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Results for January to October 2021

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:
January to October 2020 versus January to October 2021**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Oct 2020 1/	Jan – Oct 2021 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2020 and Jan – Oct 2021	% change between Jan – Oct 2020 and Jan – Oct 2021
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	31 043 026	49 444 850	18 401 824	59,3
-Dwelling-houses	18 918 477	31 438 359	12 519 882	66,2
-Flats and townhouses	11 838 329	17 257 419	5 419 090	45,8
-Other residential buildings	286 220	749 072	462 852	161,7
Non-residential buildings	11 470 918	15 120 419	3 649 501	31,8
Additions and alterations	16 467 711	24 768 252	8 300 541	50,4
Total	58 981 655	89 333 521	30 351 866	51,5

1/ 2020 and 2021 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) increased by 51,5% (R30 351,9 million) during January to October 2021 compared with January to October 2020.

Increases were recorded for residential buildings (59,3% or R18 401,8 million), additions and alterations (50,4% or R8 300,5 million) and non-residential buildings (31,8% or R3 649,5 million) – see Table A.

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to October 2020 versus January to October 2021**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Oct 2020 1/	Jan – Oct 2021 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during Jan – Oct 2020	% change between Jan – Oct 2020 and Jan – Oct 2021	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Oct 2020 and Jan – Oct 2021 2/	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2020 and Jan – Oct 2021
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	19 410 525	24 404 597	32,9	25,7	8,5	4 994 072
Eastern Cape	3 026 962	7 011 629	5,1	131,6	6,8	3 984 667
Northern Cape	898 605	885 682	1,5	-1,4	0,0	-12 923
Free State	1 705 874	2 134 137	2,9	25,1	0,7	428 263
KwaZulu-Natal	9 610 050	15 891 641	16,3	65,4	10,7	6 281 591
North West	2 280 319	4 002 661	3,9	75,5	2,9	1 722 342
Gauteng	17 852 054	29 820 742	30,3	67,0	20,3	11 968 688
Mpumalanga	3 051 508	3 165 000	5,2	3,7	0,2	113 492
Limpopo	1 145 758	2 017 432	1,9	76,1	1,5	871 674
Total	58 981 655	89 333 521	100,0	51,5	51,5	30 351 866

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2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January to October 2020 and January to October 2021 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during January to October 2020, divided by 100.

The largest contributions to the total increase of 51,5% (R30 351,9 million) were made by Gauteng (contributing 20,3 percentage points or R11 968,7 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 10,7 percentage points or R6 281,6 million), Western Cape (contributing 8,5 percentage points or R4 994,1 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing 6,8 percentage points or R3 984,7 million) – see Table B.

Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices: January to October 2020 versus January to October 2021

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Oct 2020 1/	Jan – Oct 2021 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2020 and Jan – Oct 2021	% change between Jan – Oct 2020 and Jan – Oct 2021
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	24 722 220	35 737 522	11 015 302	44,6
Non-residential buildings	9 166 599	11 007 254	1 840 655	20,1
Additions and alterations	13 120 116	17 872 873	4 752 757	36,2
Total	47 008 935	64 617 649	17 608 714	37,5

1/ 2020 and 2021 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) increased by 37,5% (R17 608,7 million) during January to October 2021 compared with January to October 2020. Increases were recorded for residential buildings (44,6% or R11 015,3 million), additions and alterations (36,2% or R4 752,8 million) and non-residential buildings (20,1% or R1 840,7 million) – see Table C.

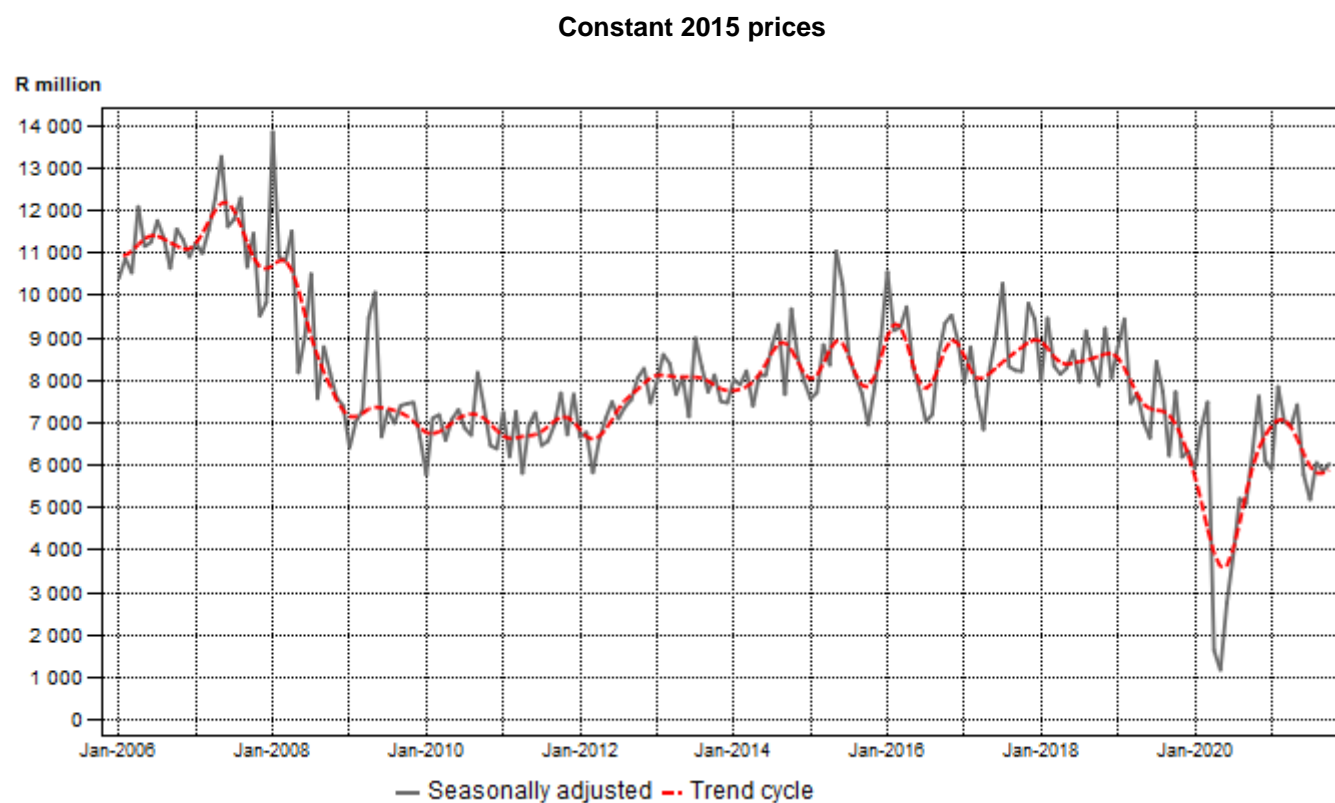
Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	May – Jul 2021	Aug – Oct 2021	% change between May – Jul 2021 and Aug – Oct 2021
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	10 293 013	10 262 495	-0,3
Non-residential buildings 1/	3 018 764	2 232 922	-26,0
Additions and alterations	5 075 629	5 447 322	7,3
Total	18 387 406	17 942 739	-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 2021 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-26,0%) and residential buildings (-0,3%). An increase was recorded for additions and alterations (7,3%) – 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 2020 versus January to October 2021**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Oct 2020 1/	Jan – Oct 2021 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2020 and Jan – Oct 2021	% change between Jan – Oct 2020 and Jan – Oct 2021
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	19 379 506	26 350 040	6 970 534	36,0
-Dwelling-houses	11 525 809	15 786 520	4 260 711	37,0
-Flats and townhouses	7 591 322	10 034 780	2 443 458	32,2
-Other residential buildings	262 375	528 740	266 365	101,5
Non-residential buildings	11 186 968	11 201 256	14 288	0,1
Additions and alterations	8 039 681	11 548 375	3 508 694	43,6
Total	38 606 155	49 099 671	10 493 516	27,2

1/ 2020 and 2021 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 27,2% (R10 493,5 million) during January to October 2021 compared with January to October 2020.

Increases were recorded for additions and alterations (43,6% or R3 508,7 million), residential buildings (36,0% or R6 970,5 million) and non-residential buildings (0,1% or R14,3 million) – see Table E.

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to October 2020 versus January to October 2021**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Oct 2020 1/	Jan – Oct 2021 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during Jan – Oct 2020	% change between Jan – Oct 2020 and Jan – Oct 2021	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Oct 2020 and Jan – Oct 2021 2/	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2020 and Jan – Oct 2021
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	12 878 158	18 197 928	33,4	41,3	13,8	5 319 770
Eastern Cape	1 699 774	2 775 706	4,4	63,3	2,8	1 075 932
Northern Cape	557 766	513 211	1,4	-8,0	-0,1	-44 555
Free State	576 599	572 514	1,5	-0,7	0,0	-4 085
KwaZulu-Natal	6 348 697	6 384 855	16,4	0,6	0,1	36 158
North West	1 154 391	2 076 819	3,0	79,9	2,4	922 428
Gauteng	13 654 988	16 930 488	35,4	24,0	8,5	3 275 500
Mpumalanga	1 050 716	1 007 916	2,7	-4,1	-0,1	-42 800
Limpopo	685 066	640 234	1,8	-6,5	-0,1	-44 832
Total	38 606 155	49 099 671	100,0	27,2	27,2	10 493 516

1/ 2020 and 2021 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 2020 and January to October 2021 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January to October 2020, divided by 100.

Five provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to October 2021, of which Western Cape (contributing 13,8 percentage points or R5 319,8 million), Gauteng (contributing 8,5 percentage points or R3 275,5 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing 2,8 percentage points or R1 075,9 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 2020 versus January to October 2021**

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Oct 2020 1/	Jan – Oct 2021 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2020 and Jan – Oct 2021	% change between Jan – Oct 2020 and Jan – Oct 2021
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	15 418 462	18 998 250	3 579 788	23,2
Non-residential buildings	8 922 363	8 050 109	-872 254	-9,8
Additions and alterations	6 401 679	8 296 805	1 895 126	29,6
Total	30 742 504	35 345 164	4 602 660	15,0

1/ 2020 and 2021 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 15,0% (R4 602,7 million) during January to October 2021 compared with January to October 2020. Increases were recorded for additions and alterations (29,6% or R1 895,1 million) and residential buildings (23,2% or R3 579,8 million). Non-residential buildings fell by 9,8% (-R872,3 million) – see Table G.

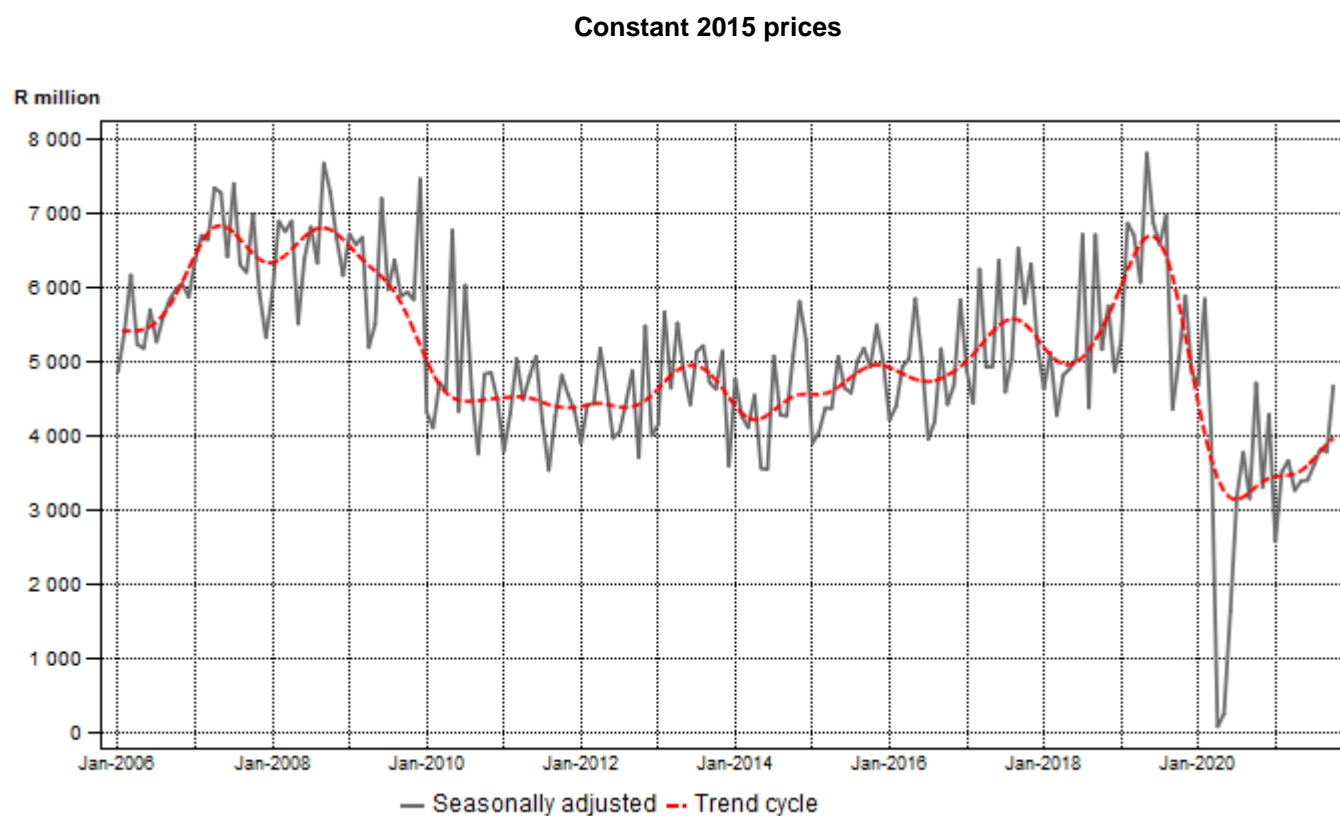
Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	May – Jul 2021	Aug – Oct 2021	% change between May – Jul 2021 and Aug – Oct 2021
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 621 818	6 187 158	10,1
Non-residential buildings 1/	2 479 889	3 011 400	21,4
Additions and alterations	2 297 457	3 070 467	33,6
Total	10 399 164	12 269 025	18,0

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 increased by 18,0% in the three months ended October 2021 compared with the previous three months. Increases were reported for additions and alterations (33,6%), non-residential buildings (21,4%) and residential buildings (10,1%) – see Table H.

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 682 473	-43,8	1 432 830	-11,1	1 686 359	-8,2	5 801 662	-29,4
	February	4 312 361	-38,3	1 840 942	-11,0	2 501 881	4,2	8 655 184	-24,5
	March	4 696 032	13,2	2 071 869	-14,2	2 487 758	7,5	9 255 659	4,3
	April	807 896	-81,1	729 784	-66,7	442 419	-82,9	1 980 099	-78,1
	May	809 776	-82,2	180 087	-89,4	436 126	-83,5	1 425 989	-84,0
	June	1 777 401	-56,5	955 406	-42,0	853 147	-66,3	3 585 954	-56,6
	July	2 978 453	-51,7	964 709	-50,4	1 466 582	-55,3	5 409 744	-52,5
	August	3 987 254	-20,8	904 593	-67,1	1 941 160	-20,9	6 833 007	-33,2
	September	3 891 983	9,8	1 005 117	-40,2	2 146 483	-20,3	7 043 583	-11,0
	October	5 099 397	-5,5	1 385 581	-47,8	2 505 796	-9,9	8 990 774	-17,0
	November	4 690 598	20,9	2 557 651	156,4	2 338 480	-15,0	9 586 729	25,7
	December	3 720 492	42,8	949 443	-52,0	1 978 329	0,8	6 648 264	1,5
	Total	39 454 116	-28,8	14 978 012	-36,6	20 784 520	-31,3	75 216 648	-31,2
2021	January	3 471 114	29,4	413 216	-71,2	1 522 409	-9,7	5 406 739	-6,8
	February	5 184 991	20,2	2 758 191	49,8	2 636 828	5,4	10 580 010	22,2
	March	4 552 882	-3,0	2 499 249	20,6	2 554 253	2,7	9 606 384	3,8
	April	5 000 286	518,9	2 024 317	177,4	2 135 961	382,8	9 160 564	362,6
	May	6 289 829	676,7	1 242 347	589,9	2 630 019	503,0	10 162 195	612,6
	June	4 346 231	144,5	1 934 417	102,5	2 401 341	181,5	8 681 989	142,1
	July	4 725 414	58,7	1 047 662	8,6	2 404 495	64,0	8 177 571	51,2
	August	5 625 762	41,1	925 255	2,3	2 567 253	32,3	9 118 270	33,4
	September	5 197 456	33,5	1 239 913	23,4	2 692 516	25,4	9 129 885	29,6
	October	5 050 885	-1,0	1 035 852	-25,2	3 223 177	28,6	9 309 914	3,5

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/
2020	January	3 655 813	5,0	1 432 830	-27,6	2 292 955	-4,9	7 381 598	-6,2
	February	4 175 676	14,2	1 840 942	28,5	2 624 482	14,5	8 641 100	17,1
	March	4 637 622	11,1	2 071 869	12,5	2 529 474	-3,6	9 238 965	6,9
	April	815 321	-82,4	729 784	-64,8	478 417	-81,1	2 023 522	-78,1
	May	797 195	-2,2	180 087	-75,3	459 731	-3,9	1 437 013	-29,0
	June	1 654 884	107,6	955 406	430,5	785 089	70,8	3 395 379	136,3
	July	2 610 725	57,8	964 709	1,0	1 245 471	58,6	4 820 905	42,0
	August	3 759 339	44,0	904 593	-6,2	1 933 527	55,2	6 597 459	36,9
	September	3 600 683	-4,2	1 005 117	11,1	1 857 471	-3,9	6 463 271	-2,0
	October	4 485 652	24,6	1 385 581	37,9	2 214 399	19,2	8 085 632	25,1
	November	5 021 649	11,9	2 557 651	84,6	2 204 706	-0,4	9 784 006	21,0
	December	4 614 582	-8,1	949 443	-62,9	2 339 175	6,1	7 903 200	-19,2
2021	January	5 059 085	9,6	413 216	-56,5	2 247 159	-3,9	7 719 460	-2,3
	February	4 997 357	-1,2	2 758 191	567,5	2 681 594	19,3	10 437 142	35,2
	March	4 305 357	-13,8	2 499 249	-9,4	2 455 925	-8,4	9 260 531	-11,3
	April	5 178 913	20,3	2 024 317	-19,0	2 323 527	-5,4	9 526 757	2,9
	May	6 246 401	20,6	1 242 347	-38,6	2 748 202	18,3	10 236 950	7,5
	June	3 919 586	-37,3	1 934 417	55,7	2 241 769	-18,4	8 095 772	-20,9
	July	4 178 651	6,6	1 047 662	-45,8	2 111 175	-5,8	7 337 488	-9,4
	August	5 275 885	26,3	925 255	-11,7	2 429 249	15,1	8 630 389	17,6
	September	4 767 284	-9,6	1 239 913	34,0	2 381 395	-2,0	8 388 592	-2,8
	October	4 639 682	-2,7	1 035 852	-16,5	2 980 321	25,2	8 655 855	3,2
	May – Jul 21	14 344 638		4 224 426		7 101 146		25 670 210	
	Aug – Oct 21 2/	14 682 851	2,4	3 201 020	-24,2	7 790 965	9,7	25 674 836	0,0

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/
2020	January	2 159 801	-46,4	1 153 647	-15,2	1 357 777	-12,4	4 671 225	-32,7
	February	3 455 417	-40,9	1 475 114	-14,8	2 004 712	-0,2	6 935 243	-27,7
	March	3 787 123	10,5	1 670 862	-16,3	2 006 256	4,9	7 464 241	1,7
	April	655 228	-81,4	591 877	-67,2	358 815	-83,1	1 605 920	-78,4
	May	657 286	-82,4	146 175	-89,5	353 998	-83,7	1 157 459	-84,1
	June	1 435 704	-57,2	771 733	-43,0	689 133	-66,9	2 896 570	-57,3
	July	2 380 858	-52,8	771 150	-51,5	1 172 328	-56,3	4 324 336	-53,6
	August	3 161 978	-22,9	717 362	-68,0	1 539 381	-23,0	5 418 721	-35,0
	September	3 057 332	6,6	789 566	-41,9	1 686 161	-22,7	5 533 059	-13,6
	October	3 971 493	-9,0	1 079 113	-49,8	1 951 555	-13,2	7 002 161	-20,1
	November	3 647 432	16,0	1 988 842	146,0	1 818 414	-18,4	7 454 688	20,6
	December	2 881 868	36,9	735 432	-54,0	1 532 400	-3,3	5 149 700	-2,6
	Total	31 251 520	-31,4	11 890 873	-38,6	16 470 930	-33,5	59 613 323	-33,5
2021	January	2 665 986	23,4	317 370	-72,5	1 169 285	-13,9	4 152 641	-11,1
	February	3 916 156	13,3	2 083 226	41,2	1 991 562	-0,7	7 990 944	15,2
	March	3 400 211	-10,2	1 866 504	11,7	1 907 583	-4,9	7 174 298	-3,9
	April	3 676 681	461,1	1 488 468	151,5	1 570 560	337,7	6 735 709	319,4
	May	4 564 462	594,4	901 558	516,8	1 908 577	439,1	7 374 597	537,1
	June	3 093 403	115,5	1 376 809	78,4	1 709 140	148,0	6 179 352	113,3
	July	3 339 515	40,3	740 397	-4,0	1 699 290	45,0	5 779 202	33,6
	August	3 959 016	25,2	651 129	-9,2	1 806 652	17,4	6 416 797	18,4
	September	3 619 398	18,4	863 449	9,4	1 875 011	11,2	6 357 858	14,9
	October	3 502 694	-11,8	718 344	-33,4	2 235 213	14,5	6 456 251	-7,8

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/
2020	January	2 926 803	5,1	1 153 647	-27,9	1 847 644	-5,1	5 928 094	-6,3
	February	3 330 083	13,8	1 475 114	27,9	2 083 849	12,8	6 889 046	16,2
	March	3 761 080	12,9	1 670 862	13,3	2 054 160	-1,4	7 486 102	8,7
	April	660 988	-82,4	591 877	-64,6	382 839	-81,4	1 635 704	-78,2
	May	647 778	-2,0	146 175	-75,3	373 493	-2,4	1 167 446	-28,6
	June	1 340 468	106,9	771 733	428,0	636 423	70,4	2 748 624	135,4
	July	2 096 139	56,4	771 150	-0,1	994 962	56,3	3 862 251	40,5
	August	2 980 598	42,2	717 362	-7,0	1 516 242	52,4	5 214 202	35,0
	September	2 833 784	-4,9	789 566	10,1	1 460 278	-3,7	5 083 628	-2,5
	October	3 496 832	23,4	1 079 113	36,7	1 732 372	18,6	6 308 317	24,1
	November	3 897 262	11,5	1 988 842	84,3	1 747 242	0,9	7 633 346	21,0
	December	3 546 493	-9,0	735 432	-63,0	1 815 354	3,9	6 097 279	-20,1
2021	January	3 861 048	8,9	317 370	-56,8	1 718 690	-5,3	5 897 108	-3,3
	February	3 755 588	-2,7	2 083 226	556,4	2 012 176	17,1	7 850 990	33,1
	March	3 236 913	-13,8	1 866 504	-10,4	1 913 539	-4,9	7 016 956	-10,6
	April	3 807 122	17,6	1 488 468	-20,3	1 621 542	-15,3	6 917 132	-1,4
	May	4 529 080	19,0	901 558	-39,4	1 992 560	22,9	7 423 198	7,3
	June	2 802 333	-38,1	1 376 809	52,7	1 599 119	-19,7	5 778 261	-22,2
	July	2 961 600	5,7	740 397	-46,2	1 483 950	-7,2	5 185 947	-10,3
	August	3 717 752	25,5	651 129	-12,1	1 691 280	14,0	6 060 161	16,9
	September	3 322 497	-10,6	863 449	32,6	1 675 020	-1,0	5 860 966	-3,3
	October	3 222 246	-3,0	718 344	-16,8	2 081 022	24,2	6 021 612	2,7
	May – Jul 21	10 293 013		3 018 764		5 075 629		18 387 406	
	Aug – Oct 21 2/	10 262 495	-0,3	2 232 922	-26,0	5 447 322	7,3	17 942 739	-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/
2020	January	2 148 619	-33,2	1 477 291	30,8	1 183 302	67,8	4 809 212	-4,8
	February	2 778 801	-24,1	2 973 015	-5,8	1 267 666	27,9	7 019 482	-10,1
	March	2 255 666	-58,7	1 899 216	33,7	995 404	-33,2	5 150 286	-38,5
	April	36 187	-99,2	46 153	-97,2	14 131	-98,6	96 471	-98,6
	May	112 461	-97,9	104 955	-96,6	84 515	-91,8	301 931	-96,8
	June	1 116 026	-82,4	520 306	-58,7	415 366	-52,2	2 051 698	-75,7
	July	2 767 364	-42,3	424 883	-77,7	719 931	-40,1	3 912 178	-50,5
	August	2 504 564	-50,4	1 146 262	-46,4	1 087 927	-12,3	4 738 753	-43,8
	September	2 146 712	-36,9	978 096	-22,5	1 128 749	2,2	4 253 557	-26,3
	October	3 513 106	7,5	1 616 791	-13,1	1 142 690	-15,4	6 272 587	-3,2
	November	2 931 244	-38,6	870 742	-63,0	1 160 531	-5,2	4 962 517	-40,5
	December	3 260 890	10,0	1 405 213	-29,2	867 951	-15,5	5 534 054	-7,4
	Total	25 571 640	-51,3	13 462 923	-42,0	10 068 163	-24,1	49 102 726	-44,8
2021	January	1 555 519	-27,6	592 555	-59,9	557 442	-52,9	2 705 516	-43,7
	February	2 292 037	-17,5	1 278 339	-57,0	868 117	-31,5	4 438 493	-36,8
	March	3 241 970	43,7	484 864	-74,5	1 229 078	23,5	4 955 912	-3,8
	April	2 247 786	6 111,6	1 055 478	2 186,9	974 063	6 793,1	4 277 327	4 333,8
	May	2 577 282	2 191,7	1 177 072	1 021,5	838 562	892,2	4 592 916	1 421,2
	June	2 728 620	144,5	1 040 200	99,9	1 037 899	149,9	4 806 719	134,3
	July	2 502 803	-9,6	1 252 762	194,8	1 355 087	88,2	5 110 652	30,6
	August	2 505 989	0,1	1 188 372	3,7	1 788 633	64,4	5 482 994	15,7
	September	3 026 326	41,0	1 170 212	19,6	1 547 191	37,1	5 743 729	35,0
	October	3 671 708	4,5	1 961 402	21,3	1 352 303	18,3	6 985 413	11,4

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 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/
2020	January	2 834 594	-1,5	1 477 291	-25,6	1 523 742	29,4	5 835 627	-3,4
	February	3 075 916	8,5	2 973 015	101,2	1 255 075	-17,6	7 304 006	25,2
	March	2 280 133	-25,9	1 899 216	-36,1	814 495	-35,1	4 993 844	-31,6
	April	37 379	-98,4	46 153	-97,6	16 873	-97,9	100 405	-98,0
	May	113 720	204,2	104 955	127,4	88 216	422,8	306 891	205,7
	June	1 099 102	866,5	520 306	395,7	404 098	358,1	2 023 506	559,4
	July	2 844 027	158,8	424 883	-18,3	706 351	74,8	3 975 261	96,5
	August	2 613 889	-8,1	1 146 262	169,8	1 004 429	42,2	4 764 580	19,9
	September	1 937 013	-25,9	978 096	-14,7	1 091 904	8,7	4 007 013	-15,9
	October	3 367 743	73,9	1 616 791	65,3	1 060 875	-2,8	6 045 409	50,9
	November	2 317 454	-31,2	870 742	-46,1	1 050 762	-1,0	4 238 958	-29,9
	December	3 160 126	36,4	1 405 213	61,4	1 005 801	-4,3	5 571 140	31,4
2021	January	2 056 874	-34,9	592 555	-57,8	714 960	-28,9	3 364 389	-39,6
	February	2 531 577	23,1	1 278 339	115,7	853 355	19,4	4 663 271	38,6
	March	3 283 590	29,7	484 864	-62,1	1 124 444	31,8	4 892 898	4,9
	April	2 330 450	-29,0	1 055 478	117,7	1 044 902	-7,1	4 430 830	-9,4
	May	2 610 202	12,0	1 177 072	11,5	882 649	-15,5	4 669 923	5,4
	June	2 703 639	3,6	1 040 200	-11,6	1 024 623	16,1	4 768 462	2,1
	July	2 539 928	-6,1	1 252 762	20,4	1 308 037	27,7	5 100 727	7,0
	August	2 610 393	2,8	1 188 372	-5,1	1 631 132	24,7	5 429 897	6,5
	September	2 742 398	5,1	1 170 212	-1,5	1 508 326	-7,5	5 420 936	-0,2
	October	3 512 031	28,1	1 961 402	67,6	1 252 429	-17,0	6 725 862	24,1
	May – Jul 21	7 853 769		3 470 034		3 215 309		14 539 112	
	Aug – Oct 21 2/	8 864 822	12,9	4 319 986	24,5	4 391 887	36,6	17 576 695	20,9

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2/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities for the latest three months compared with the 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/
2020	January	1 729 967	-36,2	1 189 445	24,8	952 739	60,1	3 872 151	-9,1
	February	2 226 603	-27,3	2 382 224	-9,8	1 015 758	22,5	5 624 585	-13,9
	March	1 819 085	-59,7	1 531 626	30,5	802 745	-34,8	4 153 456	-40,0
	April	29 349	-99,2	37 431	-97,2	11 461	-98,6	78 241	-98,6
	May	91 283	-97,9	85 191	-96,7	68 600	-91,9	245 074	-96,8
	June	901 475	-82,6	420 279	-59,3	335 514	-52,9	1 657 268	-76,1
	July	2 212 122	-43,6	339 635	-78,2	575 484	-41,5	3 127 241	-51,6
	August	1 986 173	-51,7	909 010	-47,8	862 749	-14,7	3 757 932	-45,3
	September	1 686 341	-38,7	768 339	-24,8	886 684	-0,8	3 341 364	-28,4
	October	2 736 064	3,6	1 259 183	-16,3	889 945	-18,5	4 885 192	-6,7
	November	2 279 350	-41,1	677 093	-64,5	902 435	-9,1	3 858 878	-43,0
	December	2 525 864	5,5	1 088 469	-32,1	672 309	-19,0	4 286 642	-11,2
	Total	20 223 676	-53,0	10 687 925	-43,8	7 976 423	-26,6	38 888 024	-46,7
2021	January	1 194 715	-30,9	455 111	-61,7	428 143	-55,1	2 077 969	-46,3
	February	1 731 146	-22,3	965 513	-59,5	655 677	-35,4	3 352 336	-40,4
	March	2 421 187	33,1	362 109	-76,4	917 907	14,3	3 701 203	-10,9
	April	1 652 784	5 531,5	776 087	1 973,4	716 223	6 149,2	3 145 094	3 919,8
	May	1 870 306	1 948,9	854 189	902,7	608 536	787,1	3 333 031	1 260,0
	June	1 942 078	115,4	740 356	76,2	738 718	120,2	3 421 152	106,4
	July	1 768 765	-20,0	885 344	160,7	957 659	66,4	3 611 768	15,5
	August	1 763 539	-11,2	836 293	-8,0	1 258 714	45,9	3 858 546	2,7
	September	2 107 469	25,0	814 911	6,1	1 077 431	21,5	3 999 811	19,7
	October	2 546 261	-6,9	1 360 196	8,0	937 797	5,4	4 844 254	-0,8

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/
2020	January	2 272 090	-1,3	1 189 445	-25,8	1 221 436	28,7	4 682 971	-3,5
	February	2 459 653	8,3	2 382 224	100,3	1 004 234	-17,8	5 846 111	24,8
	March	1 847 073	-24,9	1 531 626	-35,7	657 125	-34,6	4 035 824	-31,0
	April	30 335	-98,4	37 431	-97,6	13 704	-97,9	81 470	-98,0
	May	92 415	204,6	85 191	127,6	71 749	423,6	249 355	206,1
	June	891 155	864,3	420 279	393,3	326 848	355,5	1 638 282	557,0
	July	2 273 571	155,1	339 635	-19,2	565 257	72,9	3 178 463	94,0
	August	2 071 720	-8,9	909 010	167,6	797 106	41,0	3 777 836	18,9
	September	1 522 814	-26,5	768 339	-15,5	858 950	7,8	3 150 103	-16,6
	October	2 625 769	72,4	1 259 183	63,9	825 910	-3,8	4 710 862	49,5
	November	1 809 760	-31,1	677 093	-46,2	817 351	-1,0	3 304 204	-29,9
	December	2 422 450	33,9	1 088 469	60,8	777 114	-4,9	4 288 033	29,8
2021	January	1 572 247	-35,1	455 111	-58,2	546 636	-29,7	2 573 994	-40,0
	February	1 906 632	21,3	965 513	112,1	642 965	17,6	3 515 110	36,6
	March	2 464 013	29,2	362 109	-62,5	838 688	30,4	3 664 810	4,3
	April	1 714 080	-30,4	776 087	114,3	770 358	-8,1	3 260 525	-11,0
	May	1 895 452	10,6	854 189	10,1	641 711	-16,7	3 391 352	4,0
	June	1 931 589	1,9	740 356	-13,3	730 050	13,8	3 401 995	0,3
	July	1 794 777	-7,1	885 344	19,6	925 696	26,8	3 605 817	6,0
	August	1 836 256	2,3	836 293	-5,5	1 149 052	24,1	3 821 601	6,0
	September	1 912 135	4,1	814 911	-2,6	1 052 420	-8,4	3 779 466	-1,1
	October	2 438 767	27,5	1 360 196	66,9	868 995	-17,4	4 667 958	23,5
	May – Jul 21	5 621 818		2 479 889		2 297 457		10 399 164	
	Aug – Oct 21 2/	6 187 158	10,1	3 011 400	21,4	3 070 467	33,6	12 269 025	18,0

1/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the relevant month compared with the 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 2020	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Jan – Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	928	1 933	2 440	9 495	10 235	7,8
		square metres	48 706	85 722	123 353	454 465	505 708	11,3
		R'000	302 169	441 229	684 807	2 173 733	3 051 983	40,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 363	1 538	1 466	8 040	13 308	65,5
		square metres	389 551	434 800	395 930	2 218 590	3 664 287	65,2
		R'000	2 998 061	3 491 247	3 076 555	16 744 744	28 386 376	69,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 844	1 021	1 222	13 058	19 325	48,0
		square metres	189 047	138 990	151 199	1 380 554	1 934 224	40,1
		R'000	1 700 014	1 197 742	1 277 074	11 838 329	17 257 419	45,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	12 159	7 910	1 571	37 577	96 286	156,2
		R'000	99 153	67 238	12 449	286 220	749 072	161,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	5 099 397	5 197 456	5 050 885	31 043 026	49 444 850	59,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	6 955	17 394	12 999	197 273	243 469	23,4
		R'000	51 623	188 448	122 950	1 602 101	2 232 718	39,4
	Shopping space	square metres	69 380	10 181	11 856	386 775	374 615	-3,1
		R'000	519 363	85 499	85 614	3 050 391	2 895 570	-5,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	101 679	142 630	94 416	733 248	1 290 093	75,9
		R'000	663 829	882 609	601 305	4 862 082	8 134 539	67,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	22 279	12 989	27 376	262 827	263 588	0,3
		R'000	150 766	83 357	225 983	1 956 344	1 857 592	-5,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 385 581	1 239 913	1 035 852	11 470 918	15 120 419	31,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	248 208	244 431	268 084	1 525 904	2 380 130	56,0
		R'000	1 934 698	1 978 037	2 164 223	11 562 347	18 742 692	62,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	55 159	80 405	119 197	492 713	624 710	26,8
		R'000	571 098	714 479	1 058 954	4 905 364	6 025 560	22,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 505 796	2 692 516	3 223 177	16 467 711	24 768 252	50,4
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	8 990 774	9 129 885	9 309 914	58 981 655	89 333 521	51,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Jan – Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	467	957	441	2 029	2 711	33,6
		square metres	21 759	40 988	20 832	95 493	123 406	29,2
		R'000	127 197	219 046	129 438	565 216	724 172	28,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	432	628	468	2 669	4 328	62,2
		square metres	108 570	159 959	122 974	693 947	1 125 407	62,2
		R'000	735 973	1 165 170	865 937	4 713 681	7 894 642	67,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	799	363	444	5 012	6 389	27,5
		square metres	63 682	51 035	59 199	459 712	645 330	40,4
		R'000	496 427	402 641	466 228	3 616 578	4 997 608	38,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 012	0	503	16 172	58 423	261,3
		R'000	18 913	0	2 768	123 353	447 992	263,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 378 510	1 786 857	1 464 371	9 018 828	14 064 414	55,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	200	1 881	1 047	90 971	50 669	-44,3
		R'000	1 600	16 459	7 605	749 888	371 945	-50,4
	Shopping space	square metres	18 672	6 777	4 620	122 234	60 802	-50,3
		R'000	162 439	56 998	33 070	1 005 187	486 943	-51,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	36 851	1 075	17 257	251 268	199 379	-20,7
		R'000	253 585	7 481	111 577	1 777 756	1 338 936	-24,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	9 031	9 287	11 269	129 393	127 979	-1,1
		R'000	64 166	60 319	68 227	957 559	877 409	-8,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	481 790	141 257	220 479	4 490 390	3 075 233	-31,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	65 078	71 405	73 992	518 655	727 306	40,2
		R'000	434 473	493 420	487 594	3 443 337	4 981 288	44,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	28 814	29 495	21 915	238 921	217 510	-9,0
		R'000	279 595	300 068	236 753	2 457 970	2 283 662	-7,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	714 068	793 488	724 347	5 901 307	7 264 950	23,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 574 368	2 721 602	2 409 197	19 410 525	24 404 597	25,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Jan – Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	12	717	110	153	2 040	1 233,3
		square metres	720	29 499	5 892	9 119	92 545	914,9
		R'000	3 803	127 198	38 847	57 837	420 123	626,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	108	82	105	650	1 127	73,4
		square metres	22 601	24 491	23 731	150 096	286 049	90,6
		R'000	164 543	187 371	182 686	1 067 138	2 106 462	97,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	94	48	29	234	656	180,3
		square metres	8 439	4 010	3 066	23 514	76 861	226,9
		R'000	59 983	28 778	23 230	163 096	558 136	242,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	3 662	0	0	3 852	570	-85,2
		R'000	26 476	0	0	27 900	3 224	-88,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	254 805	343 347	244 763	1 315 971	3 087 945	134,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	4 020	9 796	8 037	-18,0
		R'000	0	0	30 870	62 618	55 873	-10,8
	Shopping space	square metres	0	168	0	33 434	59 786	78,8
		R'000	0	968	0	231 403	427 755	84,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	5 336	3 976	48 051	133 496	177,8
		R'000	0	39 749	29 529	303 312	955 055	214,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	696	3 679	11 683	217,6
		R'000	0	0	5 166	23 591	82 683	250,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	40 717	65 565	620 924	1 521 366	145,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	20 247	23 674	19 406	124 013	226 624	82,7
		R'000	146 500	177 827	144 638	866 558	1 635 574	88,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 116	9 582	51 911	28 444	100 543	253,5
		R'000	22 055	73 561	388 274	223 509	766 744	243,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	168 555	251 388	532 912	1 090 067	2 402 318	120,4
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	423 360	635 452	843 240	3 026 962	7 011 629	131,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Jan – Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	7	23	14	67	378,6
		square metres	0	357	1 304	776	3 806	390,5
		R'000	0	3 041	11 252	6 647	33 062	397,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	26	20	31	154	172	11,7
		square metres	6 220	5 729	6 269	37 776	40 490	7,2
		R'000	52 549	47 438	52 450	312 576	336 466	7,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	104	145	39,4
		square metres	0	0	0	9 687	9 143	-5,6
		R'000	0	0	0	84 622	78 915	-6,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	5 005	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	41 041	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	52 549	50 479	63 702	444 886	448 443	0,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	879	0	332	2 590	2 167	-16,3
		R'000	7 559	0	2 909	20 421	18 690	-8,5
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	1 609	276	-82,8
		R'000	0	0	0	9 709	2 374	-75,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	987	2 033	12 851	14 763	14,9
		R'000	0	7 998	16 467	107 993	124 040	14,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	7 676	762	-90,1
		R'000	0	0	0	67 145	6 438	-90,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	7 559	7 998	19 376	205 268	151 542	-26,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 926	5 823	3 911	25 987	29 739	14,4
		R'000	50 893	48 181	31 927	218 438	246 489	12,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	968	195	574	3 121	2 362	-24,3
		R'000	8 965	7 024	6 710	30 013	39 208	30,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	59 858	55 205	38 637	248 451	285 697	15,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	119 966	113 682	121 715	898 605	885 682	-1,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Jan – Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	21	5	18	181	145	-19,9
		square metres	1 231	284	1 046	10 523	8 717	-17,2
		R'000	10 080	2 374	8 805	85 196	71 550	-16,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	34	54	60	354	586	65,5
		square metres	6 807	12 659	13 481	74 536	120 548	61,7
		R'000	49 103	94 879	97 124	556 219	903 256	62,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	6	0	4	208	70	-66,3
		square metres	308	0	746	22 860	10 190	-55,4
		R'000	2 598	0	6 685	180 356	86 712	-51,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	240	105	808	3 840	375,2
		R'000	0	1 843	806	6 145	27 580	348,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	61 781	99 096	113 420	827 916	1 089 098	31,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	90	0	0	5 845	1 047	-82,1
		R'000	629	0	0	47 120	9 379	-80,1
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	887	13 216	1 390,0
		R'000	0	0	0	6 378	99 537	1 460,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 763	956	455	25 364	10 206	-59,8
		R'000	11 989	5 506	2 832	149 965	64 558	-57,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	356	0	2 467	24 169	879,7
		R'000	0	2 050	0	19 029	144 303	658,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	12 618	7 556	2 832	222 492	317 777	42,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 282	6 435	6 126	68 507	83 620	22,1
		R'000	39 808	47 414	48 395	509 864	611 223	19,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	173	4 561	636	15 197	14 519	-4,5
		R'000	1 955	35 584	7 526	145 602	116 039	-20,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	41 763	82 998	55 921	655 466	727 262	11,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	116 162	189 650	172 173	1 705 874	2 134 137	25,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Jan – Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	35	25	160	204	27,5
		square metres	625	2 201	1 469	9 174	11 884	29,5
		R'000	5 011	14 979	13 782	76 728	99 128	29,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	92	121	114	717	1 002	39,7
		square metres	34 084	40 581	35 968	242 315	318 194	31,3
		R'000	342 525	420 248	356 006	2 364 551	3 177 114	34,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	216	164	525	1 824	4 182	129,3
		square metres	44 350	21 532	59 940	227 775	407 858	79,1
		R'000	425 675	209 251	562 599	2 405 849	4 250 270	76,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	5 531	279	553	6 066	14 637	141,3
		R'000	47 629	2 232	6 083	51 707	119 500	131,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	820 840	646 710	938 470	4 898 835	7 646 012	56,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	3 166	7 600	6 354	25 788	305,9
		R'000	0	37 992	81 566	58 264	236 373	305,7
	Shopping space	square metres	8 837	627	1 767	115 796	40 627	-64,9
		R'000	97 207	4 703	17 600	983 769	396 522	-59,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	31 443	52 924	7 140	124 504	477 233	283,3
		R'000	197 533	325 868	42 460	864 309	2 943 977	240,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	5 168	261	2 553	30 253	23 607	-22,0
		R'000	39 071	2 088	25 627	265 462	192 276	-27,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	333 811	370 651	167 253	2 171 804	3 769 148	73,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	29 826	31 658	35 368	162 482	305 199	87,8
		R'000	305 769	326 584	371 272	1 657 012	3 125 747	88,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	8 501	6 825	11 525	67 086	122 693	82,9
		R'000	115 132	79 347	121 873	882 399	1 350 734	53,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	420 901	405 931	493 145	2 539 411	4 476 481	76,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 575 552	1 423 292	1 598 868	9 610 050	15 891 641	65,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Jan – Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	38	5	1 618	125	-92,3
		square metres	706	2 198	261	66 799	6 832	-89,8
		R'000	4 049	13 487	1 680	180 730	41 478	-77,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	79	71	148	544	984	80,9
		square metres	20 126	19 228	36 631	130 183	248 288	90,7
		R'000	128 847	136 625	246 328	818 904	1 632 675	99,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	11	36	17	221	683	209,0
		square metres	1 489	3 160	956	22 196	59 786	169,4
		R'000	8 125	18 769	5 524	146 236	376 576	157,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	3 156	1 373	-56,5
		R'000	0	0	0	20 381	9 300	-54,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	141 021	168 881	253 532	1 166 251	2 060 029	76,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	216	0	2 659	1 547	-41,8
		R'000	0	1 244	0	15 265	9 237	-39,5
	Shopping space	square metres	35 898	0	4 078	60 959	114 881	88,5
		R'000	203 266	0	24 343	366 051	674 181	84,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 558	2 943	6 364	21 406	14 737	-31,2
		R'000	32 236	20 729	43 701	127 814	95 101	-25,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	331	941	2 980	5 233	22 440	328,8
		R'000	1 795	5 419	20 898	32 151	139 631	334,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	237 297	27 392	88 942	541 281	918 150	69,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 644	10 000	16 146	76 574	122 876	60,5
		R'000	88 073	64 474	105 831	466 943	775 323	66,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	792	1 252	816	11 501	23 224	101,9
		R'000	4 298	35 442	11 663	105 844	249 159	135,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	92 371	99 916	117 494	572 787	1 024 482	78,9
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	470 689	296 189	459 968	2 280 319	4 002 661	75,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Jan – Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	342	166	1 801	5 024	4 739	-5,7
		square metres	19 966	9 822	91 585	244 567	246 518	0,8
		R'000	130 606	58 916	475 430	1 099 138	1 592 328	44,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	356	385	330	2 024	3 426	69,3
		square metres	109 622	123 674	101 003	591 152	1 056 493	78,7
		R'000	979 886	1 119 406	908 247	4 970 159	9 367 104	88,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	654	406	143	5 058	6 768	33,8
		square metres	65 238	58 841	12 835	591 700	668 336	13,0
		R'000	672 089	535 561	120 298	5 105 704	6 557 109	28,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	7 391	180	1 564	13 819	783,6
		R'000	0	63 163	1 221	9 558	118 152	1 136,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 782 581	1 777 046	1 505 196	11 184 559	17 634 693	57,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	400	12 131	0	27 752	152 393	449,1
		R'000	5 059	132 753	0	304 319	1 519 563	399,3
	Shopping space	square metres	3 485	1 540	726	25 589	72 417	183,0
		R'000	36 943	16 674	5 064	266 152	727 242	173,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	13 379	75 871	48 431	181 723	398 397	119,2
		R'000	83 894	454 142	302 889	1 082 502	2 343 930	116,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 627	942	8 725	56 976	45 303	-20,5
		R'000	17 512	6 389	99 480	396 937	370 972	-6,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	143 408	609 958	407 433	2 049 910	4 961 707	142,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	81 930	73 565	90 973	442 275	704 723	59,3
		R'000	710 045	678 633	834 866	3 747 189	6 252 656	66,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	7 448	21 018	27 075	114 324	117 464	2,7
		R'000	87 851	136 513	251 299	870 396	971 686	11,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	797 896	815 146	1 086 165	4 617 585	7 224 342	56,5
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 723 885	3 202 150	2 998 794	17 852 054	29 820 742	67,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Jan – Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	50	8	14	237	125	-47,3
		square metres	2 748	373	785	13 410	7 026	-47,6
		R'000	15 693	2 188	4 417	74 710	39 786	-46,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	171	103	146	632	1 130	78,8
		square metres	59 375	26 996	35 065	197 414	290 371	47,1
		R'000	408 920	179 047	233 275	1 330 915	1 874 330	40,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	13	153	1 076,9
		square metres	0	0	0	2 017	16 545	720,3
		R'000	0	0	0	11 047	101 366	817,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	424 613	181 235	237 692	1 416 672	2 015 482	42,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	5 386	0	0	50 683	378	-99,3
		R'000	36 776	0	0	340 614	2 964	-99,1
	Shopping space	square metres	2 488	1 069	665	22 338	12 075	-45,9
		R'000	19 508	6 156	5 537	157 285	77 575	-50,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	13 685	2 538	5 054	53 224	19 929	-62,6
		R'000	84 592	21 136	32 768	362 168	140 792	-61,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	4 594	1 202	0	22 955	5 589	-75,7
		R'000	24 913	7 092	0	167 024	32 164	-80,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	165 789	34 384	38 305	1 027 091	253 495	-75,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	19 565	16 887	14 790	77 670	131 233	69,0
		R'000	124 577	109 781	92 076	472 828	813 611	72,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 295	3 045	303	8 860	6 480	-26,9
		R'000	38 409	19 057	2 207	134 917	82 412	-38,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	162 986	128 838	94 283	607 745	896 023	47,4
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	753 388	344 457	370 280	3 051 508	3 165 000	3,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Oct 2020	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Jan – Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	0	3	79	79	0,0
		square metres	951	0	179	4 604	4 974	8,0
		R'000	5 730	0	1 156	27 531	30 356	10,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	65	74	64	296	553	86,8
		square metres	22 146	21 483	20 808	101 171	178 447	76,4
		R'000	135 715	141 063	134 502	610 601	1 094 327	79,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	64	4	60	384	279	-27,3
		square metres	5 541	412	14 457	21 093	40 175	90,5
		R'000	35 117	2 742	92 510	124 841	250 727	100,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	954	0	230	954	3 624	279,9
		R'000	6 135	0	1 571	6 135	23 324	280,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	182 697	143 805	229 739	769 108	1 398 734	81,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	623	1 443	131,6
		R'000	0	0	0	3 592	8 694	142,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	3 929	535	-86,4
		R'000	0	0	0	24 457	3 441	-85,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	3 706	14 857	21 953	47,8
		R'000	0	0	19 082	86 263	128 150	48,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	528	0	1 153	4 195	2 056	-51,0
		R'000	3 309	0	6 585	27 446	11 716	-57,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	3 309	0	25 667	141 758	152 001	7,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 710	4 984	7 372	29 741	48 810	64,1
		R'000	34 560	31 723	47 624	180 178	300 781	66,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 052	4 432	4 442	5 259	19 915	278,7
		R'000	12 838	27 883	32 649	54 714	165 916	203,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	47 398	59 606	80 273	234 892	466 697	98,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	233 404	203 411	335 679	1 145 758	2 017 432	76,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Oct 2020	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Jan – Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	755	1 027	1 034	5 941	6 747	13,6
		square metres	38 990	50 800	51 818	300 768	350 074	16,4
		R'000	248 820	331 756	370 208	1 788 537	2 295 930	28,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	945	834	873	5 128	6 845	33,5
		square metres	228 309	200 992	204 811	1 263 250	1 709 806	35,3
		R'000	1 838 097	1 643 972	1 610 974	9 737 272	13 490 590	38,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 414	1 386	1 254	7 329	11 822	61,3
		square metres	167 852	121 589	165 131	888 280	1 164 549	31,1
		R'000	1 401 189	1 050 598	1 620 202	7 591 322	10 034 780	32,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 603	0	8 619	27 615	57 169	107,0
		R'000	25 000	0	70 324	262 375	528 740	101,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	3 513 106	3 026 326	3 671 708	19 379 506	26 350 040	36,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	22 634	2 343	25 523	368 504	179 392	-51,3
		R'000	209 780	20 255	313 201	3 498 247	1 609 409	-54,0
	Shopping space	square metres	44 235	82 927	104 517	211 301	438 478	107,5
		R'000	462 198	605 654	930 531	1 830 585	3 565 010	94,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	129 591	75 227	89 635	802 341	761 084	-5,1
		R'000	800 979	481 167	558 540	5 041 397	4 879 919	-3,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	15 401	9 659	21 991	109 934	147 407	34,1
		R'000	143 834	63 136	159 130	816 739	1 146 918	40,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 616 791	1 170 212	1 961 402	11 186 968	11 201 256	0,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	76 831	111 497	116 874	562 079	872 754	55,3
		R'000	623 172	822 917	838 524	4 287 034	6 596 363	53,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	51 611	80 284	47 870	348 274	473 501	36,0
		R'000	519 518	724 274	513 779	3 752 647	4 952 012	32,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 142 690	1 547 191	1 352 303	8 039 681	11 548 375	43,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	6 272 587	5 743 729	6 985 413	38 606 155	49 099 671	27,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Jan – Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	222	500	431	1 664	2 671	60,5
		square metres	9 618	22 475	19 372	74 526	120 554	61,8
		R'000	52 915	131 756	113 346	410 367	684 898	66,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	304	278	277	1 843	2 336	26,7
		square metres	66 548	67 845	64 997	436 328	556 540	27,6
		R'000	482 924	463 839	432 175	3 021 485	3 799 240	25,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	467	639	280	2 868	5 482	91,1
		square metres	65 594	53 852	39 768	323 584	484 873	49,8
		R'000	530 785	422 630	302 361	2 606 857	3 769 909	44,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	408	7 166	22 544	214,6
		R'000	0	0	2 245	48 427	182 290	276,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 066 624	1 018 225	850 127	6 087 136	8 436 337	38,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	13 494	1 943	1 047	71 516	100 872	41,0
		R'000	120 151	15 044	7 605	584 320	820 500	40,4
	Shopping space	square metres	8 115	34 826	4 536	74 694	86 725	16,1
		R'000	72 593	300 723	33 233	575 810	713 857	24,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	36 733	29 972	25 197	124 249	247 269	99,0
		R'000	245 528	210 567	170 607	846 531	1 690 769	99,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	7 448	4 338	4 395	56 868	44 455	-21,8
		R'000	57 185	26 922	27 391	401 371	303 084	-24,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	495 457	553 256	238 836	2 408 032	3 528 210	46,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	27 675	68 953	56 393	271 127	452 679	67,0
		R'000	195 155	434 483	353 599	1 884 252	2 980 256	58,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	21 381	67 062	30 597	217 511	295 527	35,9
		R'000	209 727	567 001	335 931	2 498 738	3 253 125	30,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	404 882	1 001 484	689 530	4 382 990	6 233 381	42,2
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 966 963	2 572 965	1 778 493	12 878 158	18 197 928	41,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Jan – Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	30	11	95	127	33,7
		square metres	194	1 676	561	5 520	7 150	29,5
		R'000	1 136	12 478	4 041	35 487	48 809	37,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	32	39	36	296	400	35,1
		square metres	6 959	6 140	8 414	58 585	95 293	62,7
		R'000	51 824	46 625	64 970	416 449	705 493	69,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1	44	4	102	254	149,0
		square metres	145	4 072	542	9 925	21 321	114,8
		R'000	1 048	31 269	4 162	68 877	155 924	126,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	26	0	26	..
		R'000	0	0	200	0	200	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	54 008	90 372	73 373	520 813	910 426	74,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 070	10 537	884,8
		R'000	0	0	0	7 047	77 245	996,1
	Shopping space	square metres	445	0	0	445	3 605	710,1
		R'000	3 217	0	0	3 217	23 466	629,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	8 701	82 129	113 931	38,7
		R'000	0	0	65 330	547 435	816 033	49,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	243	15 891	1 852	19 012	926,6
		R'000	0	1 866	118 099	9 607	141 133	1 369,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	3 217	1 866	183 429	567 306	1 057 877	86,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 019	4 583	7 141	63 814	83 734	31,2
		R'000	43 233	34 583	53 529	444 964	606 529	36,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	539	1 847	6 128	23 098	22 859	-1,0
		R'000	3 897	14 561	51 111	166 691	200 874	20,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	47 130	49 144	104 640	611 655	807 403	32,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	104 355	141 382	361 442	1 699 774	2 775 706	63,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Jan – Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	0	19	5	34	580,0
		square metres	136	0	1 404	308	2 281	640,6
		R'000	1 170	0	12 303	2 650	19 904	651,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	18	10	32	98	104	6,1
		square metres	3 120	2 231	5 022	21 293	22 719	6,7
		R'000	26 832	18 078	42 737	178 628	192 216	7,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	16	11	-31,3
		square metres	0	0	0	1 115	1 035	-7,2
		R'000	0	0	0	9 339	8 901	-4,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	500	1 117	123,4
		R'000	0	0	0	4 300	9 789	127,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	28 002	18 078	55 040	194 917	230 810	18,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	400	0	341	400	615	53,8
		R'000	3 440	0	2 762	3 440	5 118	48,8
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	4 775	1 190	-75,1
		R'000	0	0	0	39 155	10 429	-73,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 651	293	0	13 768	1 379	-90,0
		R'000	22 799	2 374	0	116 214	11 714	-89,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	145	0	0	1 470	195	-86,7
		R'000	1 247	0	0	12 440	1 677	-86,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	27 486	2 374	2 762	171 249	28 938	-83,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 579	2 797	2 934	16 862	21 232	25,9
		R'000	22 179	22 664	23 791	143 673	179 125	24,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 268	112	570	5 392	8 451	56,7
		R'000	20 068	1 018	5 417	47 927	74 338	55,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	42 247	23 682	29 208	191 600	253 463	32,3
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	97 735	44 134	87 010	557 766	513 211	-8,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Jan – Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	4	20	78	242	210,3
		square metres	0	232	1 214	4 740	14 693	210,0
		R'000	0	1 722	10 777	38 137	124 358	226,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	7	7	9	100	183	83,0
		square metres	1 600	1 935	1 523	23 335	32 804	40,6
		R'000	10 010	14 796	12 271	168 371	246 490	46,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	36	35	-2,8
		square metres	0	0	0	10 313	4 012	-61,1
		R'000	0	0	0	83 246	33 393	-59,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	605	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	4 942	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	10 010	16 518	23 048	289 754	409 183	41,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	6 713	147	-97,8
		R'000	0	0	0	54 187	1 091	-98,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	2 970	538	-81,9
		R'000	0	0	0	23 974	3 640	-84,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	866	0	0	15 415	6 315	-59,0
		R'000	6 052	0	0	122 231	46 469	-62,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	0	471	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	2 653	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	6 052	0	0	200 392	53 853	-73,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	780	3 396	5 668	7 483	16 264	117,3
		R'000	5 248	21 842	34 193	46 919	103 833	121,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	0	3 440	628	-81,7
		R'000	317	0	0	39 534	5 645	-85,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	5 565	21 842	34 193	86 453	109 478	26,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	21 627	38 360	57 241	576 599	572 514	-0,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Jan – Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	17	9	5	113	74	-34,5
		square metres	911	525	296	6 753	4 373	-35,2
		R'000	9 152	6 247	3 195	68 823	43 316	-37,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	78	90	52	461	501	8,7
		square metres	22 927	18 323	15 949	122 019	154 733	26,8
		R'000	240 975	208 466	167 390	1 286 107	1 613 339	25,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	77	258	237	989	893	-9,7
		square metres	12 501	19 857	34 972	124 299	108 560	-12,7
		R'000	130 677	196 262	403 071	1 296 392	1 087 947	-16,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	13 463	24 068	78,8
		R'000	0	0	0	148 937	259 649	74,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	380 804	410 975	573 656	2 800 259	3 004 251	7,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	965	0	5 079	28 681	25 062	-12,6
		R'000	10 615	0	54 989	296 438	267 517	-9,8
	Shopping space	square metres	2 162	4 810	21 102	16 873	101 159	499,5
		R'000	23 782	53 843	147 598	142 083	880 039	519,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	17 169	9 200	1 078	347 589	80 300	-76,9
		R'000	103 014	55 200	8 624	2 090 068	507 356	-75,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	7 578	678	1 705	8 445	5 362	-36,5
		R'000	84 016	7 458	13 640	93 238	37 133	-60,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	221 427	116 501	224 851	2 621 827	1 692 045	-35,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 076	10 120	9 175	65 298	92 605	41,8
		R'000	159 912	116 691	105 303	713 683	1 054 722	47,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 713	6 248	5 350	14 337	53 869	275,7
		R'000	49 927	82 953	61 510	212 928	633 837	197,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	209 839	199 644	166 813	926 611	1 688 559	82,2
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	812 070	727 120	965 320	6 348 697	6 384 855	0,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Jan – Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	19	9	39	70	187	167,1
		square metres	1 203	630	2 115	4 381	11 163	154,8
		R'000	6 685	3 654	14 009	24 093	65 927	173,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	89	43	74	361	502	39,1
		square metres	22 541	11 270	17 051	79 505	115 444	45,2
		R'000	150 015	77 147	121 608	516 419	763 058	47,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	232	0	5	391	184	-52,9
		square metres	18 909	0	874	36 434	21 707	-40,4
		R'000	133 916	0	5 112	247 307	141 802	-42,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 260	0	0	1 260	0	-100,0
		R'000	9 110	0	0	9 110	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	299 726	80 801	140 729	796 929	970 787	21,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	442	0	0	4 596	7 339	59,7
		R'000	3 196	0	0	27 178	42 368	55,9
	Shopping space	square metres	1 013	43 291	9 832	13 893	119 727	761,8
		R'000	5 853	251 088	57 031	92 139	709 928	670,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	6 472	0	5 151	9 764	89,6
		R'000	0	44 476	0	30 852	66 276	114,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	2 194	520	-76,3
		R'000	0	0	0	12 255	3 993	-67,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	9 049	295 564	57 031	162 424	822 565	406,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 777	741	9 101	20 703	21 428	3,5
		R'000	69 186	4 811	60 396	137 722	132 462	-3,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	5 081	2 055	507	5 603	16 641	197,0
		R'000	36 902	14 728	3 744	57 316	151 005	163,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	106 088	19 539	64 140	195 038	283 467	45,3
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	414 863	395 904	261 900	1 154 391	2 076 819	79,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Jan – Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	469	449	459	3 686	3 175	-13,9
		square metres	25 547	23 721	23 744	191 880	175 863	-8,3
		R'000	169 444	166 036	189 079	1 139 630	1 220 486	7,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	293	298	301	1 512	2 266	49,9
		square metres	77 501	75 575	73 566	403 284	591 254	46,6
		R'000	678 264	693 668	639 989	3 372 029	5 199 745	54,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	605	398	709	2 729	4 814	76,4
		square metres	68 484	38 698	86 615	366 293	507 683	38,6
		R'000	591 394	367 584	889 884	3 182 424	4 740 112	48,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 343	0	180	5 226	664	-87,3
		R'000	15 890	0	1 221	51 601	4 312	-91,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 454 992	1 227 288	1 720 173	7 745 684	11 164 655	44,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	6 710	400	18 996	253 801	27 111	-89,3
		R'000	68 624	5 211	247 461	2 515 921	335 276	-86,7
	Shopping space	square metres	32 500	0	69 047	76 538	115 114	50,4
		R'000	356 753	0	692 669	790 661	1 158 117	46,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	54 436	26 304	54 134	171 047	292 814	71,2
		R'000	316 727	150 932	310 620	1 009 991	1 684 649	66,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	436	0	21 378	71 596	234,9
		R'000	0	3 502	0	168 082	622 108	270,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	742 104	159 645	1 250 750	4 484 655	3 800 150	-15,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 646	19 295	20 829	95 958	166 717	73,7
		R'000	111 774	177 227	167 217	795 753	1 418 931	78,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	15 846	2 776	4 066	69 150	71 228	3,0
		R'000	167 911	30 188	39 552	628 896	546 752	-13,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	279 685	207 415	206 769	1 424 649	1 965 683	38,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 476 781	1 594 348	3 177 692	13 654 988	16 930 488	24,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Jan – Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	12	6	36	158	134	-15,2
		square metres	711	313	2 274	8 552	7 738	-9,5
		R'000	4 281	2 005	18 096	44 821	49 306	10,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	108	39	70	288	315	9,4
		square metres	22 533	6 933	11 953	66 634	72 892	9,4
		R'000	170 124	53 490	89 652	469 393	554 007	18,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	16	8	26	34	30,8
		square metres	0	1 426	616	3 306	2 858	-13,6
		R'000	0	9 182	4 452	17 521	18 952	8,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	8 005	0	8 005	..
		R'000	0	0	66 658	0	66 658	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	174 405	64 677	178 858	531 735	688 923	29,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	863	6 680	674,0
		R'000	0	0	0	4 573	54 071	1 082,4
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	20 149	7 840	-61,1
		R'000	0	0	0	157 988	51 456	-67,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	2 986	0	16 809	7 594	-54,8
		R'000	0	17 618	0	120 082	45 882	-61,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	3 964	0	9 586	3 964	-58,6
		R'000	0	23 388	0	72 745	23 388	-67,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	41 006	0	355 388	174 797	-50,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 152	632	4 746	17 094	12 400	-27,5
		R'000	15 865	4 393	35 008	98 956	86 592	-12,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 583	28	652	5 042	2 261	-55,2
		R'000	28 564	10 827	13 954	64 637	57 604	-10,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	44 429	15 220	48 962	163 593	144 196	-11,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	218 834	120 903	227 820	1 050 716	1 007 916	-4,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2020	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Jan – Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	20	14	72	103	43,1
		square metres	670	1 228	838	4 108	6 259	52,4
		R'000	4 037	7 858	5 362	24 529	38 926	58,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	16	30	22	169	238	40,8
		square metres	4 580	10 740	6 336	52 267	68 127	30,3
		R'000	27 129	67 863	40 182	308 391	417 002	35,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	32	31	11	172	115	-33,1
		square metres	2 219	3 684	1 744	13 011	12 500	-3,9
		R'000	13 369	23 671	11 160	79 359	77 840	-1,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	140	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	900	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	44 535	99 392	56 704	412 279	534 668	29,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	623	0	60	864	1 029	19,1
		R'000	3 754	0	384	5 143	6 223	21,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	964	2 580	167,6
		R'000	0	0	0	5 558	14 078	153,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	17 736	0	525	26 184	1 718	-93,4
		R'000	106 859	0	3 359	157 993	10 771	-93,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	230	0	0	8 141	1 832	-77,5
		R'000	1 386	0	0	47 001	11 749	-75,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	111 999	0	3 743	215 695	42 821	-80,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	127	980	887	3 740	5 695	52,3
		R'000	620	6 223	5 488	21 112	33 913	60,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	200	156	0	4 701	2 037	-56,7
		R'000	2 205	2 998	2 560	35 980	28 832	-19,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 825	9 221	8 048	57 092	62 745	9,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	159 359	108 613	68 495	685 066	640 234	-6,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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 2021 was 85,6%. The improved collection rate for September 2021 was 86,5%.
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	<p>Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore, the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for building statistics is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at Click to download building statistics seasonal adjustment May 2017</p> <p>Note: Owing to the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown, additive outlier adjustments were performed. The methodology will be reviewed as more data points are added to the time series.</p>
Trend cycle	12	The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.
Revised figures	13	Revised figures are due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or to respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. Figures for the latest two years are therefore preliminary. Data are edited at municipal level.
	14	Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> is published with the revised and updated information at provincial and municipal level for the previous calendar year. Due to this comprehensive revision, the monthly statistical release P5041.1 reflects provincial revision where applicable.
Related publications	15	<p>Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P5041.3: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> issued annually; • P9101.2: <i>Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region</i> issued annually; and • <i>Building Statistics</i> (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.
Rounding-off of figures	16	Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.
Symbols and abbreviations	17	.. Changes from a zero in the preceding period cannot be calculated as a percentage.
	0	Nil or figure too small to publish.
	*	Revised.
	Stats SA	Statistics South Africa.
	SIC	Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities.
	ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities.

Glossary

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

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