15 317	7 852	127 873	117 954	-7,8
		R'000	18 504	131 941	65 535	1 036 564	966 541	-6,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	38 435	12 075	111 092	351 913	381 159	8,3
		R'000	247 573	82 045	861 019	2 368 233	2 729 390	15,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	10 559	20 398	7 646	177 253	258 898	46,1
		R'000	74 859	114 502	46 057	1 244 759	1 776 456	42,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	461 874	330 601	1 000 917	5 379 262	5 887 795	9,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	80 794	69 730	79 698	707 922	684 304	-3,3
		R'000	539 629	461 214	523 422	4 731 658	4 497 143	-5,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	46 561	35 224	34 358	255 852	277 549	8,5
		R'000	390 653	371 995	335 867	2 520 637	3 058 160	21,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	930 282	833 209	859 289	7 252 295	7 555 303	4,2
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 676 449	2 025 112	3 198 550	27 891 411	24 914 249	-10,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Oct 2018	Sep 2019	Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2018	Jan – Oct 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	39	64	17	1 079	310	-71,3
		square metres	2 123	3 934	1 092	50 745	19 066	-62,4
		R'000	12 202	25 919	6 700	315 343	121 545	-61,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	116	100	130	1 086	942	-13,3
		square metres	23 589	20 635	27 869	229 460	215 249	-6,2
		R'000	151 918	143 236	192 134	1 475 836	1 447 619	-1,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	39	47	112	1 171	531	-54,7
		square metres	4 386	6 169	13 996	80 284	65 245	-18,7
		R'000	27 248	42 599	94 761	504 250	435 396	-13,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	2 066	273	-86,8
		R'000	0	0	0	11 726	1 958	-83,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	191 368	211 754	293 595	2 307 155	2 006 518	-13,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 922	630	29 708	15 063	-49,3
		R'000	0	13 298	4 359	188 279	97 336	-48,3
	Shopping space	square metres	141	1 751	223	8 435	32 955	290,7
		R'000	750	12 115	1 491	52 250	201 025	284,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	27 279	58 433	141 085	263 879	87,0
		R'000	0	189 433	391 079	839 093	1 750 728	108,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	441	585	5 626	44 984	16 767	-62,7
		R'000	2 236	3 036	38 926	269 484	112 414	-58,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 986	217 882	435 855	1 349 106	2 161 503	60,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	25 238	19 798	24 087	248 518	210 482	-15,3
		R'000	153 464	133 770	161 295	1 536 037	1 380 500	-10,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	8 123	9 745	11 211	106 903	75 570	-29,3
		R'000	55 195	71 189	79 664	652 680	531 596	-18,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	208 659	204 959	240 959	2 188 717	1 912 096	-12,6
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	403 013	634 595	970 409	5 844 978	6 080 117	4,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Oct 2018	Sep 2019	Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2018	Jan – Oct 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	3	12	19	141	642,1
		square metres	74	147	704	1 070	6 571	514,1
		R'000	595	1 246	6 170	8 621	29 462	241,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	11	20	23	131	171	30,5
		square metres	2 719	4 432	4 566	26 313	41 142	56,4
		R'000	19 460	31 735	36 073	179 285	304 999	70,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	15	5	0	67	41	-38,8
		square metres	1 198	692	0	5 895	3 430	-41,8
		R'000	9 638	6 015	0	44 670	28 776	-35,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	293	1 705	293	-82,8
		R'000	0	0	2 568	11 935	2 568	-78,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	29 693	38 996	44 811	244 511	365 805	49,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	822	582	266	10 386	5 481	-47,2
		R'000	6 369	5 101	2 181	83 157	44 624	-46,3
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	9 288	1 576	-83,0
		R'000	0	0	0	71 638	9 261	-87,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	475	1 306	887	15 085	9 466	-37,2
		R'000	3 821	9 598	5 312	105 000	63 279	-39,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	3 113	2 199	54 174	2 363,6
		R'000	0	0	20 242	17 682	428 548	2 323,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	10 190	14 699	27 735	277 477	545 712	96,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 173	5 175	4 253	33 563	36 091	7,5
		R'000	21 746	43 243	36 567	243 923	283 167	16,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	458	12 211	9 310	-23,8
		R'000	150	2 241	4 028	97 061	91 858	-5,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	21 896	45 484	40 595	340 984	375 025	10,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	61 779	99 179	113 141	862 972	1 286 542	49,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Oct 2018	Sep 2019	Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2018	Jan – Oct 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	28	15	24	188	206	9,6
		square metres	1 727	927	1 571	10 834	12 430	14,7
		R'000	12 325	7 252	12 474	71 705	93 730	30,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	97	41	81	598	594	-0,7
		square metres	21 078	9 077	15 436	125 732	125 305	-0,3
		R'000	148 054	58 919	111 724	803 356	851 944	6,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	58	17	0	378	310	-18,0
		square metres	9 592	1 986	0	33 621	35 271	4,9
		R'000	74 089	15 720	0	243 025	266 801	9,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	171	0	2 119	13 825	10 284	-25,6
		R'000	849	0	14 684	88 064	56 785	-35,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	235 317	81 891	138 882	1 206 150	1 269 260	5,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 339	513	164	7 979	8 802	10,3
		R'000	17 813	2 662	1 013	53 989	61 406	13,7
	Shopping space	square metres	591	224	0	31 734	14 990	-52,8
		R'000	3 730	1 808	0	209 060	87 571	-58,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	8 815	2 910	580	78 320	11 799	-84,9
		R'000	64 938	23 490	3 879	524 527	79 989	-84,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	505	0	1 568	7 135	27 829	290,0
		R'000	3 901	0	9 532	44 669	204 751	358,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	90 382	27 960	14 424	832 245	433 717	-47,9
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	21 381	6 935	13 592	116 217	-16,9
			R'000	148 803	45 929	98 886	757 411	-13,3
		Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 896	7 939	3 102	58 783	-53,7
			R'000	45 938	45 003	26 706	526 059	-35,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	194 741	90 932	125 592	1 283 470	998 433	-22,2
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	520 440	200 783	278 898	3 321 865	2 701 410	-18,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Oct 2018	Sep 2019	Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2018	Jan – Oct 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	9	23	20	144	680	372,2
		square metres	598	1 517	1 075	8 886	26 324	196,2
		R'000	4 664	11 441	7 877	69 155	136 867	97,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	106	106	99	937	1 014	8,2
		square metres	32 241	33 251	36 948	291 254	322 174	10,6
		R'000	313 718	319 892	369 211	2 847 879	3 109 521	9,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	273	102	144	2 649	2 654	0,2
		square metres	49 667	12 453	18 331	351 482	329 166	-6,3
		R'000	423 980	115 139	182 046	3 550 206	3 290 450	-7,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	85 792	10 553	-87,7
		R'000	0	0	0	1 078 938	121 081	-88,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	742 362	446 472	559 134	7 546 178	6 657 919	-11,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	6 610	644	2 760	122 259	41 119	-66,4
		R'000	63 066	7 084	18 587	1 272 765	401 458	-68,5
	Shopping space	square metres	2 287	4 056	7 691	57 840	46 103	-20,3
		R'000	19 862	37 476	59 501	597 025	410 732	-31,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	52 821	16 036	11 287	388 823	382 625	-1,6
		R'000	250 313	107 143	76 993	2 317 699	2 339 508	0,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	6 396	4 907	8 765	60 942	41 897	-31,3
		R'000	59 065	40 423	58 882	485 029	371 233	-23,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	392 306	192 126	213 963	4 672 518	3 522 931	-24,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	42 939	32 179	29 008	310 132	314 029	1,3
		R'000	428 058	329 028	276 353	3 086 838	3 153 829	2,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	16 501	17 350	15 832	147 834	135 496	-8,3
		R'000	222 053	197 174	166 651	1 846 700	1 742 089	-5,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	650 111	526 202	443 004	4 933 538	4 895 918	-0,8
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 784 779	1 164 800	1 216 101	17 152 234	15 076 768	-12,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Oct 2018	Sep 2019	Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2018	Jan – Oct 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	2	4	919	54	-94,1
		square metres	745	106	268	39 642	2 997	-92,4
		R'000	4 210	638	1 706	137 797	16 266	-88,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	57	46	54	617	516	-16,4
		square metres	14 520	13 136	15 065	156 989	139 674	-11,0
		R'000	77 540	79 563	92 850	876 942	835 980	-4,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	52	5	204	935	625	-33,2
		square metres	6 070	554	49 330	87 420	79 265	-9,3
		R'000	36 460	2 875	278 726	466 140	457 997	-1,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 274	0	0	8 051	0	..
		R'000	7 870	0	0	44 513	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	126 080	83 076	373 282	1 525 392	1 310 243	-14,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 124	1 204	0	7 218	5 170	-28,4
		R'000	9 532	6 539	0	34 592	29 654	-14,3
	Shopping space	square metres	1 507	226	0	24 949	16 692	-33,1
		R'000	7 483	1 172	0	132 991	104 685	-21,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	518	1 717	533	20 804	4 908	-76,4
		R'000	2 584	8 909	3 688	111 584	27 011	-75,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	220	1 843	5 103	22 830	347,4
		R'000	0	1 142	11 902	25 613	137 966	438,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	19 599	17 762	15 590	304 780	299 316	-1,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 506	7 171	9 234	98 388	88 501	-10,0
		R'000	47 912	41 485	54 145	530 442	508 034	-4,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 302	218	1 937	12 510	13 966	11,6
		R'000	13 468	2 823	12 078	82 073	137 543	67,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	61 380	44 308	66 223	612 515	645 577	5,4
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	207 059	145 146	455 095	2 442 687	2 255 136	-7,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Oct 2018	Sep 2019	Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2018	Jan – Oct 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	550	670	1 164	6 988	7 758	11,0
		square metres	28 530	32 762	61 861	346 758	429 151	23,8
		R'000	140 640	150 836	286 284	1 798 670	2 019 656	12,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	405	352	487	3 639	3 418	-6,1
		square metres	130 139	116 781	131 727	1 134 389	1 058 874	-6,7
		R'000	1 097 489	986 423	1 093 770	9 104 966	8 767 809	-3,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	741	415	712	9 216	10 524	14,2
		square metres	153 712	33 636	82 684	1 230 017	1 297 630	5,5
		R'000	1 241 981	294 037	751 626	10 262 265	11 238 412	9,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	1 258	28 960	5 975	-79,4
		R'000	0	0	8 126	238 013	34 365	-85,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 480 110	1 431 296	2 139 806	21 403 914	22 060 242	3,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	9 375	12 372	745	190 931	165 418	-13,4
		R'000	108 614	134 270	9 238	1 942 986	1 744 257	-10,2
	Shopping space	square metres	23 274	22 221	23 173	245 050	128 542	-47,5
		R'000	247 309	154 398	234 558	2 238 351	1 109 266	-50,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	42 638	53 213	45 479	506 052	395 111	-21,9
		R'000	289 924	303 004	292 154	2 897 640	2 357 835	-18,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	17 961	4 781	15 767	160 051	57 242	-64,2
		R'000	138 289	34 923	133 003	1 175 561	426 678	-63,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	784 136	626 595	668 953	8 254 538	5 638 036	-31,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	102 556	80 212	94 667	768 466	791 580	3,0
		R'000	827 853	672 552	793 339	6 098 688	6 561 860	7,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	17 961	25 700	7 384	142 901	119 124	-16,6
		R'000	138 305	200 838	56 036	1 095 547	1 000 466	-8,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	966 158	873 390	849 375	7 194 235	7 562 326	5,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	4 230 404	2 931 281	3 658 134	36 852 687	35 260 604	-4,3

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

			Oct 2018	Sep 2019	Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2018	Jan – Oct 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	17	17	31	235	267	13,6
		square metres	961	1 051	1 955	13 754	15 595	13,4
		R'000	4 840	4 603	9 136	72 553	78 934	8,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	100	98	98	782	733	-6,3
		square metres	28 219	26 079	27 014	207 741	191 847	-7,7
		R'000	162 539	171 126	186 785	1 232 265	1 254 027	1,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	20	0	20	144	97	-32,6
		square metres	3 315	0	900	14 866	4 713	-68,3
		R'000	24 872	0	6 750	83 655	26 021	-68,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 035	0	0	15 282	3 712	-75,7
		R'000	10 192	0	0	89 473	18 910	-78,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	202 443	175 729	202 671	1 477 946	1 377 892	-6,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	5 188	0	0	21 008	31 749	51,1
		R'000	38 288	0	0	127 674	203 257	59,2
	Shopping space	square metres	2 642	0	0	22 343	66 614	198,1
		R'000	13 339	0	0	109 616	487 960	345,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 694	2 689	4 205	87 011	37 594	-56,8
		R'000	28 080	14 468	25 181	527 499	205 541	-61,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 843	4 964	18 531	21 067	39 464	87,3
		R'000	14 118	26 329	141 538	117 476	252 529	115,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	93 825	40 797	166 719	882 265	1 149 287	30,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 523	8 803	17 010	120 848	115 278	-4,6
		R'000	75 250	49 944	105 781	660 433	670 855	1,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 101	1 301	535	24 168	14 301	-40,8
		R'000	37 695	9 297	4 754	389 325	444 145	14,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	112 945	59 241	110 535	1 049 758	1 115 000	6,2
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	409 213	275 767	479 925	3 409 969	3 642 179	6,8

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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

			Oct 2018	Sep 2019	Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2018	Jan – Oct 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	0	36	194	90	-53,6
		square metres	588	0	2 254	11 007	5 595	-49,2
		R'000	3 244	0	12 997	57 040	31 468	-44,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	37	40	42	412	406	-1,5
		square metres	12 032	14 123	15 138	130 180	139 624	7,3
		R'000	65 337	80 071	87 376	686 042	774 815	12,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	16	0	0	164	696	324,4
		square metres	864	0	0	16 362	41 001	150,6
		R'000	4 958	0	0	89 071	225 183	152,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	3 478	0	309	10 751	3 379,3
		R'000	0	21 407	0	1 314	74 853	5 596,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	73 539	101 478	100 373	833 467	1 106 319	32,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	3 691	335	0	6 596	9 281	40,7
		R'000	20 363	1 738	0	35 461	51 222	44,4
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 100	2 087	19 314	39 517	104,6
		R'000	0	6 343	12 034	105 064	236 921	125,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 960	12 683	892	26 182	28 186	7,7
		R'000	10 362	73 130	5 143	134 358	158 666	18,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	494	2 328	7 832	8 395	7,2
		R'000	0	2 848	10 802	38 670	45 579	17,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	30 725	84 059	27 979	313 553	492 388	57,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 994	3 581	5 094	40 918	53 742	31,3
		R'000	21 491	20 956	29 230	215 926	303 454	40,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	51	544	734	8 964	5 714	-36,3
		R'000	3 293	5 053	8 207	77 144	54 949	-28,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	24 784	26 009	37 437	293 070	358 403	22,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	129 048	211 546	165 789	1 440 090	1 957 110	35,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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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 19 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: South Africa

			Oct 2018	Sep 2019	Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2018	Jan – Oct 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 058	853	911	9 103	8 202	-9,9
		square metres	54 047	44 291	46 497	460 849	420 795	-8,7
		R'000	313 571	256 845	274 365	2 695 242	2 427 132	-9,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 032	738	865	8 518	8 286	-2,7
		square metres	272 755	197 000	220 176	2 183 209	2 154 340	-1,3
		R'000	2 016 861	1 541 275	1 705 583	16 068 262	16 366 820	1,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 239	1 671	1 373	13 363	22 359	67,3
		square metres	161 393	194 151	137 637	1 936 707	3 074 624	58,8
		R'000	1 331 262	1 583 117	1 256 010	15 501 116	25 415 283	64,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	4 849	2 280	5 141	58 260	64 492	10,7
		R'000	35 147	24 421	31 241	456 802	548 379	20,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	3 696 841	3 405 658	3 267 199	34 721 422	44 757 614	28,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	59 717	18 496	17 226	565 439	461 884	-18,3
		R'000	496 524	155 609	163 489	5 261 660	4 646 934	-11,7
	Shopping space	square metres	40 083	8 858	9 347	274 769	475 544	73,1
		R'000	330 044	90 223	56 562	2 288 336	4 379 257	91,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	94 279	128 739	242 886	966 486	1 169 550	21,0
		R'000	593 482	875 752	1 514 810	5 712 079	7 296 502	27,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	21 501	18 788	15 075	153 279	357 282	133,1
		R'000	145 983	140 926	125 597	1 091 936	2 555 145	134,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 566 033	1 262 510	1 860 458	14 354 011	18 877 838	31,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	107 949	83 972	114 469	949 685	900 199	-5,2
		R'000	747 022	642 114	812 103	6 846 216	6 631 492	-3,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	39 891	43 479	63 340	375 763	439 880	17,1
		R'000	395 471	466 424	539 380	3 524 779	4 388 824	24,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 142 493	1 108 538	1 351 483	10 370 995	11 020 316	6,3
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	6 405 367	5 776 706	6 479 140	59 446 428	74 655 768	25,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Oct 2018	Sep 2019	Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2018	Jan – Oct 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	394	145	333	3 492	2 243	-35,8
		square metres	18 599	6 762	14 783	159 882	103 300	-35,4
		R'000	113 319	41 971	86 652	937 312	618 234	-34,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	379	212	305	2 874	2 584	-10,1
		square metres	83 685	55 483	69 979	678 726	623 700	-8,1
		R'000	550 923	374 706	479 978	4 552 859	4 276 231	-6,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	385	613	609	4 289	5 501	28,3
		square metres	43 445	61 152	60 155	460 473	613 835	33,3
		R'000	343 171	481 300	467 649	3 563 335	4 857 330	36,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	3 267	0	0	26 648	15 638	-41,3
		R'000	26 614	0	0	204 649	124 248	-39,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 034 027	897 977	1 034 279	9 258 155	9 876 043	6,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	49 749	13 138	900	148 368	49 536	-66,6
		R'000	411 955	113 502	7 490	1 218 437	394 165	-67,6
	Shopping space	square metres	1 814	657	521	91 898	96 962	5,5
		R'000	9 596	5 796	4 515	709 253	833 582	17,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	17 255	9 332	30 618	244 494	305 277	24,9
		R'000	102 735	64 896	214 345	1 575 866	2 094 895	32,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	4 507	17 275	2 484	56 760	149 909	164,1
		R'000	30 901	127 077	17 795	398 226	1 118 639	180,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	555 187	311 271	244 145	3 901 782	4 441 281	13,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	44 992	28 840	39 316	375 591	318 189	-15,3
		R'000	269 530	197 230	250 204	2 323 250	2 076 571	-10,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	12 732	13 907	23 811	173 038	175 879	1,6
		R'000	138 940	153 560	205 301	1 629 644	1 779 675	9,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	408 470	350 790	455 505	3 952 894	3 856 246	-2,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 997 684	1 560 038	1 733 929	17 112 831	18 173 570	6,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Oct 2018	Sep 2019	Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2018	Jan – Oct 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	65	34	27	279	252	-9,7
		square metres	2 721	1 858	1 450	14 264	12 496	-12,4
		R'000	15 276	12 630	8 205	76 809	69 482	-9,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	25	44	50	456	537	17,8
		square metres	5 794	10 046	10 778	94 528	107 758	14,0
		R'000	39 978	71 271	76 283	628 035	721 980	15,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	18	13	14	188	205	9,0
		square metres	2 623	1 251	1 816	19 931	21 335	7,0
		R'000	15 895	8 624	12 565	130 318	139 712	7,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	729	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	5 013	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	71 149	92 525	97 053	835 162	936 187	12,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	2 287	0	1 056	10 981	939,9
		R'000	0	15 824	0	6 804	73 050	973,6
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	141	2 124	7 430	249,8
		R'000	0	0	976	12 023	48 944	307,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	684	51 918	3 916	46 871	100 112	113,6
		R'000	4 376	359 165	26 190	282 592	674 197	138,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	384	0	2 597	9 380	29 846	218,2
		R'000	2 754	0	17 887	59 270	193 398	226,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	7 130	374 989	45 053	360 689	989 589	174,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 724	16 876	28 764	78 023	135 637	73,8
		R'000	30 626	115 520	196 496	491 236	888 195	80,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 167	15 733	10 105	25 138	54 976	118,7
		R'000	22 806	110 323	73 998	183 468	398 862	117,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	53 432	225 843	270 494	674 704	1 287 057	90,8
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	131 711	693 357	412 600	1 870 555	3 212 833	71,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Oct 2018	Sep 2019	Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2018	Jan – Oct 2019	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	0	0	11	40	263,6	
		square metres	41	0	0	701	2 464	251,5	
		R'000	308	0	0	5 441	19 579	259,8	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	6	8	5	45	79	75,6	
		square metres	952	1 590	2 802	8 810	23 427	165,9	
		R'000	7 271	13 038	22 976	65 886	181 831	176,0	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	9	1	2	32	1 500,0	
		square metres	0	868	66	221	3 134	1 318,1	
		R'000	0	7 118	541	1 737	25 148	1 347,8	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	475	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	3 563	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	7 579	20 156	23 517	73 064	230 121	215,0
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	402	216	1 760	990	-43,8
R'000			0	3 296	1 771	13 051	7 857	-39,8	
Shopping space		square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	1 138	0	1 407	2 362	5 218	120,9	
		R'000	8 535	0	10 553	17 455	39 268	125,0	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	0	133	0	1 106	..	
		R'000	0	0	797	0	8 627	..	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	8 535	3 296	13 121	30 506	55 752	82,8	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 492	808	1 137	25 779	21 757	-15,6
	R'000		26 590	6 626	9 323	193 534	170 897	-11,7	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 399	0	63	8 748	6 048	-30,9	
		R'000	11 393	780	747	80 188	54 845	-31,6	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	37 983	7 406	10 070	273 722	225 742	-17,5
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	54 097	30 858	46 708	377 292	511 615	35,6	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Oct 2018	Sep 2019	Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2018	Jan – Oct 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	14	5	15	154	31	-79,9
		square metres	755	287	982	8 805	1 923	-78,2
		R'000	4 913	1 737	7 333	52 430	13 449	-74,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	18	14	34	144	166	15,3
		square metres	3 592	3 169	5 246	29 355	33 980	15,8
		R'000	25 384	18 844	33 380	188 619	204 603	8,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	12	0	0	342	26	-92,4
		square metres	960	0	0	44 522	1 479	-96,7
		R'000	7 415	0	0	333 294	8 403	-97,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	433	1 153	607	2 314	281,2
		R'000	0	2 996	9 307	3 162	16 609	425,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	37 712	23 577	50 020	577 505	243 064	-57,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	812	849	0	7 786	2 239	-71,2
		R'000	6 272	4 969	0	57 772	11 872	-79,5
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	2 145	234	-89,1
		R'000	0	0	0	12 664	1 565	-87,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 631	0	0	14 793	10 943	-26,0
		R'000	35 770	0	0	113 216	69 873	-38,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	507	0	378	1 322	856	-35,2
		R'000	3 916	0	3 051	8 344	6 743	-19,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	45 958	4 969	3 051	191 996	90 053	-53,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 772	2 650	4 304	18 321	27 974	52,7
		R'000	20 589	14 650	25 272	107 451	158 395	47,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 134	248	940	9 672	3 742	-61,3
		R'000	21 273	2 595	18 631	97 529	43 180	-55,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	41 862	17 245	43 903	204 980	201 575	-1,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	125 532	45 791	96 974	974 481	534 692	-45,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

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

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

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

			Oct 2018	Sep 2019	Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2018	Jan – Oct 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	23	13	18	189	127	-32,8
		square metres	1 257	730	989	11 066	7 307	-34,0
		R'000	10 451	7 774	8 222	114 717	63 725	-44,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	75	69	93	718	642	-10,6
		square metres	21 775	20 228	28 252	197 871	203 089	2,6
		R'000	247 863	211 708	298 728	2 061 791	2 178 613	5,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	114	50	339	590	1 845	212,7
		square metres	20 916	6 763	45 900	105 539	265 917	152,0
		R'000	225 000	68 222	515 259	1 062 496	2 921 806	175,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	10 986	11 133	1,3
		R'000	0	0	0	128 626	122 463	-4,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	483 314	287 704	822 209	3 367 630	5 286 607	57,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	261	0	0	75 167	107 108	42,5
		R'000	2 871	0	0	820 858	1 168 187	42,3
	Shopping space	square metres	476	263	0	46 829	46 932	0,2
		R'000	5 236	2 893	0	485 535	505 914	4,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	15 089	19 999	191 337	105 649	333 595	215,8
		R'000	90 534	128 072	1 148 022	634 833	2 015 913	217,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	118	4 514	18 969	33 390	76,0
		R'000	0	1 121	49 314	161 349	229 230	42,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	98 641	132 086	1 197 336	2 102 575	3 919 244	86,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 799	10 054	13 739	146 094	108 514	-25,7
		R'000	132 903	107 505	138 414	1 553 658	1 210 851	-22,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	5 015	4 919	7 325	47 758	81 806	71,3
		R'000	54 573	113 380	78 193	523 019	1 016 286	94,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	187 476	220 885	216 607	2 076 677	2 227 137	7,2
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	769 431	640 675	2 236 152	7 546 882	11 432 988	51,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Oct 2018	Sep 2019	Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2018	Jan – Oct 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	0	6	288	44	-84,7
		square metres	896	0	432	16 658	2 857	-82,8
		R'000	4 413	0	2 242	81 115	15 914	-80,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	99	31	57	630	719	14,1
		square metres	15 552	7 384	15 291	123 921	134 353	8,4
		R'000	79 381	45 059	97 005	688 914	774 381	12,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	158	12	143	635	544	-14,3
		square metres	14 804	1 539	6 263	68 835	40 183	-41,6
		R'000	85 781	9 238	42 177	386 549	241 124	-37,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	3 988	1 862	6 697	259,7
		R'000	0	0	21 934	9 188	38 401	317,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	169 575	54 297	163 358	1 165 766	1 069 820	-8,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	470	0	0	2 379	4 900	106,0
		R'000	2 334	0	0	13 155	24 401	85,5
	Shopping space	square metres	6 645	0	6 671	14 450	19 240	33,1
		R'000	33 225	0	39 458	74 652	115 658	54,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	9 993	879	0	19 459	14 196	-27,0
		R'000	49 965	4 835	0	95 566	71 404	-25,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 267	0	0	8 385	10 751	28,2
		R'000	11 258	0	0	45 181	57 859	28,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	96 782	4 835	39 458	228 554	269 322	17,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 646	581	4 705	51 965	38 277	-26,3
		R'000	24 212	3 450	26 186	309 170	225 069	-27,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	140	1 516	10 655	7 420	20 904	181,7
		R'000	1 000	9 996	72 125	46 077	135 991	195,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	25 212	13 446	98 311	355 247	361 060	1,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	291 569	72 578	301 127	1 749 567	1 700 202	-2,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Oct 2018	Sep 2019	Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2018	Jan – Oct 2019	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	431	619	429	4 142	4 965	19,9	
		square metres	23 995	32 604	22 410	219 809	260 246	18,4	
		R'000	140 022	180 806	133 845	1 282 303	1 469 675	14,6	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	349	292	223	2 832	2 752	-2,8	
		square metres	110 353	81 477	64 186	831 719	809 165	-2,7	
		R'000	896 063	697 503	539 425	6 660 427	6 711 346	0,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	542	956	249	7 156	13 893	94,1	
		square metres	77 726	121 208	20 781	1 223 850	2 089 859	70,8	
		R'000	647 821	1 000 716	202 299	9 947 744	17 010 898	71,0	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 582	1 847	0	2 842	26 988	849,6	
		R'000	8 533	21 425	0	17 340	235 031	1 255,4	
		Total residential buildings	R'000	1 692 439	1 900 450	875 569	17 907 814	25 426 950	42,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	7 050	1 820	16 110	317 901	282 514	-11,1	
		R'000	65 506	18 018	154 228	3 073 643	2 945 883	-4,2	
	Shopping space	square metres	28 171	7 340	0	92 822	270 879	191,8	
		R'000	265 625	78 362	0	869 029	2 655 328	205,6	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	44 131	44 491	12 596	502 978	383 095	-23,8	
		R'000	291 378	307 781	98 878	2 825 939	2 240 021	-20,7	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	13 836	945	2 198	53 756	122 817	128,5	
		R'000	97 154	10 395	22 067	396 006	896 945	126,5	
		Total non-residential buildings	R'000	719 663	414 556	275 173	7 164 617	8 738 177	22,0
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	25 735	21 807	17 150	210 647	202 860	-3,7
R'000			193 582	184 961	135 981	1 617 378	1 626 725	0,6	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	13 824	7 072	10 250	94 769	89 552	-5,5	
		R'000	108 660	72 313	83 937	775 872	666 673	-14,1	
		Total additions and alterations	R'000	302 242	257 274	219 918	2 393 250	2 293 398	-4,2
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 714 344	2 572 280	1 370 660	27 465 681	36 458 525	32,7	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Oct 2018	Sep 2019	Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2018	Jan – Oct 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	102	37	48	429	409	-4,7
		square metres	4 958	2 050	3 105	22 329	24 474	9,6
		R'000	20 317	11 927	16 267	105 751	126 823	19,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	41	39	68	552	508	-8,0
		square metres	21 551	7 479	15 598	149 373	138 681	-7,2
		R'000	117 926	51 057	110 739	862 283	870 261	0,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	6	0	0	55	151	174,5
		square metres	558	0	0	3 327	21 569	548,3
		R'000	4 187	0	0	21 287	113 556	433,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	5 648	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	40 716	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	142 430	62 984	127 006	1 030 037	1 110 640	7,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	2 336	1 684	-27,9
		R'000	0	0	0	11 549	10 860	-6,0
	Shopping space	square metres	1 182	598	0	11 529	26 548	130,3
		R'000	5 789	3 172	0	55 706	176 714	217,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 358	2 120	1 537	14 577	9 582	-34,3
		R'000	10 189	11 003	7 976	85 566	50 200	-41,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	450	2 771	3 473	6 757	94,6
		R'000	0	2 333	14 686	17 641	34 651	96,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	15 978	16 508	22 662	170 462	272 425	59,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 975	2 011	3 962	39 111	41 082	5,0
		R'000	44 555	10 493	21 573	228 960	241 564	5,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 480	84	0	8 255	5 248	-36,4
		R'000	35 826	2 977	4 657	173 087	271 728	57,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	80 381	13 470	26 230	402 047	513 292	27,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	238 789	92 962	175 898	1 602 546	1 896 357	18,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

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

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

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

			Oct 2018	Sep 2019	Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2018	Jan – Oct 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	13	0	35	119	91	-23,5
		square metres	825	0	2 346	7 335	5 728	-21,9
		R'000	4 552	0	11 599	39 364	30 251	-23,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	40	29	30	267	299	12,0
		square metres	9 501	10 144	8 044	68 906	80 187	16,4
		R'000	52 072	58 089	47 069	359 448	447 574	24,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	4	18	18	106	162	52,8
		square metres	361	1 370	2 656	10 009	17 313	73,0
		R'000	1 992	7 899	15 520	54 356	97 306	79,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	9 667	518	-94,6
		R'000	0	0	0	53 121	3 051	-94,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	58 616	65 988	74 188	506 289	578 182	14,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 375	0	0	8 686	1 932	-77,8
		R'000	7 586	0	0	46 391	10 659	-77,0
	Shopping space	square metres	1 795	0	2 014	12 972	7 319	-43,6
		R'000	10 573	0	11 613	69 474	41 552	-40,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	1 475	15 303	7 532	-50,8
		R'000	0	0	8 846	81 046	40 731	-49,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	1 234	1 850	49,9
		R'000	0	0	0	5 919	9 053	52,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	18 159	0	20 459	202 830	101 995	-49,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	814	345	1 392	4 154	5 909	42,2
		R'000	4 435	1 679	8 654	21 579	33 225	54,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	191	965	1 725	78,8
		R'000	1 000	500	1 791	15 895	21 584	35,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	5 435	2 179	10 445	37 474	54 809	46,3
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	82 210	68 167	105 092	746 593	734 986	-1,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

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

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

Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
	2	In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
Purpose of the survey	3	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
Scope of the survey	4	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	5	Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> , (SIC) Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
Collection rate	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for October 2019 was 92,7%. The improved collection rate for September 2019 was 95,5%.
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	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
Trend cycle	12	The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.
Revised figures	13	Revised figures are due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or to respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. Figures for the latest two years are therefore preliminary. Data are edited at municipal level.
	14	Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> is published with the revised and updated information at provincial and municipal level for the previous calendar year. Due to this comprehensive revision, the monthly statistical release P5041.1 reflects provincial revision where applicable.
Related publications	15	Users may also wish to refer to the following publications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P5041.3: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> issued annually; • P9101.2: <i>Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region</i> issued annually; and • <i>Building Statistics</i> (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.
Rounding-off of figures	16	Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.
Symbols and abbreviations	17	.. No meaningful percentage change between two specified periods available since either one or both of the totals are nil.
	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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