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Key findings for January to October 2025

Building plans passed at current prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2024 and Jan – Oct 2025	% change between Jan – Oct 2024 and Jan – Oct 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	41 138 527	38 906 440	-2 232 087	-5,4
-Dwelling-houses	25 913 301	27 060 579	1 147 278	4,4
-Flats and townhouses	14 094 253	10 635 486	-3 458 767	-24,5
-Other residential buildings	1 130 973	1 210 375	79 402	7,0
Non-residential buildings	21 063 658	19 346 617	-1 717 041	-8,2
Additions and alterations	23 739 596	25 500 113	1 760 517	7,4
Total	85 941 781	83 753 170	-2 188 611	-2,5

The value of building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 2,5% (-R2 188,6 million) during January to October 2025 compared with January to October 2024. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-R2 232,1 million) and non-residential buildings (-R1 717,0 million). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (R1 760,5 million) – see Table A.

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

Province	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	Weight Jan – Oct 2024	% change between Jan – Oct 2024 and Jan – Oct 2025	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Oct 2024 and Jan – Oct 2025 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2024 and Jan – Oct 2025
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	27 148 996	30 005 506	31,6	10,5	3,3	2 856 510
Eastern Cape	4 454 811	5 745 941	5,2	29,0	1,5	1 291 130
Northern Cape	995 621	777 081	1,2	-22,0	-0,3	-218 540
Free State	2 043 898	2 254 238	2,4	10,3	0,2	210 340
KwaZulu-Natal	13 078 279	11 988 975	15,2	-8,3	-1,3	-1 089 304
North West	3 193 152	2 761 631	3,7	-13,5	-0,5	-431 521
Gauteng	28 322 487	23 415 919	33,0	-17,3	-5,7	-4 906 568
Mpumalanga	4 909 806	4 888 456	5,7	-0,4	0,0	-21 350
Limpopo	1 794 731	1 915 423	2,1	6,7	0,1	120 692
Total	85 941 781	83 753 170	100,0	-2,5	-2,5	-2 188 611

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

The largest negative contributors to the total decrease of 2,5% (-R2 188,6 million) were Gauteng (contributing -5,7 percentage points or -R4 906,6 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -1,3 percentage points or -R1 089,3 million).

The largest positive contributors were Western Cape (contributing 3,3 percentage points or R2 856,5 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing 1,5 percentage points or R1 291,1 million) – see Table B.

Building plans passed at constant 2019 prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2024 and Jan – Oct 2025	% change between Jan – Oct 2024 and Jan – Oct 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	30 071 261	27 817 140	-2 254 121	-7,5
Non-residential buildings	15 382 139	13 821 611	-1 560 528	-10,1
Additions and alterations	17 348 375	18 231 430	883 055	5,1
Total	62 801 775	59 870 181	-2 931 594	-4,7

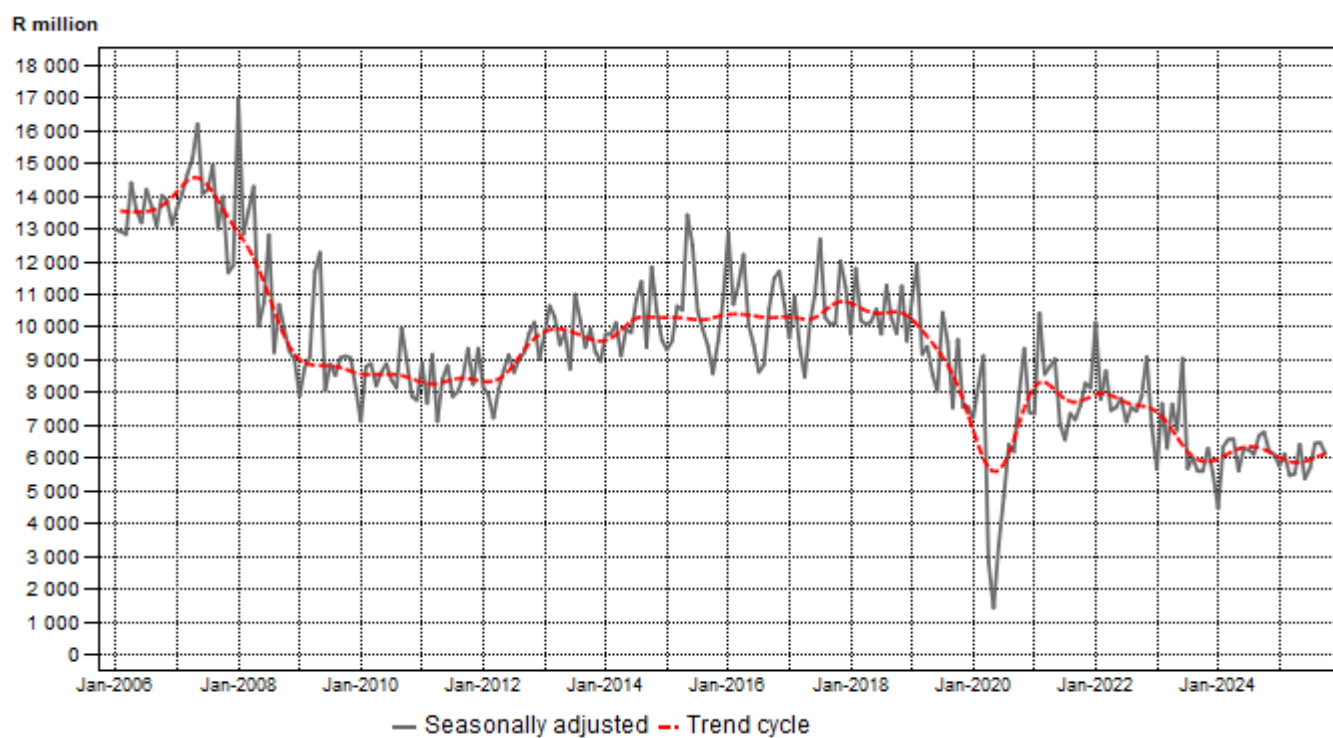
The real value of building plans passed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 4,7% (-R2 931,6 million) during January to October 2025 compared with January to October 2024. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-R2 254,1 million) and non-residential buildings (-R1 560,5 million). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (R883,1 million) – see Table C.

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

Type of building	May – Jul 2025	Aug – Oct 2025	% change between May – Jul 2025 and Aug – Oct 2025
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 159 477	8 467 271	3,8
Non-residential buildings ¹	3 769 203	5 368 744	42,4
Additions and alterations	5 549 737	5 226 325	-5,8
Total	17 478 417	19 062 340	9,1

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of building plans passed increased by 9,1% in the three months ended October 2025 compared with the previous three months. Non-residential buildings rose by 42,4%. A decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-5,8%) – see Table D.

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

Buildings reported as completed at current prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2024 and Jan – Oct 2025	% change between Jan – Oct 2024 and Jan – Oct 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	24 425 394	25 029 836	604 442	2,5
-Dwelling-houses	15 558 583	14 340 802	-1 217 781	-7,8
-Flats and townhouses	8 606 586	10 052 311	1 445 725	16,8
-Other residential buildings	260 225	636 723	376 498	144,7
Non-residential buildings	8 930 256	9 804 070	873 814	9,8
Additions and alterations	8 840 257	7 677 909	-1 162 348	-13,1
Total	42 195 907	42 511 815	315 908	0,7

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 0,7% (R315,9 million) during January to October 2025 compared with January to October 2024. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (R873,8 million) and residential buildings (R604,4 million). A decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-R1 162,3 million) – see Table E.

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

Province	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	Weight Jan – Oct 2024	% change between Jan – Oct 2024 and Jan – Oct 2025	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Oct 2024 and Jan – Oct 2025 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2024 and Jan – Oct 2025
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	12 439 929	13 837 453	29,5	11,2	3,3	1 397 524
Eastern Cape	2 638 454	2 642 364	6,3	0,1	0,0	3 910
Northern Cape	324 223	178 733	0,8	-44,9	-0,3	-145 490
Free State	332 419	267 307	0,8	-19,6	-0,2	-65 112
KwaZulu-Natal	6 370 128	6 802 751	15,1	6,8	1,0	432 623
North West	1 556 269	1 901 216	3,7	22,2	0,8	344 947
Gauteng	16 717 524	15 312 145	39,6	-8,4	-3,3	-1 405 379
Mpumalanga	1 201 744	698 946	2,8	-41,8	-1,2	-502 798
Limpopo	615 217	870 900	1,5	41,6	0,6	255 683
Total	42 195 907	42 511 815	100,0	0,7	0,7	315 908

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

Five out of the nine provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to October 2025. The largest positive contributors were Western Cape (contributing 3,3 percentage points or R1 397,5 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 1,0 percentage point or R432,6 million) and North West (contributing 0,8 of a percentage point or R344,9 million).

The largest negative contributors were Gauteng (contributing -3,3 percentage points or -R1 405,4 million) and Mpumalanga (contributing -1,2 percentage points or -R502,8 million) – see Table F.

Buildings reported as completed at constant 2019 prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2024 and Jan – Oct 2025	% change between Jan – Oct 2024 and Jan – Oct 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	17 846 411	17 884 008	37 597	0,2
Non-residential buildings	6 519 364	7 015 306	495 942	7,6
Additions and alterations	6 460 347	5 487 008	-973 339	-15,1
Total	30 826 122	30 386 322	-439 800	-1,4

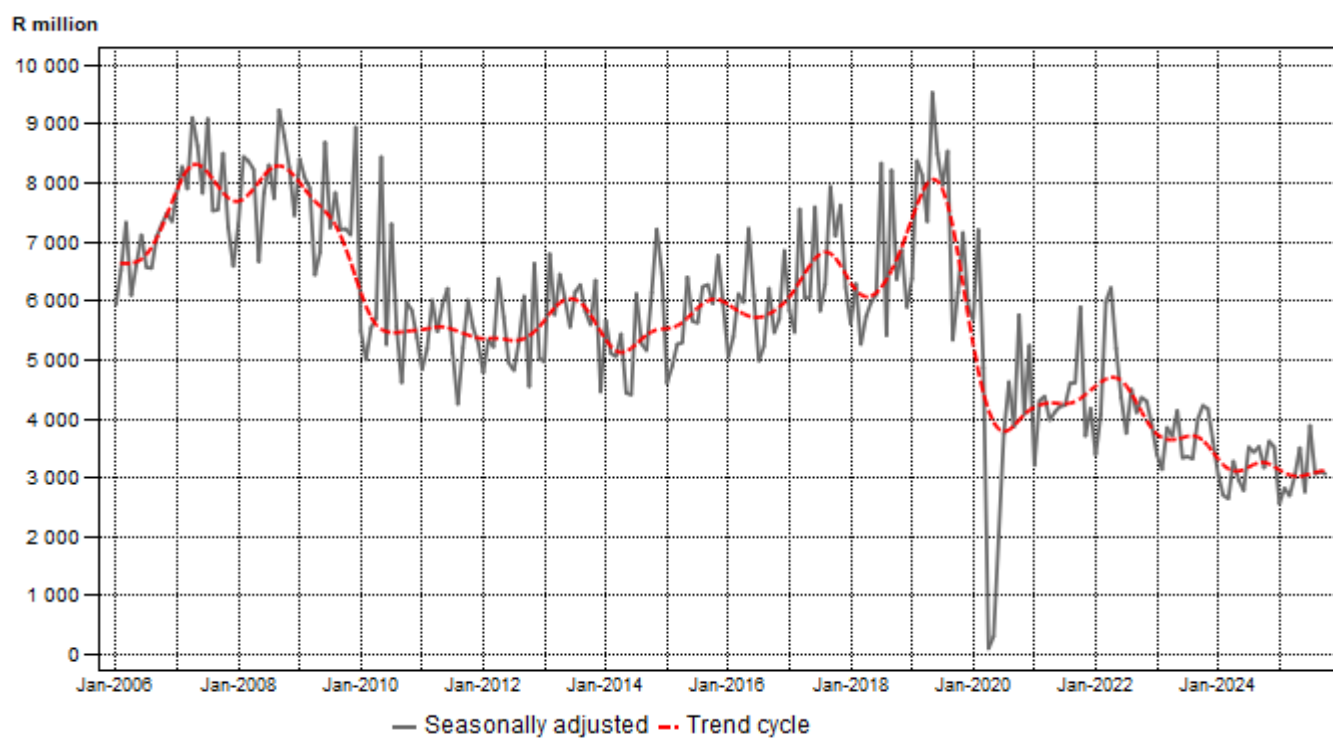
The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 1,4% (-R439,8 million) during January to October 2025 compared with January to October 2024. A decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-R973,3 million). Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (R495,9 million) and residential buildings (R37,6 million) – see Table G.

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

Type of building	May – Jul 2025	Aug – Oct 2025	% change between May – Jul 2025 and Aug – Oct 2025
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 600 744	5 496 882	-1,9
Non-residential buildings ¹	2 536 321	2 187 939	-13,7
Additions and alterations	2 008 935	1 546 850	-23,0
Total	10 146 000	9 231 671	-9,0

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased by 9,0% in the three months ended October 2025 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-23,0%), non-residential buildings (-13,7%) and residential buildings (-1,9%) – see Table H.

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


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Tables

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	2 641 211	-4,4	646 429	-10,4	1 392 946	-27,7	4 680 586	-13,5
	February	4 987 654	-6,0	1 655 142	-0,6	2 359 384	-10,5	9 002 180	-6,3
	March	3 543 222	-23,9	1 905 469	12,3	2 596 885	20,7	8 045 576	-5,4
	April	4 241 995	-8,1	2 658 595	24,4	2 282 122	0,5	9 182 712	1,8
	May	4 138 159	-6,8	2 040 668	-0,9	1 955 538	-33,9	8 134 365	-14,0
	June	3 769 542	-20,2	2 538 847	-47,3	2 334 452	-15,7	8 642 841	-29,8
	July	3 978 787	-7,4	2 652 065	138,7	2 835 702	15,6	9 466 554	20,4
	August	4 294 462	9,3	2 005 025	-6,1	2 578 344	1,1	8 877 831	3,1
	September	4 892 901	9,2	2 070 383	102,1	2 661 175	11,6	9 624 459	22,0
	October	4 650 594	15,7	2 891 035	162,5	2 743 048	-8,3	10 284 677	26,8
	November	4 243 490	-5,0	1 910 056	14,8	2 557 544	-8,0	8 711 090	-2,3
	December	2 945 291	10,3	1 798 704	15,0	2 256 261	24,3	7 000 256	15,7
	Total	48 327 308	-4,0	24 772 418	14,2	28 553 401	-3,8	101 653 127	-0,1
2025	January	3 186 144	20,6	1 206 164	86,6	1 871 867	34,4	6 264 175	33,8
	February	3 404 090	-31,7	2 395 437	44,7	2 505 413	6,2	8 304 940	-7,7
	March	3 635 173	2,6	1 385 314	-27,3	2 431 589	-6,4	7 452 076	-7,4
	April	3 412 504	-19,6	1 531 377	-42,4	2 341 150	2,6	7 285 031	-20,7
	May	4 284 380	3,5	1 964 424	-3,7	2 979 174	52,3	9 227 978	13,4
	June	3 864 945	2,5	1 313 123	-48,3	2 383 783	2,1	7 561 851	-12,5
	July	4 076 597	2,5	1 983 248	-25,2	2 903 987	2,4	8 963 832	-5,3
	August	4 424 700	3,0	2 607 377	30,0	2 272 708	-11,9	9 304 785	4,8
	September	4 326 400	-11,6	2 535 922	22,5	2 953 505	11,0	9 815 827	2,0
	October	4 291 507	-7,7	2 424 231	-16,1	2 856 937	4,2	9 572 675	-6,9

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	3 593 807	-1,2	646 429	-58,7	1 837 480	-19,8	6 077 716	-18,9
	February	4 532 650	26,1	1 655 142	156,0	2 370 071	29,0	8 557 863	40,8
	March	4 055 291	-10,5	1 905 469	15,1	2 976 048	25,6	8 936 808	4,4
	April	4 075 888	0,5	2 658 595	39,5	2 231 323	-25,0	8 965 806	0,3
	May	3 824 726	-6,2	2 040 668	-23,2	1 838 748	-17,6	7 704 142	-14,1
	June	3 651 535	-4,5	2 538 847	24,4	2 427 861	32,0	8 618 243	11,9
	July	3 566 832	-2,3	2 652 065	4,5	2 392 725	-1,4	8 611 622	-0,1
	August	3 927 738	10,1	2 005 025	-24,4	2 457 147	2,7	8 389 910	-2,6
	September	4 686 816	19,3	2 070 383	3,3	2 456 954	0,0	9 214 153	9,8
	October	3 962 856	-15,4	2 891 035	39,6	2 376 641	-3,3	9 230 532	0,2
	November	4 245 480	7,1	1 910 056	-33,9	2 394 112	0,7	8 549 648	-7,4
	December	3 908 933	-7,9	1 798 704	-5,8	2 729 941	14,0	8 437 578	-1,3
2025	January	4 249 618	8,7	1 206 164	-32,9	2 506 542	-8,2	7 962 324	-5,6
	February	3 590 867	-15,5	2 395 437	98,6	2 541 078	1,4	8 527 382	7,1
	March	3 729 085	3,8	1 385 314	-42,2	2 519 097	-0,9	7 633 496	-10,5
	April	3 628 828	-2,7	1 531 377	10,5	2 533 888	0,6	7 694 093	0,8
	May	4 075 681	12,3	1 964 424	28,3	2 862 937	13,0	8 903 042	15,7
	June	3 747 720	-8,0	1 313 123	-33,2	2 383 843	-16,7	7 444 686	-16,4
	July	3 511 406	-6,3	1 983 248	51,0	2 485 864	4,3	7 980 518	7,2
	August	4 169 319	18,7	2 607 377	31,5	2 286 439	-8,0	9 063 135	13,6
	September	3 995 632	-4,2	2 535 922	-2,7	2 589 043	13,2	9 120 597	0,6
	October	3 758 984	-5,9	2 424 231	-4,4	2 479 694	-4,2	8 662 909	-5,0
	May – Jul 25	11 334 807		5 260 795		7 732 644		24 328 246	
	Aug – Oct 25 ²	11 923 935	5,2	7 567 530	43,8	7 355 176	-4,9	26 846 641	10,4

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

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

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	1 957 903	-9,7	479 191	-15,4	1 032 577	-31,7	3 469 671	-18,3
	February	3 686 367	-10,2	1 223 313	-5,0	1 743 817	-14,5	6 653 497	-10,5
	March	2 603 396	-27,1	1 400 051	7,7	1 908 071	15,7	5 911 518	-9,3
	April	3 098 608	-12,4	1 941 998	18,6	1 666 999	-4,2	6 707 605	-3,0
	May	3 005 199	-11,2	1 481 967	-5,7	1 420 144	-37,1	5 907 310	-18,1
	June	2 747 480	-23,9	1 850 472	-49,7	1 701 496	-19,6	6 299 448	-33,1
	July	2 883 179	-11,7	1 921 786	127,6	2 054 857	10,2	6 859 822	14,8
	August	3 118 709	4,9	1 456 082	-9,9	1 872 436	-3,0	6 447 227	-1,1
	September	3 555 887	5,5	1 504 639	95,2	1 933 993	7,8	6 994 519	17,9
	October	3 414 533	13,2	2 122 640	156,7	2 013 985	-10,3	7 551 158	24,0
	November	3 099 701	-7,2	1 395 220	12,1	1 868 184	-10,2	6 363 105	-4,5
	December	2 151 418	8,2	1 313 882	12,9	1 648 109	22,1	5 113 409	13,6
	Total	35 322 380	-7,8	18 091 241	9,6	20 864 668	-7,6	74 278 289	-4,1
2025	January	2 315 512	18,3	876 573	82,9	1 360 368	31,7	4 552 453	31,2
	February	2 447 225	-33,6	1 722 097	40,8	1 801 160	3,3	5 970 482	-10,3
	March	2 594 699	-0,3	988 804	-29,4	1 735 610	-9,0	5 319 113	-10,0
	April	2 442 737	-21,2	1 096 190	-43,6	1 675 841	0,5	5 214 768	-22,3
	May	3 084 507	2,6	1 414 272	-4,6	2 144 834	51,0	6 643 613	12,5
	June	2 782 538	1,3	945 373	-48,9	1 716 186	0,9	5 444 097	-13,6
	July	2 897 368	0,5	1 409 558	-26,7	2 063 957	0,4	6 370 883	-7,1
	August	3 144 776	0,8	1 853 146	27,3	1 615 286	-13,7	6 613 208	2,6
	September	3 074 911	-13,5	1 802 361	19,8	2 099 151	8,5	6 976 423	-0,3
	October	3 032 867	-11,2	1 713 237	-19,3	2 019 037	0,3	6 765 141	-10,4

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	2 626 886	-1,1	479 191	-58,8	1 355 799	-20,0	4 461 876	-19,1
	February	3 373 926	28,4	1 223 313	155,3	1 752 316	29,2	6 349 555	42,3
	March	2 982 995	-11,6	1 400 051	14,4	2 186 636	24,8	6 569 682	3,5
	April	3 003 712	0,7	1 941 998	38,7	1 635 744	-25,2	6 581 454	0,2
	May	2 783 019	-7,3	1 481 967	-23,7	1 338 917	-18,1	5 603 903	-14,9
	June	2 654 800	-4,6	1 850 472	24,9	1 765 369	31,9	6 270 641	11,9
	July	2 597 813	-2,1	1 921 786	3,9	1 738 641	-1,5	6 258 240	-0,2
	August	2 864 709	10,3	1 456 082	-24,2	1 791 217	3,0	6 112 008	-2,3
	September	3 390 944	18,4	1 504 639	3,3	1 789 211	-0,1	6 684 794	9,4
	October	2 934 308	-13,5	2 122 640	41,1	1 740 814	-2,7	6 797 762	1,7
	November	3 071 300	4,7	1 395 220	-34,3	1 744 775	0,2	6 211 295	-8,6
	December	2 815 197	-8,3	1 313 882	-5,8	1 984 947	13,8	6 114 026	-1,6
2025	January	3 057 616	8,6	876 573	-33,3	1 814 402	-8,6	5 748 591	-6,0
	February	2 586 455	-15,4	1 722 097	96,5	1 826 486	0,7	6 135 038	6,7
	March	2 677 424	3,5	988 804	-42,6	1 800 738	-1,4	5 466 966	-10,9
	April	2 608 360	-2,6	1 096 190	10,9	1 814 537	0,8	5 519 087	1,0
	May	2 943 568	12,9	1 414 272	29,0	2 064 064	13,8	6 421 904	16,4
	June	2 705 531	-8,1	945 373	-33,2	1 714 651	-16,9	5 365 555	-16,4
	July	2 510 378	-7,2	1 409 558	49,1	1 771 022	3,3	5 690 958	6,1
	August	2 969 585	18,3	1 853 146	31,5	1 631 534	-7,9	6 454 265	13,4
	September	2 821 898	-5,0	1 802 361	-2,7	1 843 901	13,0	6 468 160	0,2
	October	2 675 788	-5,2	1 713 237	-4,9	1 750 890	-5,0	6 139 915	-5,1
	May – Jul 25	8 159 477		3 769 203		5 549 737		17 478 417	
	Aug – Oct 25 ²	8 467 271	3,8	5 368 744	42,4	5 226 325	-5,8	19 062 340	9,1

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

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	1 834 865	14,6	738 235	-49,1	662 252	23,5	3 235 352	-9,9
	February	2 097 005	-13,1	464 909	-18,4	932 878	9,6	3 494 792	-8,9
	March	2 149 921	-21,9	392 388	-77,0	911 912	35,3	3 454 221	-32,7
	April	2 362 554	-6,7	1 461 297	8,4	730 773	5,4	4 554 624	-0,4
	May	2 403 328	-39,4	1 152 721	77,5	577 566	-32,4	4 133 615	-24,4
	June	2 166 878	-23,5	833 237	10,5	744 988	-4,4	3 745 103	-14,2
	July	2 995 552	12,7	818 680	-33,8	1 371 761	93,2	5 185 993	12,6
	August	2 500 529	-18,2	1 344 921	101,1	968 386	28,4	4 813 836	7,4
	September	3 089 032	-13,7	977 587	-21,4	1 044 219	34,3	5 110 838	-8,7
	October	2 825 730	-10,3	746 281	-51,5	895 522	-18,3	4 467 533	-22,8
	November	2 605 899	-26,5	2 003 154	19,3	812 265	-19,9	5 421 318	-13,1
	December	2 331 225	-29,0	1 569 481	162,8	816 420	-3,5	4 717 126	-0,2
	Total	29 362 518	-17,0	12 502 891	-7,0	10 468 942	9,2	52 334 351	-10,4
2025	January	1 276 232	-30,4	1 244 982	68,6	401 356	-39,4	2 922 570	-9,7
	February	2 263 890	8,0	884 148	90,2	550 009	-41,0	3 698 047	5,8
	March	2 505 920	16,6	569 063	45,0	772 015	-15,3	3 846 998	11,4
	April	2 799 975	18,5	481 210	-67,1	726 757	-0,5	4 007 942	-12,0
	May	2 598 855	8,1	1 228 414	6,6	1 127 334	95,2	4 954 603	19,9
	June	2 076 793	-4,2	1 096 793	31,6	617 782	-17,1	3 791 368	1,2
	July	3 384 823	13,0	1 213 265	48,2	1 262 969	-7,9	5 861 057	13,0
	August	3 029 738	21,2	559 053	-58,4	761 372	-21,4	4 350 163	-9,6
	September	2 759 745	-10,7	1 153 612	18,0	719 069	-31,1	4 632 426	-9,4
	October	2 333 865	-17,4	1 373 530	84,0	739 246	-17,5	4 446 641	-0,5

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	2 582 587	-20,3	738 235	23,6	824 698	-20,2	4 145 520	-14,9
	February	2 322 200	-10,1	464 909	-37,0	876 442	6,3	3 663 551	-11,6
	March	2 298 710	-1,0	392 388	-15,6	914 795	4,4	3 605 893	-1,6
	April	2 322 406	1,0	1 461 297	272,4	682 118	-25,4	4 465 821	23,8
	May	2 382 781	2,6	1 152 721	-21,1	542 606	-20,5	4 078 108	-8,7
	June	2 184 466	-8,3	833 237	-27,7	815 334	50,3	3 833 037	-6,0
	July	2 794 913	27,9	818 680	-1,7	1 221 088	49,8	4 834 681	26,1
	August	2 457 036	-12,1	1 344 921	64,3	907 568	-25,7	4 709 525	-2,6
	September	2 830 279	15,2	977 587	-27,3	1 040 549	14,7	4 848 415	2,9
	October	2 701 734	-4,5	746 281	-23,7	876 248	-15,8	4 324 263	-10,8
	November	2 174 178	-19,5	2 003 154	168,4	785 301	-10,4	4 962 633	14,8
	December	2 311 692	6,3	1 569 481	-21,6	944 286	20,2	4 825 459	-2,8
2025	January	1 802 979	-22,0	1 244 982	-20,7	490 107	-48,1	3 538 068	-26,7
	February	2 507 835	39,1	884 148	-29,0	536 234	9,4	3 928 217	11,0
	March	2 503 945	-0,2	569 063	-35,6	699 311	30,4	3 772 319	-4,0
	April	2 942 557	17,5	481 210	-15,4	788 656	12,8	4 212 423	11,7
	May	2 572 686	-12,6	1 228 414	155,3	1 058 706	34,2	4 859 806	15,4
	June	2 092 783	-18,7	1 096 793	-10,7	647 719	-38,8	3 837 295	-21,0
	July	3 148 037	50,4	1 213 265	10,6	1 085 003	67,5	5 446 305	41,9
	August	2 972 582	-5,6	559 053	-53,9	757 263	-30,2	4 288 898	-21,3
	September	2 529 096	-14,9	1 153 612	106,4	681 624	-10,0	4 364 332	1,8
	October	2 230 186	-11,8	1 373 530	19,1	735 063	7,8	4 338 779	-0,6
	May – Jul 25	7 813 506		3 538 472		2 791 428		14 143 406	
	Aug – Oct 25 ²	7 731 864	-1,0	3 086 195	-12,8	2 173 950	-22,1	12 992 009	-8,1

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

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	1 360 167	8,2	547 246	-52,0	490 921	16,7	2 398 334	-14,9
	February	1 549 893	-17,0	343 613	-22,0	689 489	4,7	2 582 995	-12,9
	March	1 579 663	-25,1	288 309	-78,0	670 031	29,7	2 538 003	-35,5
	April	1 725 752	-11,1	1 067 419	3,4	533 801	0,5	3 326 972	-5,1
	May	1 745 336	-42,3	837 125	69,0	419 438	-35,6	3 001 899	-28,0
	June	1 579 357	-27,1	607 316	5,3	542 994	-8,9	2 729 667	-18,2
	July	2 170 690	7,5	593 246	-36,9	994 030	84,2	3 757 966	7,4
	August	1 815 925	-21,6	976 704	92,9	703 258	23,2	3 495 887	3,1
	September	2 244 936	-16,6	710 456	-24,1	758 880	29,7	3 714 272	-11,8
	October	2 074 692	-12,3	547 930	-52,5	657 505	-20,1	3 280 127	-24,5
	November	1 903 505	-28,2	1 463 224	16,5	593 327	-21,8	3 960 056	-15,1
	December	1 702 867	-30,3	1 146 443	158,0	596 362	-5,3	3 445 672	-2,0
	Total	21 452 783	-20,1	9 129 031	-10,8	7 650 036	5,1	38 231 850	-13,8
2025	January	927 494	-31,8	904 783	65,3	291 683	-40,6	2 123 960	-11,4
	February	1 627 527	5,0	635 620	85,0	395 405	-42,7	2 658 552	2,9
	March	1 788 665	13,2	406 183	40,9	551 046	-17,8	2 745 894	8,2
	April	2 004 277	16,1	344 460	-67,7	520 227	-2,5	2 868 964	-13,8
	May	1 871 026	7,2	884 387	5,6	811 616	93,5	3 567 029	18,8
	June	1 495 171	-5,3	789 628	30,0	444 767	-18,1	2 729 566	0,0
	July	2 405 702	10,8	862 306	45,4	897 633	-9,7	4 165 641	10,8
	August	2 153 332	18,6	397 337	-59,3	541 131	-23,1	3 091 800	-11,6
	September	1 961 439	-12,6	819 909	15,4	511 065	-32,7	3 292 413	-11,4
	October	1 649 375	-20,5	970 693	77,2	522 435	-20,5	3 142 503	-4,2

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	1 901 447	-20,7	547 246	23,1	602 598	-22,0	3 051 291	-15,6
	February	1 715 934	-9,8	343 613	-37,2	642 903	6,7	2 702 450	-11,4
	March	1 687 380	-1,7	288 309	-16,1	667 872	3,9	2 643 561	-2,2
	April	1 704 096	1,0	1 067 419	270,2	506 984	-24,1	3 278 499	24,0
	May	1 730 106	1,5	837 125	-21,6	397 803	-21,5	2 965 034	-9,6
	June	1 588 680	-8,2	607 316	-27,5	587 296	47,6	2 783 292	-6,1
	July	2 033 078	28,0	593 246	-2,3	894 786	52,4	3 521 110	26,5
	August	1 791 890	-11,9	976 704	64,6	663 946	-25,8	3 432 540	-2,5
	September	2 060 653	15,0	710 456	-27,3	758 200	14,2	3 529 309	2,8
	October	1 980 895	-3,9	547 930	-22,9	638 418	-15,8	3 167 243	-10,3
	November	1 587 405	-19,9	1 463 224	167,0	570 320	-10,7	3 620 949	14,3
	December	1 680 658	5,9	1 146 443	-21,6	690 399	21,1	3 517 500	-2,9
2025	January	1 301 258	-22,6	904 783	-21,1	352 226	-49,0	2 558 267	-27,3
	February	1 802 853	38,5	635 620	-29,7	382 950	8,7	2 821 423	10,3
	March	1 790 086	-0,7	406 183	-36,1	498 193	30,1	2 694 462	-4,5
	April	2 111 526	18,0	344 460	-15,2	568 619	14,1	3 024 605	12,3
	May	1 851 490	-12,3	884 387	156,7	769 413	35,3	3 505 290	15,9
	June	1 503 180	-18,8	789 628	-10,7	462 547	-39,9	2 755 355	-21,4
	July	2 246 074	49,4	862 306	9,2	776 975	68,0	3 885 355	41,0
	August	2 122 610	-5,5	397 337	-53,9	542 266	-30,2	3 062 213	-21,2
	September	1 800 451	-15,2	819 909	106,4	485 206	-10,5	3 105 566	1,4
	October	1 573 821	-12,6	970 693	18,4	519 378	7,0	3 063 892	-1,3
	May – Jul 25	5 600 744		2 536 321		2 008 935		10 146 000	
	Aug – Oct 25 ²	5 496 882	-1,9	2 187 939	-13,7	1 546 850	-23,0	9 231 671	-9,0

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

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

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

			Oct 2024	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	634	815	740	5 271	6 038	14,6
		square metres	31 220	40 260	35 600	259 192	295 432	14,0
		R'000	241 485	316 215	283 972	2 014 781	2 254 949	11,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 154	1 460	1 251	9 684	10 280	6,2
		square metres	350 366	358 318	359 397	2 814 215	2 896 988	2,9
		R'000	2 931 377	3 106 062	3 075 930	23 898 520	24 805 630	3,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 227	606	1 010	14 428	10 791	-25,2
		square metres	139 928	75 559	91 042	1 434 671	1 097 762	-23,5
		R'000	1 251 119	744 875	825 161	14 094 253	10 635 486	-24,5
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	25 358	20 820	12 385	125 072	137 108	9,6
		R'000	226 613	159 248	106 444	1 130 973	1 210 375	7,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	4 650 594	4 326 400	4 291 507	41 138 527	38 906 440	-5,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	31 148	30 688	17 696	181 838	265 354	45,9
		R'000	301 941	312 522	146 629	1 793 354	2 908 024	62,2
	Shopping space	square metres	104 160	38 640	80 833	671 576	435 041	-35,2
		R'000	930 901	429 585	737 868	6 437 443	3 794 124	-41,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	154 848	205 762	173 179	1 398 804	1 359 922	-2,8
		R'000	1 080 272	1 564 144	1 251 628	10 149 301	10 067 927	-0,8
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	62 742	27 257	34 523	318 011	302 101	-5,0
		R'000	577 921	229 671	288 106	2 683 560	2 576 542	-4,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 891 035	2 535 922	2 424 231	21 063 658	19 346 617	-8,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	224 031	235 422	218 145	1 913 769	1 938 304	1,3
		R'000	1 953 965	2 057 351	1 911 844	16 440 423	16 963 662	3,2
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	72 883	84 864	87 937	676 024	754 353	11,6
		R'000	789 083	896 154	945 093	7 299 173	8 536 451	17,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 743 048	2 953 505	2 856 937	23 739 596	25 500 113	7,4
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	10 284 677	9 815 827	9 572 675	85 941 781	83 753 170	-2,5

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

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

			Oct 2024	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	216	296	330	1 560	2 136	36,9
		square metres	10 619	13 101	14 437	72 246	96 992	34,3
		R'000	86 937	101 544	109 191	536 214	717 853	33,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	516	657	519	3 778	4 627	22,5
		square metres	143 875	151 753	142 178	1 008 879	1 182 657	17,2
		R'000	1 072 845	1 190 966	1 115 772	7 795 747	9 112 687	16,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	578	174	544	5 871	5 313	-9,5
		square metres	63 234	22 379	50 958	589 216	489 282	-17,0
		R'000	570 627	194 838	434 327	5 524 925	4 413 102	-20,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	18 598	1 895	2 159	38 696	52 533	35,8
		R'000	181 111	15 748	16 059	347 510	450 738	29,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 911 520	1 503 096	1 675 349	14 204 396	14 694 380	3,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	5 295	25 738	6 193	43 606	101 791	133,4
		R'000	49 012	277 199	51 271	372 845	969 472	160,0
	Shopping space	square metres	38 764	4 709	42 448	140 887	169 398	20,2
		R'000	337 720	45 040	369 412	1 413 674	1 432 237	1,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	43 011	27 410	17 220	295 568	261 122	-11,7
		R'000	321 118	232 518	136 957	2 203 817	2 000 129	-9,2
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	50 472	11 520	18 101	120 446	149 922	24,5
		R'000	471 270	78 836	137 315	1 004 648	1 185 291	18,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 179 120	633 593	694 955	4 994 984	5 587 129	11,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	91 127	89 891	98 238	689 945	792 425	14,9
		R'000	708 013	698 210	797 399	5 124 229	6 205 080	21,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	47 730	51 597	36 796	228 170	269 754	18,2
		R'000	513 370	522 369	450 792	2 825 387	3 518 917	24,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 221 383	1 220 579	1 248 191	7 949 616	9 723 997	22,3
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	4 312 023	3 357 268	3 618 495	27 148 996	30 005 506	10,5

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

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

			Oct 2024	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	146	83	68	463	729	57,5
		square metres	7 199	3 878	3 021	21 191	32 150	51,7
		R'000	61 380	33 640	25 885	171 233	277 309	61,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	68	93	92	564	610	8,2
		square metres	18 362	24 736	24 706	155 558	165 495	6,4
		R'000	159 182	223 876	216 991	1 312 566	1 455 760	10,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	10	33	192	247	28,6
		square metres	0	1 244	5 416	25 483	41 973	64,7
		R'000	0	10 314	49 067	207 302	347 938	67,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	10 617	55	1 660	11 111	569,3
		R'000	0	61 356	477	15 256	65 637	330,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	220 562	329 186	292 420	1 706 357	2 146 644	25,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	145	600	2 525	9 265	7 511	-18,9
		R'000	838	3 900	21 884	60 440	63 306	4,7
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 685	0	5 829	8 555	46,8
		R'000	0	15 176	0	43 880	74 376	69,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	8 569	9 533	80 193	127 402	58,9
		R'000	0	75 721	80 797	667 363	1 103 064	65,3
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	1 646	1 616	12 068	15 437	27,9
		R'000	0	12 451	9 766	94 908	128 900	35,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	838	107 248	112 447	866 591	1 369 646	58,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 760	28 847	14 097	141 594	159 001	12,3
		R'000	99 243	246 635	118 654	1 163 137	1 354 455	16,4
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	4 740	11 093	14 840	82 826	87 575	5,7
		R'000	40 354	97 573	135 201	718 726	875 196	21,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	139 597	344 208	253 855	1 881 863	2 229 651	18,5
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	360 997	780 642	658 722	4 454 811	5 745 941	29,0

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

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

			Oct 2024	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	44	2	2	361	74	-79,5
		square metres	1 753	104	93	14 702	3 136	-78,7
		R'000	17 342	1 027	921	141 491	30 749	-78,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	12	18	13	136	147	8,1
		square metres	3 861	2 991	2 598	29 089	30 706	5,6
		R'000	35 278	28 860	22 328	249 560	266 033	6,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	6	0	-100,0
		square metres	0	0	0	1 148	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	10 151	0	-100,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	64	0	0	473	0	-100,0
		R'000	633	0	0	4 483	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	53 253	29 887	23 249	405 685	296 782	-26,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 977	83	-95,8
		R'000	0	0	0	16 104	821	-94,9
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	3 618	14 876	311,2
		R'000	0	0	0	34 181	107 415	214,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 014	1 395	0	28 511	5 137	-82,0
		R'000	19 925	13 801	0	272 297	50 821	-81,3
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	430	0	0	6 328	2 553	-59,7
		R'000	4 254	0	0	54 536	20 538	-62,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	24 179	13 801	0	377 118	179 595	-52,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	749	2 859	2 057	18 384	18 941	3,0
		R'000	6 255	30 151	19 802	165 983	181 625	9,4
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	540	461	4 692	8 766	86,8
		R'000	0	27 044	4 713	46 835	119 079	154,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	6 255	57 195	24 515	212 818	300 704	41,3
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	83 687	100 883	47 764	995 621	777 081	-22,0

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

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

			Oct 2024	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	45	28	251	408	62,5
		square metres	258	1 810	1 168	11 031	17 597	59,5
		R'000	2 609	10 927	6 645	69 005	113 671	64,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	44	42	45	361	388	7,5
		square metres	10 238	12 426	10 324	91 394	96 463	5,5
		R'000	87 465	109 128	84 076	786 773	826 324	5,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	3	6	144	119	-17,4
		square metres	0	415	865	15 503	13 189	-14,9
		R'000	0	4 196	7 527	151 744	125 818	-17,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	483	827	0	1 673	10 220	510,9
		R'000	4 484	8 363	0	14 909	91 653	514,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	94 558	132 614	98 248	1 022 431	1 157 466	13,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 207	0	0	4 231	990	-76,6
		R'000	22 317	0	0	39 084	8 325	-78,7
	Shopping space	square metres	7 420	0	0	24 104	9 327	-61,3
		R'000	48 230	0	0	154 677	77 957	-49,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	936	15 065	4 336	12 858	37 898	194,7
		R'000	9 465	107 546	34 861	101 730	276 340	171,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	3 034	806	12 367	9 175	-25,8
		R'000	0	28 394	5 283	90 153	87 624	-2,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	80 012	135 940	40 144	385 644	450 246	16,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 186	6 583	3 030	57 322	50 861	-11,3
		R'000	53 601	57 763	26 299	491 300	446 440	-9,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	439	4 111	767	16 587	21 428	29,2
		R'000	5 807	42 468	6 371	144 523	200 086	38,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	59 408	100 231	32 670	635 823	646 526	1,7
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	233 978	368 785	171 062	2 043 898	2 254 238	10,3

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

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

			Oct 2024	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	36	9	25	179	127	-29,1
		square metres	1 580	455	1 247	8 388	7 204	-14,1
		R'000	12 624	3 578	11 332	67 557	60 028	-11,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	104	106	89	828	803	-3,0
		square metres	33 212	26 431	31 226	267 195	298 287	11,6
		R'000	370 565	289 427	315 683	2 809 297	3 161 252	12,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	64	115	93	2 148	1 483	-31,0
		square metres	11 601	20 819	14 739	251 050	189 267	-24,6
		R'000	104 351	240 317	132 565	2 517 638	1 988 774	-21,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	5 887	1 228	33 161	32 981	-0,5
		R'000	0	63 420	13 964	397 136	362 512	-8,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	487 540	596 742	473 544	5 791 628	5 572 566	-3,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	102	1 098	1 716	24 770	17 703	-28,5
		R'000	1 122	9 396	13 770	243 035	182 870	-24,8
	Shopping space	square metres	51 102	7 684	1 690	166 394	26 906	-83,8
		R'000	491 893	71 965	11 624	1 689 721	245 737	-85,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	45 442	52 074	39 803	175 670	271 221	54,4
		R'000	299 934	332 127	294 712	1 145 358	1 785 597	55,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	463	5 815	3 343	40 302	38 346	-4,9
		R'000	4 769	58 340	20 058	433 169	389 065	-10,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	797 718	471 828	340 164	3 511 283	2 603 269	-25,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	23 478	25 329	22 711	235 861	236 442	0,2
		R'000	255 274	264 699	230 741	2 530 330	2 540 236	0,4
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	5 355	5 342	7 142	95 434	100 330	5,1
		R'000	68 529	77 779	101 488	1 245 038	1 272 904	2,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	323 803	342 478	332 229	3 775 368	3 813 140	1,0
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 609 061	1 411 048	1 145 937	13 078 279	11 988 975	-8,3

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

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

			Oct 2024	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	4	11	63	48	-23,8
		square metres	334	221	567	3 461	2 743	-20,7
		R'000	2 273	1 531	3 995	24 045	18 695	-22,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	45	48	58	505	456	-9,7
		square metres	20 744	12 769	22 733	147 382	129 096	-12,4
		R'000	138 753	93 183	169 925	1 060 901	954 181	-10,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	10	57	67	192	445	131,8
		square metres	746	4 599	5 291	14 269	54 101	279,2
		R'000	4 667	31 829	40 554	110 811	413 575	273,2
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	216	418	0	29 683	782	-97,4
		R'000	1 404	2 717	0	211 542	5 083	-97,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	147 097	129 260	214 474	1 407 299	1 391 534	-1,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	101	470	527	2 275	3 384	48,7
		R'000	657	3 055	3 426	15 923	21 516	35,1
	Shopping space	square metres	2 782	841	643	89 604	20 267	-77,4
		R'000	18 945	5 561	4 215	722 787	137 157	-81,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	112	550	3 026	24 855	37 013	48,9
		R'000	728	3 575	19 669	187 038	246 053	31,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	301	884	277	12 962	2 963	-77,1
		R'000	1 956	5 746	1 715	102 854	19 178	-81,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	22 286	17 937	29 025	1 028 602	423 904	-58,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 034	7 386	7 342	78 818	63 458	-19,5
		R'000	65 218	49 776	52 058	545 498	432 723	-20,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	671	862	1 204	15 672	33 631	114,6
		R'000	20 150	12 783	36 034	211 753	513 470	142,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	85 368	62 559	88 092	757 251	946 193	25,0
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	254 751	209 756	331 591	3 193 152	2 761 631	-13,5

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

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

			Oct 2024	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	163	343	253	2 253	2 343	4,0
		square metres	8 397	18 706	13 681	119 428	125 202	4,8
		R'000	50 089	147 631	115 724	938 286	951 254	1,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	240	367	274	2 405	2 236	-7,0
		square metres	79 140	84 004	79 231	721 545	646 778	-10,4
		R'000	754 890	843 878	789 876	7 020 783	6 365 305	-9,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	565	202	254	5 509	2 836	-48,5
		square metres	63 160	20 587	12 263	502 150	259 116	-48,4
		R'000	562 874	227 126	149 969	5 317 911	2 982 664	-43,9
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	4 651	4 794	14 678	206,2
		R'000	0	0	35 603	43 134	122 007	182,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 367 853	1 218 635	1 091 172	13 320 114	10 421 230	-21,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	10 511	0	6 735	64 884	127 165	96,0
		R'000	142 311	0	56 278	838 646	1 614 444	92,5
	Shopping space	square metres	2 644	21 879	23 718	189 902	96 623	-49,1
		R'000	24 319	275 861	267 397	2 015 272	1 107 366	-45,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	56 642	100 044	87 894	643 189	515 995	-19,8
		R'000	385 562	793 380	595 942	4 649 549	3 824 390	-17,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	6 524	3 302	9 179	77 507	38 628	-50,2
		R'000	65 501	36 549	104 753	663 974	401 445	-39,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	617 693	1 105 790	1 024 370	8 167 441	6 947 645	-14,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	57 123	57 876	55 603	525 463	460 377	-12,4
		R'000	572 866	595 277	563 385	5 228 366	4 680 100	-10,5
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	10 074	7 090	11 031	174 287	143 896	-17,4
		R'000	100 221	79 235	104 678	1 606 566	1 366 944	-14,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	673 087	674 512	668 063	6 834 932	6 047 044	-11,5
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 658 633	2 998 937	2 783 605	28 322 487	23 415 919	-17,3

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

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

			Oct 2024	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	28	23	115	141	22,6
		square metres	825	1 609	1 386	7 120	8 347	17,2
		R'000	6 426	13 621	10 279	55 878	70 225	25,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	95	83	130	758	687	-9,4
		square metres	30 157	28 643	36 543	262 829	231 255	-12,0
		R'000	233 931	218 785	287 790	1 934 048	1 806 919	-6,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	8	45	3	220	184	-16,4
		square metres	365	5 516	714	17 408	26 673	53,2
		R'000	2 425	36 255	5 978	120 921	192 851	59,5
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	1 176	4 292	8 197	12 919	57,6
		R'000	0	7 644	40 341	53 225	100 110	88,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	242 782	276 305	344 388	2 164 072	2 170 105	0,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	12 787	1 552	0	20 751	4 470	-78,5
		R'000	85 684	10 088	0	137 928	30 891	-77,6
	Shopping space	square metres	1 448	1 842	6 758	39 970	71 140	78,0
		R'000	9 794	15 982	45 180	282 114	481 249	70,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 691	655	10 487	123 085	79 725	-35,2
		R'000	43 540	5 476	82 141	819 669	603 506	-26,4
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	2 710	1 056	623	19 682	16 828	-14,5
		R'000	18 027	9 355	5 856	130 456	143 234	9,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	157 045	40 901	133 177	1 370 167	1 258 880	-8,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	20 263	10 892	12 831	136 260	131 223	-3,7
		R'000	169 589	72 084	88 143	976 781	938 926	-3,9
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	3 874	3 581	15 481	46 637	70 346	50,8
		R'000	38 152	29 181	103 263	398 786	520 545	30,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	207 741	101 265	191 406	1 375 567	1 459 471	6,1
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	607 568	418 471	668 971	4 909 806	4 888 456	-0,4

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

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

			Oct 2024	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	5	0	26	32	23,1
		square metres	255	376	0	1 625	2 061	26,8
		R'000	1 805	2 716	0	11 072	15 165	37,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	30	46	31	349	326	-6,6
		square metres	10 777	14 565	9 858	130 344	116 251	-10,8
		R'000	78 468	107 959	73 489	928 845	857 169	-7,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2	0	10	146	164	12,3
		square metres	822	0	796	18 444	24 161	31,0
		R'000	6 175	0	5 174	132 850	170 764	28,5
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	5 997	0	0	6 735	1 884	-72,0
		R'000	38 981	0	0	43 778	12 635	-71,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	125 429	110 675	78 663	1 116 545	1 055 733	-5,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 230	0	10 079	2 257	-77,6
		R'000	0	8 884	0	69 349	16 379	-76,4
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	5 576	11 268	17 949	59,3
		R'000	0	0	40 040	81 137	130 630	61,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	880	14 875	24 409	64,1
		R'000	0	0	6 549	102 480	178 027	73,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 842	0	578	16 349	28 249	72,8
		R'000	12 144	0	3 360	108 862	201 267	84,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	12 144	8 884	49 949	361 828	526 303	45,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 311	5 759	2 236	30 122	25 576	-15,1
		R'000	23 906	42 756	15 363	214 799	184 077	-14,3
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	648	215	11 719	18 627	58,9
		R'000	2 500	7 722	2 553	101 559	149 310	47,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	26 406	50 478	17 916	316 358	333 387	5,4
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	163 979	170 037	146 528	1 794 731	1 915 423	6,7

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

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

			Oct 2024	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	289	537	449	3 900	4 260	9,2
		square metres	15 288	26 592	22 888	203 121	208 620	2,7
		R'000	107 699	199 326	172 229	1 469 816	1 535 383	4,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	637	508	609	6 135	5 403	-11,9
		square metres	171 378	138 433	155 421	1 614 929	1 453 898	-10,0
		R'000	1 527 321	1 218 145	1 345 889	14 088 767	12 805 419	-9,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 130	1 529	705	9 494	10 648	12,2
		square metres	114 736	125 448	86 695	887 088	1 040 704	17,3
		R'000	1 165 934	1 312 541	809 848	8 606 586	10 052 311	16,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	2 732	2 662	636	32 995	69 773	111,5
		R'000	24 776	29 733	5 899	260 225	636 723	144,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 825 730	2 759 745	2 333 865	24 425 394	25 029 836	2,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	12 513	5 800	31 182	93 874	123 400	31,5
		R'000	170 600	46 334	282 281	1 010 294	1 241 212	22,9
	Shopping space	square metres	11 009	26 236	33 539	240 189	282 044	17,4
		R'000	89 899	268 204	323 485	2 388 607	2 454 196	2,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	65 492	104 525	85 663	672 180	747 935	11,3
		R'000	461 005	788 467	626 644	4 949 403	5 314 872	7,4
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	3 212	6 647	15 072	74 885	95 089	27,0
		R'000	24 777	50 607	141 120	581 952	793 790	36,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	746 281	1 153 612	1 373 530	8 930 256	9 804 070	9,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	63 903	57 866	53 902	595 005	510 309	-14,2
		R'000	570 270	515 377	448 166	5 158 574	4 466 388	-13,4
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	25 372	16 778	23 692	333 619	273 972	-17,9
		R'000	325 252	203 692	291 080	3 681 683	3 211 521	-12,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	895 522	719 069	739 246	8 840 257	7 677 909	-13,1
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	4 467 533	4 632 426	4 446 641	42 195 907	42 511 815	0,7

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

Table 20 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Western Cape

			Oct 2024	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	126	177	153	1 369	1 088	-20,5
		square metres	5 889	7 289	6 483	62 439	48 636	-22,1
		R'000	37 667	62 032	45 187	406 225	354 279	-12,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	254	213	232	2 266	2 083	-8,1
		square metres	59 768	51 400	64 121	571 116	558 166	-2,3
		R'000	467 033	386 617	458 413	4 284 566	4 227 677	-1,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	368	642	329	3 554	4 821	35,6
		square metres	54 625	57 500	38 854	364 532	492 830	35,2
		R'000	479 612	482 776	365 456	3 144 889	4 295 370	36,6
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 198	404	307	22 484	46 043	104,8
		R'000	8 263	3 212	2 280	155 458	396 435	155,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	992 575	934 637	871 336	7 991 138	9 273 761	16,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	107	1 881	22 037	12 128	39 261	223,7
		R'000	749	18 007	183 936	110 352	316 080	186,4
	Shopping space	square metres	125	9 800	3 848	45 028	54 491	21,0
		R'000	938	103 464	32 739	331 605	501 674	51,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	22 776	12 801	4 561	148 473	138 660	-6,6
		R'000	163 847	96 315	37 086	1 095 973	1 031 078	-5,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	3 149	4 389	5 568	49 246	37 172	-24,5
		R'000	24 231	31 475	44 245	325 684	280 493	-13,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	189 765	249 261	298 006	1 863 614	2 129 325	14,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	19 902	21 612	23 720	171 858	167 413	-2,6
		R'000	151 347	158 601	172 324	1 264 778	1 245 935	-1,5
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	9 253	7 214	12 813	130 152	92 724	-28,8
		R'000	111 749	87 582	160 594	1 320 399	1 188 432	-10,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	263 096	246 183	332 918	2 585 177	2 434 367	-5,8
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 445 436	1 430 081	1 502 260	12 439 929	13 837 453	11,2

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

Table 21 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Eastern Cape

			Oct 2024	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	2	6	235	303	28,9	
		square metres	664	110	414	12 029	12 697	5,6	
		R'000	5 597	922	3 474	99 302	99 744	0,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	22	36	17	359	259	-27,9	
		square metres	5 960	12 982	4 093	89 003	69 223	-22,2	
		R'000	50 425	113 583	33 039	745 791	602 204	-19,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	4	4	392	140	-64,3	
		square metres	0	659	1 193	25 632	13 804	-46,1	
		R'000	0	5 712	10 340	207 511	122 267	-41,1	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	139	0	0	5 268	..	
		R'000	0	1 305	0	0	46 480	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	56 022	121 522	46 853	1 052 604	870 695	-17,3
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	566	1 554	2 236	43,9
R'000			0	0	4 906	12 816	19 314	50,7	
Shopping space		square metres	0	0	0	11 026	13 028	18,2	
		R'000	0	0	0	92 327	109 207	18,3	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	0	9 894	16 040	13 575	30 725	126,3	
		R'000	0	85 751	137 140	114 192	264 414	131,6	
Other non-residential buildings ³		square metres	63	0	515	2 717	4 097	50,8	
		R'000	546	0	2 976	21 678	35 740	64,9	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	546	85 751	145 022	241 013	428 675	77,9	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 915	7 631	10 696	109 405	107 534	-1,7	
		R'000	58 673	67 510	92 742	914 579	924 117	1,0	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	3 304	20	39	45 893	44 346	-3,4	
		R'000	28 739	1 632	1 523	430 258	418 877	-2,6	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	87 412	69 142	94 265	1 344 837	1 342 994	-0,1
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	143 980	276 415	286 140	2 638 454	2 642 364	0,1	

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

Table 22 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Northern Cape

			Oct 2024	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	0	5	2	-60,0
		square metres	0	0	0	278	123	-55,8
		R'000	0	0	0	2 670	1 217	-54,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	3	3	2	42	25	-40,5
		square metres	384	515	350	7 846	4 621	-41,1
		R'000	3 799	4 313	3 463	71 622	44 934	-37,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	0	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 006	0	0	2 170	0	-100,0
		R'000	9 952	0	0	20 909	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	13 751	4 313	3 463	95 201	46 151	-51,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 074	584	-45,6
		R'000	0	0	0	10 109	5 778	-42,8
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	450	3 585	1 319	-63,2
		R'000	0	0	4 453	33 746	13 050	-61,3
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	193	59	-69,4
		R'000	0	0	0	1 817	584	-67,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	4 453	45 672	19 412	-57,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 144	1 847	644	16 021	8 696	-45,7
		R'000	31 104	18 272	6 371	155 158	84 820	-45,3
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	0	0	2 785	2 615	-6,1
		R'000	170	330	1 400	28 192	28 350	0,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	31 274	18 602	7 771	183 350	113 170	-38,3
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	45 025	22 915	15 687	324 223	178 733	-44,9

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

Table 23 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Free State

			Oct 2024	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	2	5	6	21	250,0
		square metres	0	143	314	392	1 267	223,2
		R'000	0	1 446	3 073	3 884	12 710	227,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	4	4	6	79	61	-22,8
		square metres	755	927	2 061	17 359	14 320	-17,5
		R'000	5 533	8 488	15 137	144 619	127 919	-11,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	4	23	43	77	79,1
		square metres	0	572	3 833	7 178	10 245	42,7
		R'000	0	5 784	38 759	72 605	103 597	42,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	991	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	7 654	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	5 533	15 718	56 969	228 762	244 226	6,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	277	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	2 665	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	1 017	361	-64,5
		R'000	0	0	0	9 287	2 347	-74,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	107	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	1 082	0	-100,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	0	13 034	2 347	-82,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	453	102	171	11 644	1 872	-83,9
		R'000	3 416	848	1 398	82 538	13 470	-83,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	0	575	276	808	192,8
		R'000	0	0	5 814	8 085	7 264	-10,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	3 416	848	7 212	90 623	20 734	-77,1
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	8 949	16 566	64 181	332 419	267 307	-19,6

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

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

			Oct 2024	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	8	9	1	123	111	-9,8
		square metres	443	520	50	7 168	6 069	-15,3
		R'000	5 346	5 239	595	78 545	63 582	-19,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	69	50	43	533	540	1,3
		square metres	22 777	14 432	12 210	162 129	169 864	4,8
		R'000	263 949	160 107	140 129	1 808 420	1 951 972	7,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	360	17	136	987	800	-18,9
		square metres	29 535	4 066	24 041	103 926	114 080	9,8
		R'000	360 295	30 752	214 627	1 124 239	1 199 536	6,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	223	2 119	329	604	3 656	505,3
		R'000	2 654	25 216	3 619	5 704	43 718	666,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	632 244	221 314	358 970	3 016 908	3 258 808	8,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	3 420	8 579	1 732	29 311	1 592,3
		R'000	0	23 940	93 439	15 260	307 811	1 917,1
	Shopping space	square metres	7 051	3 805	18 709	78 414	88 962	13,5
		R'000	52 883	25 403	205 799	826 297	924 588	11,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	14 832	51 497	16 106	91 748	140 251	52,9
		R'000	97 767	338 811	122 969	623 940	947 933	51,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	359	5 155	8 263	13 417	62,4
		R'000	0	4 847	56 705	85 002	130 391	53,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	150 650	393 001	478 912	1 550 499	2 310 723	49,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 111	7 883	5 737	82 583	72 215	-12,6
		R'000	124 614	91 035	61 769	937 063	809 891	-13,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	4 764	3 138	4 095	53 908	34 218	-36,5
		R'000	103 524	44 673	60 148	865 658	423 329	-51,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	228 138	135 708	121 917	1 802 721	1 233 220	-31,6
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 011 032	750 023	959 799	6 370 128	6 802 751	6,8

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

Table 25 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: North West

			Oct 2024	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	26	18	39	169	172	1,8
		square metres	1 465	1 008	2 127	9 609	9 750	1,5
		R'000	8 495	5 852	11 690	65 800	56 576	-14,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	54	46	42	477	482	1,0
		square metres	11 393	7 141	8 806	107 440	100 285	-6,7
		R'000	79 788	50 887	69 232	771 711	721 671	-6,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	18	6	0	143	89	-37,8
		square metres	2 784	815	0	14 433	9 189	-36,3
		R'000	18 384	4 710	0	95 671	58 546	-38,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	2 477	1 618	-34,7
		R'000	0	0	0	17 731	10 698	-39,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	106 667	61 449	80 922	950 913	847 491	-10,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	340	0	3 099	3 039	-1,9
		R'000	0	2 210	0	20 016	19 472	-2,7
	Shopping space	square metres	354	415	2 441	5 564	66 218	1 090,1
		R'000	2 452	3 043	17 205	39 910	437 676	996,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	210	0	0	12 862	8 088	-37,1
		R'000	1 365	0	0	87 471	53 666	-38,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	813	0	284	14 221	4 907,4
		R'000	0	5 285	0	1 757	108 852	6 095,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	3 817	10 538	17 205	149 154	619 666	315,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 194	4 082	4 612	44 482	39 771	-10,6
		R'000	21 035	26 664	30 026	285 510	259 445	-9,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	642	98	893	12 991	9 309	-28,3
		R'000	13 845	2 682	21 560	170 692	174 614	2,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	34 880	29 346	51 586	456 202	434 059	-4,9
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	145 364	101 333	149 713	1 556 269	1 901 216	22,2

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

Table 26 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Gauteng

			Oct 2024	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	117	324	239	1 948	2 518	29,3
		square metres	6 753	17 171	13 091	108 360	127 066	17,3
		R'000	49 898	120 823	104 912	793 525	923 812	16,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	162	128	237	1 945	1 635	-15,9
		square metres	48 796	43 325	54 750	541 975	434 364	-19,9
		R'000	493 006	434 105	551 708	5 379 275	4 322 221	-19,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	380	821	193	4 148	4 045	-2,5
		square metres	26 864	56 509	16 081	350 438	355 329	1,4
		R'000	300 940	747 049	162 774	3 820 341	3 945 161	3,3
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	305	0	0	4 269	11 990	180,9
		R'000	3 907	0	0	52 769	131 605	149,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	847 751	1 301 977	819 394	10 045 910	9 322 799	-7,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	12 406	159	0	54 669	47 628	-12,9
		R'000	169 851	2 177	0	687 445	562 310	-18,2
	Shopping space	square metres	216	12 216	8 541	91 143	48 904	-46,3
		R'000	2 957	136 294	67 742	1 025 048	405 565	-60,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	26 206	28 733	47 038	367 907	415 784	13,0
		R'000	187 423	256 033	314 393	2 741 385	2 908 261	6,1
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	1 025	3 834	11 157	26 062	133,6
		R'000	0	8 560	37 194	126 751	237 290	87,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	360 231	403 064	419 329	4 580 629	4 113 426	-10,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 906	13 614	6 572	129 962	94 246	-27,5
		R'000	143 777	144 058	69 898	1 309 187	983 860	-24,8
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	5 543	6 284	4 748	83 082	85 238	2,6
		R'000	47 840	56 647	34 671	781 798	892 060	14,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	191 617	200 705	104 569	2 090 985	1 875 920	-10,3
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 399 599	1 905 746	1 343 292	16 717 524	15 312 145	-8,4

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

Table 27 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Mpumalanga

			Oct 2024	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	3	2	14	28	100,0
		square metres	74	209	138	901	1 860	106,4
		R'000	696	1 964	1 297	6 476	15 003	131,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	57	14	15	262	147	-43,9
		square metres	17 888	2 942	3 952	71 513	39 632	-44,6
		R'000	136 719	25 516	37 144	554 012	351 373	-36,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	32	20	176	94	-46,6
		square metres	0	4 783	2 693	15 811	14 075	-11,0
		R'000	0	31 778	17 892	105 166	102 772	-2,3
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	1 198	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	7 787	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	137 415	59 258	56 333	665 654	476 935	-28,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	9 748	350	-96,4
		R'000	0	0	0	84 480	3 289	-96,1
	Shopping space	square metres	3 263	0	0	3 263	2 030	-37,8
		R'000	30 669	0	0	30 669	13 942	-54,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	22 477	1 822	-91,9
		R'000	0	0	0	173 873	17 125	-90,2
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	3 025	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	19 263	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	30 669	0	0	308 285	34 356	-88,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 691	1 095	769	23 420	15 161	-35,3
		R'000	32 167	8 389	6 170	171 116	119 904	-29,9
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	1 442	24	341	2 861	3 832	33,9
		R'000	16 022	10 146	4 012	56 689	67 751	19,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	48 189	18 535	10 182	227 805	187 655	-17,6
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	216 273	77 793	66 515	1 201 744	698 946	-41,8

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

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

			Oct 2024	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	2	4	31	17	-45,2
		square metres	0	142	271	1 945	1 152	-40,8
		R'000	0	1 048	2 001	13 389	8 460	-36,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	12	14	15	172	171	-0,6
		square metres	3 657	4 769	5 078	46 548	63 423	36,3
		R'000	27 069	34 529	37 624	328 751	455 448	38,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	4	3	0	51	582	1 041,2
		square metres	928	544	0	5 138	31 152	506,3
		R'000	6 703	3 980	0	36 164	225 062	522,3
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	33 772	39 557	39 625	378 304	688 970	82,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	9 593	991	-89,7
		R'000	0	0	0	67 151	7 158	-89,3
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	4 734	8 050	70,0
		R'000	0	0	0	33 464	59 197	76,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 468	1 600	1 468	11 446	11 286	-1,4
		R'000	10 603	11 557	10 603	77 741	79 345	2,1
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	61	0	0	61	..
		R'000	0	440	0	0	440	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	10 603	11 997	10 603	178 356	146 140	-18,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	587	0	981	5 630	3 401	-39,6
		R'000	4 137	0	7 468	38 645	24 946	-35,4
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	424	0	188	1 671	882	-47,2
		R'000	3 363	0	1 358	19 912	10 844	-45,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	7 500	0	8 826	58 557	35 790	-38,9
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	51 875	51 554	59 054	615 217	870 900	41,6

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

Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
Purpose of the survey	2	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
Scope of the survey	3	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	4	Building activities are classified in division five according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
Collection rate	5	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for October 2025 was 87,3%. The revised collection rate for September 2025 was 90,0%.
Statistical unit	6	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	7	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85% of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by email and telephone.
Constant prices	8	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2019. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151.1: <i>Construction Materials Price Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2023=100) are converted to the base year 2019=100.

- Seasonal adjustment** 9 Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by the United States Census Bureau.
- 10 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment is not intended to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences that may occur in a given month.

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

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

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

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

- Related publications** 13 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:
- P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* issued annually;
 - P9101.2: *Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region* issued annually; and
 - *Building Statistics* (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.

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

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

Glossary

Additions and alterations	Extensions to existing buildings as well as internal and external alterations of existing buildings.
Blocks of flats	High-density housing consisting of a number of self-contained dwelling-units, each with at least one living-room together with a kitchen and bathroom, conjoined to similar units in one building.
Dwelling-house	A free-standing, complete structure on a separate stand or a self-contained dwelling-unit, e.g. granny flat, on the same premises as an existing residence. Out-buildings and garages are included.
Local government institutions	<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 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 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 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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