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Results for January to September 2019

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

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Sep 2018 1/	Jan – Sep 2019 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2018 and Jan – Sep 2019	% change between Jan – Sep 2018 and Jan – Sep 2019
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	46 420 060	42 436 062	-3 983 998	-8,6
-Dwelling-houses	25 263 816	23 050 335	-2 213 481	-8,8
-Flats and townhouses	19 429 574	18 752 755	-676 819	-3,5
-Other residential buildings	1 726 670	632 972	-1 093 698	-63,3
Non-residential buildings	20 379 721	17 558 550	-2 821 171	-13,8
Additions and alterations	21 977 626	22 643 378	665 752	3,0
Total	88 777 407	82 637 990	-6 139 417	-6,9

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

Total value of recorded building plans passed at current prices

The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 6,9% (-R6 139,4 million) during January to September 2019 compared with January to September 2018.

Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-13,8% or -R2 821,2 million) and residential buildings (-8,6% or -R3 984,0 million). An increase was recorded for additions and alterations (3,0% or R665,8 million) – see Table A.

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

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Sep 2018 1/	Jan – Sep 2019 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during Jan – Sep 2018	% change between Jan – Sep 2018 and Jan – Sep 2019	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Sep 2018 and Jan – Sep 2019 2/	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2018 and Jan – Sep 2019
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	25 195 660	21 715 699	28,4	-13,8	-3,9	-3 479 961
Eastern Cape	5 441 965	5 109 708	6,1	-6,1	-0,4	-332 257
Northern Cape	801 193	1 173 401	0,9	46,5	0,4	372 208
Free State	2 801 425	2 422 512	3,2	-13,5	-0,4	-378 913
KwaZulu-Natal	15 367 455	13 860 667	17,3	-9,8	-1,7	-1 506 788
North West	2 235 628	1 800 041	2,5	-19,5	-0,5	-435 587
Gauteng	32 622 283	31 602 470	36,7	-3,1	-1,1	-1 019 813
Mpumalanga	3 000 756	3 162 171	3,4	5,4	0,2	161 415
Limpopo	1 311 042	1 791 321	1,5	36,6	0,5	480 279
Total	88 777 407	82 637 990	100,0	-6,9	-6,9	-6 139 417

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

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January to September 2018 and January to September 2019 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during January to September 2018, divided by 100.

The largest negative contributions to the total decrease of 6,9% (-R6 139,4 million) were made by Western Cape (contributing -3,9 percentage points or -R3 480,0 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -1,7 percentage points or -R1 506,8 million) and Gauteng (contributing -1,1 percentage points or -R1 019,8 million) – see Table B.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Sep 2018 1/	Jan – Sep 2019 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2018 and Jan – Sep 2019	% change between Jan – Sep 2018 and Jan – Sep 2019
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	39 941 638	35 005 975	-4 935 663	-12,4
Non-residential buildings	17 551 628	14 461 809	-3 089 819	-17,6
Additions and alterations	18 918 064	18 633 612	-284 452	-1,5
Total	76 411 330	68 101 396	-8 309 934	-10,9

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

Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 10,9% (-R8 309,9 million) during January to September 2019 compared with January to September 2018. Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-17,6% or -R3 089,8 million), residential buildings (-12,4% or -R4 935,7 million) and additions and alterations (-1,5% or -R284,5 million) – see Table C.

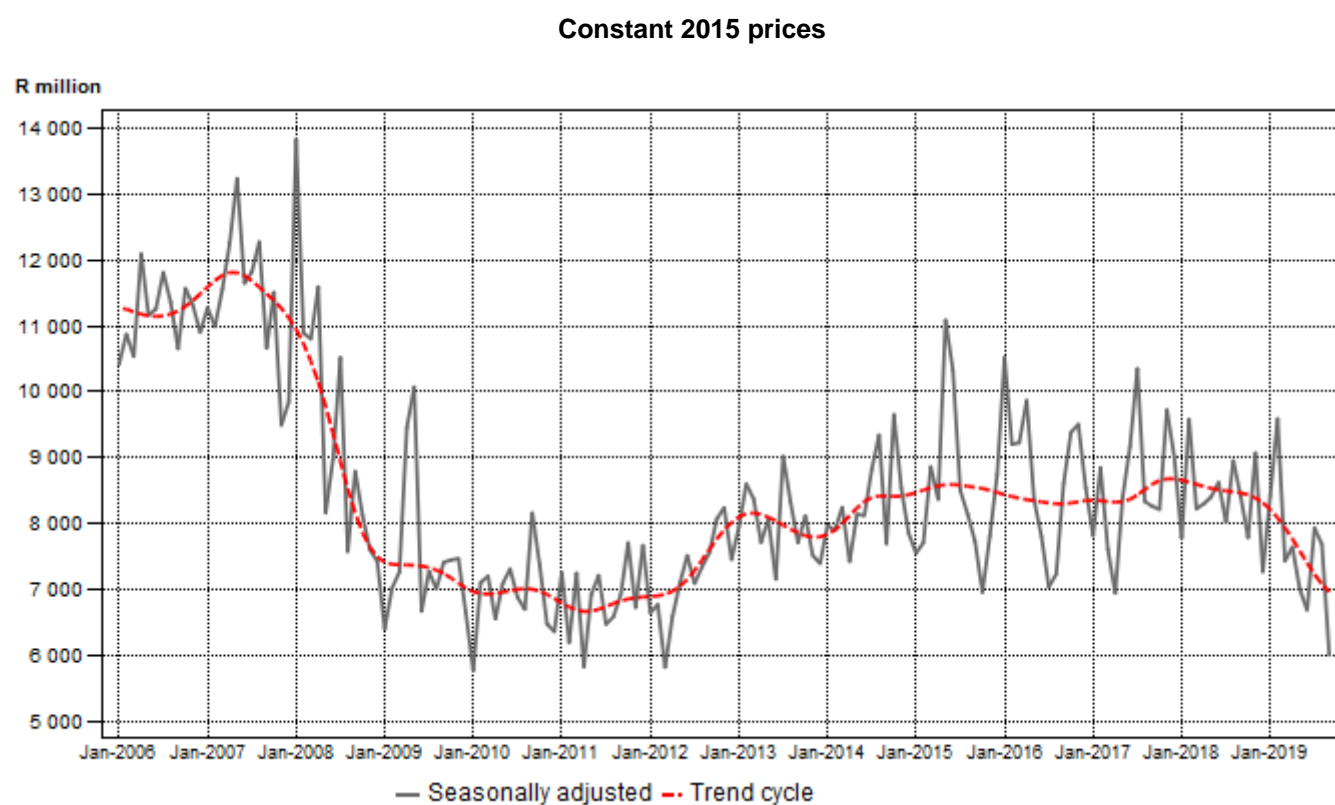
Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Apr – Jun 2019	Jul – Sep 2019	% change between Apr – Jun 2019 and Jul – Sep 2019
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	10 534 207	10 387 826	-1,4
Non-residential buildings 1/	4 428 495	5 070 040	14,5
Additions and alterations	6 384 904	6 178 557	-3,2
Total	21 347 606	21 636 423	1,4

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 increased by 1,4% in the third quarter of 2019 compared with the second quarter of 2019. An increase was recorded for non-residential buildings (14,5%). Decreases were recorded for additions and alterations (-3,2%) and residential buildings (-1,4%) – 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 September 2018 versus January to September 2019**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Sep 2018 1/	Jan – Sep 2019 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2018 and Jan – Sep 2019	% change between Jan – Sep 2018 and Jan – Sep 2019
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	31 024 581	41 490 887	10 466 306	33,7
-Dwelling-houses	16 433 072	16 814 476	381 404	2,3
-Flats and townhouses	14 169 854	24 159 273	9 989 419	70,5
-Other residential buildings	421 655	517 138	95 483	22,6
Non-residential buildings	12 787 978	17 017 380	4 229 402	33,1
Additions and alterations	9 228 502	9 668 833	440 331	4,8
Total	53 041 061	68 177 100	15 136 039	28,5

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

Total value of buildings reported as completed at current prices

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 28,5% (R15 136,0 million) during January to September 2019 compared with January to September 2018.

Increases were recorded for residential buildings (33,7% or R10 466,3 million), non-residential buildings (33,1% or R4 229,4 million) and additions and alterations (4,8% or R440,3 million) – see Table E.

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

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Sep 2018 1/	Jan – Sep 2019 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during Jan – Sep 2018	% change between Jan – Sep 2018 and Jan – Sep 2019	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Sep 2018 and Jan – Sep 2019 2/	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2018 and Jan – Sep 2019
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	15 115 147	16 439 641	28,5	8,8	2,5	1 324 494
Eastern Cape	1 738 844	2 800 233	3,3	61,0	2,0	1 061 389
Northern Cape	323 195	464 907	0,6	43,8	0,3	141 712
Free State	848 949	437 718	1,6	-48,4	-0,8	-411 231
KwaZulu-Natal	6 777 451	9 196 836	12,8	35,7	4,6	2 419 385
North West	1 457 998	1 399 075	2,7	-4,0	-0,1	-58 923
Gauteng	24 751 337	35 087 865	46,7	41,8	19,5	10 336 528
Mpumalanga	1 363 757	1 720 931	2,6	26,2	0,7	357 174
Limpopo	664 383	629 894	1,3	-5,2	-0,1	-34 489
Total	53 041 061	68 177 100	100,0	28,5	28,5	15 136 039

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

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January to September 2018 and January to September 2019 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January to September 2018, divided by 100.

Six provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to September 2019, of which Gauteng (contributing 19,5 percentage points or R10 336,5 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 4,6 percentage points or R2 419,4 million), Western Cape (contributing 2,5 percentage points or R1 324,5 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing 2,0 percentage points or R1 061,4 million) were the largest positive contributors – see Table F.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Sep 2018	Jan – Sep 2019	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2018 and Jan – Sep 2019	% change between Jan – Sep 2018 and Jan – Sep 2019
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	26 669 753	34 150 256	7 480 503	28,0
Non-residential buildings	10 986 923	14 024 380	3 037 457	27,6
Additions and alterations	7 941 377	7 957 128	15 751	0,2
Total	45 598 053	56 131 764	10 533 711	23,1

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

Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2015 prices) increased by 23,1% (R10 533,7 million) during January to September 2019 compared with January to September 2018. Increases were reported for residential buildings (28,0% or R7 480,5 million), non-residential buildings (27,6% or R3 037,5 million) and additions and alterations (0,2% or R15,8 million) – see Table G.

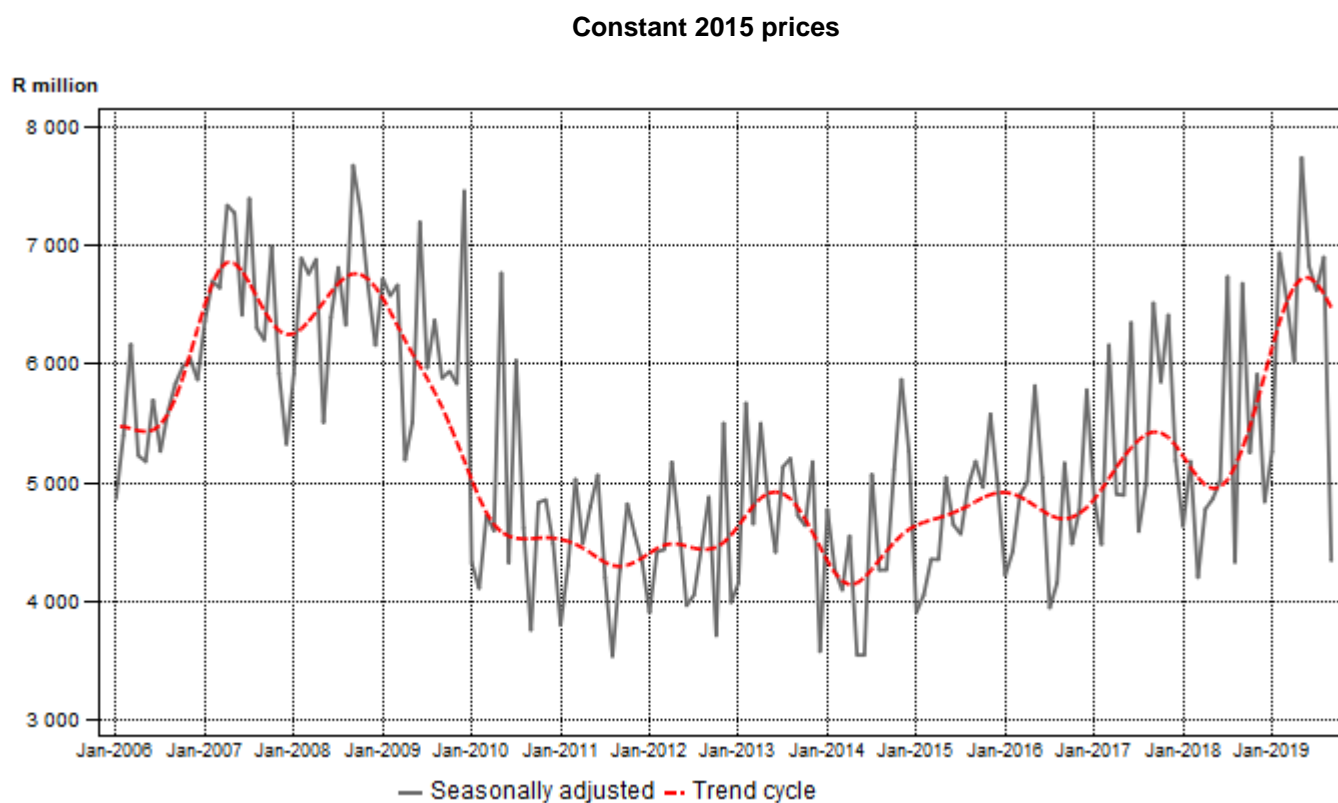
Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Apr – Jun 2019	Jul – Sep 2019	% change between Apr – Jun 2019 and Jul – Sep 2019
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	13 053 446	10 761 202	-17,6
Non-residential buildings 1/	4 930 147	4 324 906	-12,3
Additions and alterations	2 602 028	2 776 789	6,7
Total	20 585 621	17 862 897	-13,2

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased by 13,2% in the third quarter of 2019 compared with the second quarter of 2019. Decreases were recorded for residential buildings (-17,6%) and non-residential buildings (-12,3%). An increase was recorded for additions and alterations (6,7%) – see Table H.

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2018	January	3 423 823	8,3	1 750 009	-8,7	2 048 834	20,3	7 222 666	6,5
	February	4 728 955	3,7	3 819 701	29,2	2 360 140	9,2	10 908 796	12,7
	March	4 473 589	-5,3	1 689 517	-5,9	2 549 303	11,9	8 712 409	-1,0
	April	5 632 240	38,8	1 966 738	89,1	2 162 953	9,0	9 761 931	37,9
	May	5 663 085	21,8	1 906 493	-21,2	2 476 180	1,4	10 045 758	5,6
	June	5 433 066	-9,4	2 239 121	-3,6	2 702 425	2,3	10 374 612	-5,4
	July	5 192 940	-16,4	1 928 957	-31,2	2 732 053	4,0	9 853 950	-15,4
	August	6 483 327	41,4	2 682 408	-6,7	2 471 082	-16,5	11 636 817	11,7
	September	5 389 035	-2,9	2 396 777	44,1	2 474 656	-8,5	10 260 468	3,5
	October	5 365 205	0,9	1 886 023	-2,3	3 170 956	5,9	10 422 184	1,8
	November	5 434 664	16,1	3 089 401	-24,6	2 596 278	-6,8	11 120 343	-3,8
	December	4 169 412	-5,9	1 240 912	-51,1	1 866 810	-5,8	7 277 134	-18,7
	Total	61 389 341	6,0	26 596 057	-6,2	29 611 670	1,2	117 597 068	1,8
2019	January	4 772 821	39,4	1 611 299	-7,9	1 836 501	-10,4	8 220 621	13,8
	February	6 990 891	47,8	2 014 721	-47,3	2 399 945	1,7	11 405 557	4,6
	March	4 148 476	-7,3	2 320 258	37,3	2 314 165	-9,2	8 782 899	0,8
	April	4 276 398	-24,1	2 091 416	6,3	2 473 785	14,4	8 841 599	-9,4
	May	4 422 359	-21,9	1 653 807	-13,3	2 646 651	6,9	8 722 817	-13,2
	June	4 029 716	-25,8	1 648 322	-26,4	2 534 350	-6,2	8 212 388	-20,8
	July	5 361 588	3,2	1 917 207	-0,6	3 282 645	20,2	10 561 440	7,2
	August	5 000 208	-22,9	2 749 039	2,5	2 453 296	-0,7	10 202 543	-12,3
	September	3 433 605	-36,3	1 552 481	-35,2	2 702 040	9,2	7 688 126	-25,1

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2018	January	4 569 160	-15,0	1 750 009	-31,0	2 663 228	4,9	8 982 397	-14,0
	February	4 708 332	3,0	3 819 701	118,3	2 467 313	-7,4	10 995 346	22,4
	March	4 908 406	4,2	1 689 517	-55,8	2 916 902	18,2	9 514 825	-13,5
	April	5 380 100	9,6	1 966 738	16,4	2 203 191	-24,5	9 550 029	0,4
	May	5 393 032	0,2	1 906 493	-3,1	2 399 558	8,9	9 699 083	1,6
	June	5 146 334	-4,6	2 239 121	17,4	2 598 141	8,3	9 983 596	2,9
	July	5 190 128	0,9	1 928 957	-13,9	2 361 629	-9,1	9 480 714	-5,0
	August	5 518 582	6,3	2 682 408	39,1	2 296 574	-2,8	10 497 564	10,7
	September	5 145 670	-6,8	2 396 777	-10,6	2 381 880	3,7	9 924 327	-5,5
	October	4 838 155	-6,0	1 886 023	-21,3	2 539 093	6,6	9 263 271	-6,7
	November	5 291 983	9,4	3 089 401	63,8	2 430 811	-4,3	10 812 195	16,7
	December	5 112 732	-3,4	1 240 912	-59,8	2 388 038	-1,8	8 741 682	-19,1
2019	January	5 990 683	17,2	1 611 299	29,8	2 405 936	0,7	10 007 918	14,5
	February	6 918 152	15,5	2 014 721	25,0	2 513 234	4,5	11 446 107	14,4
	March	4 146 987	-40,1	2 320 258	15,2	2 516 871	0,1	8 984 116	-21,5
	April	4 623 620	11,5	2 091 416	-9,9	2 595 808	3,1	9 310 844	3,6
	May	4 262 494	-7,8	1 653 807	-20,9	2 607 441	0,4	8 523 742	-8,5
	June	3 919 433	-8,0	1 648 322	-0,3	2 530 649	-2,9	8 098 404	-5,0
	July	5 150 236	31,4	1 917 207	16,3	2 697 968	6,6	9 765 411	20,6
	August	4 312 859	-16,3	2 749 039	43,4	2 399 974	-11,0	9 461 872	-3,1
	September	3 331 718	-22,7	1 552 481	-43,5	2 515 310	4,8	7 399 509	-21,8
	Apr – Jun 19	12 805 547		5 393 545		7 733 898		25 932 990	
	Jul – Sep 19 2/	12 794 813	-0,1	6 218 727	15,3	7 613 252	-1,6	26 626 792	2,7

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2018	January	2 977 237	3,6	1 521 747	-12,6	1 781 595	15,1	6 280 579	1,9
	February	4 115 714	0,0	3 324 370	24,5	2 054 082	5,3	9 494 166	8,7
	March	3 886 698	-8,6	1 467 869	-9,2	2 214 859	8,0	7 569 426	-4,4
	April	4 876 398	33,8	1 702 803	82,2	1 872 687	5,1	8 451 888	32,9
	May	4 894 628	18,3	1 647 790	-23,6	2 140 173	-1,6	8 682 591	2,5
	June	4 675 616	-12,8	1 926 954	-7,2	2 325 667	-1,5	8 928 237	-8,9
	July	4 419 523	-20,4	1 641 666	-34,5	2 325 151	-0,8	8 386 340	-19,3
	August	5 536 573	35,9	2 290 699	-10,3	2 110 232	-19,7	9 937 504	7,4
	September	4 559 251	-6,8	2 027 730	38,3	2 093 618	-12,3	8 680 599	-0,7
	October	4 501 011	-3,3	1 582 234	-6,4	2 660 198	1,5	8 743 443	-2,5
	November	4 547 836	11,6	2 585 273	-27,5	2 172 618	-10,4	9 305 727	-7,5
	December	3 500 766	-9,1	1 041 908	-52,7	1 567 431	-9,1	6 110 105	-21,5
	Total	52 491 251	2,0	22 761 043	-9,6	25 318 311	-2,6	100 570 605	-2,0
2019	January	4 027 697	35,3	1 359 746	-10,6	1 549 790	-13,0	6 937 233	10,5
	February	5 850 118	42,1	1 685 959	-49,3	2 008 322	-2,2	9 544 399	0,5
	March	3 428 493	-11,8	1 917 569	30,6	1 912 533	-13,6	7 258 595	-4,1
	April	3 513 885	-27,9	1 718 501	0,9	2 032 691	8,5	7 265 077	-14,0
	May	3 627 858	-25,9	1 356 692	-17,7	2 171 166	1,4	7 155 716	-17,6
	June	3 308 470	-29,2	1 353 302	-29,8	2 080 747	-10,5	6 742 519	-24,5
	July	4 383 964	-0,8	1 567 626	-4,5	2 684 092	15,4	8 635 682	3,0
	August	4 078 473	-26,3	2 242 283	-2,1	2 001 057	-5,2	8 321 813	-16,3
	September	2 787 017	-38,9	1 260 131	-37,9	2 193 214	4,8	6 240 362	-28,1

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2018	January	3 963 924	-13,6	1 521 747	-31,0	2 297 337	3,6	7 783 008	-13,6
	February	4 116 509	3,8	3 324 370	118,5	2 142 246	-6,8	9 583 125	23,1
	March	4 277 654	3,9	1 467 869	-55,8	2 481 158	15,8	8 226 681	-14,2
	April	4 662 998	9,0	1 702 803	16,0	1 936 289	-22,0	8 302 090	0,9
	May	4 680 083	0,4	1 647 790	-3,2	2 078 571	7,3	8 406 444	1,3
	June	4 441 800	-5,1	1 926 954	16,9	2 259 887	8,7	8 628 641	2,6
	July	4 367 805	-1,7	1 641 666	-14,8	2 014 180	-10,9	8 023 651	-7,0
	August	4 714 374	7,9	2 290 699	39,5	1 948 860	-3,2	8 953 933	11,6
	September	4 360 449	-7,5	2 027 730	-11,5	2 023 523	3,8	8 411 702	-6,1
	October	4 081 004	-6,4	1 582 234	-22,0	2 123 653	4,9	7 786 891	-7,4
	November	4 453 010	9,1	2 585 273	63,4	2 034 018	-4,2	9 072 301	16,5
	December	4 218 524	-5,3	1 041 908	-59,7	2 008 304	-1,3	7 268 736	-19,9
2019	January	5 038 588	19,4	1 359 746	30,5	2 028 341	1,0	8 426 675	15,9
	February	5 809 559	15,3	1 685 959	24,0	2 096 504	3,4	9 592 022	13,8
	March	3 447 841	-40,7	1 917 569	13,7	2 068 247	-1,3	7 433 657	-22,5
	April	3 803 143	10,3	1 718 501	-10,4	2 128 161	2,9	7 649 805	2,9
	May	3 509 818	-7,7	1 356 692	-21,1	2 142 744	0,7	7 009 254	-8,4
	June	3 221 246	-8,2	1 353 302	-0,2	2 113 999	-1,3	6 688 547	-4,6
	July	4 168 251	29,4	1 567 626	15,8	2 198 444	4,0	7 934 321	18,6
	August	3 513 855	-15,7	2 242 283	43,0	1 933 187	-12,1	7 689 325	-3,1
	September	2 705 720	-23,0	1 260 131	-43,8	2 046 926	5,9	6 012 777	-21,8
	Apr – Jun 19	10 534 207		4 428 495		6 384 904		21 347 606	
	Jul – Sep 19 2/	10 387 826	-1,4	5 070 040	14,5	6 178 557	-3,2	21 636 423	1,4

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2018	January	2 685 943	13,8	807 034	-39,1	792 693	4,9	4 285 670	-3,4
	February	2 996 399	0,3	1 521 419	91,7	1 053 541	25,5	5 571 359	20,6
	March	2 823 654	-21,4	1 044 722	-57,7	1 068 288	-2,6	4 936 664	-31,0
	April	3 373 893	-9,4	1 205 988	44,3	890 508	29,3	5 470 389	4,3
	May	3 191 090	6,5	1 473 491	1,0	903 658	-3,7	5 568 239	3,2
	June	3 381 928	6,2	1 478 214	-47,4	1 020 156	-8,9	5 880 298	-17,3
	July	4 918 774	76,2	1 484 338	4,6	1 362 088	55,0	7 765 200	52,6
	August	2 862 038	-5,3	1 060 192	-31,1	1 181 840	5,4	5 104 070	-10,2
	September	4 790 862	58,8	2 712 580	-22,5	955 730	-22,6	8 459 172	9,1
	October	3 696 841	10,9	1 566 033	-41,3	1 142 493	37,4	6 405 367	-6,3
	November	5 964 109	62,8	1 078 925	-66,9	1 121 099	-1,8	8 164 133	1,3
	December	3 779 538	-9,1	1 201 138	39,1	825 065	-13,9	5 805 741	-2,9
	Total	44 465 069	14,5	16 634 074	-27,5	12 317 159	6,1	73 416 302	0,1
2019	January	3 215 693	19,7	1 129 725	40,0	704 984	-11,1	5 050 402	17,8
	February	3 662 196	22,2	3 157 234	107,5	991 268	-5,9	7 810 698	40,2
	March	5 459 272	93,3	1 420 463	36,0	1 490 196	39,5	8 369 931	69,5
	April	4 328 058	28,3	1 623 694	34,6	1 026 808	15,3	6 978 560	27,6
	May	5 249 660	64,5	3 123 392	112,0	1 035 312	14,6	9 408 364	69,0
	June	6 325 555	87,0	1 259 061	-14,8	868 430	-14,9	8 453 046	43,8
	July	4 795 499	-2,5	1 904 394	28,3	1 202 470	-11,7	7 902 363	1,8
	August	5 048 824	76,4	2 136 907	101,6	1 240 827	5,0	8 426 558	65,1
	September	3 406 130	-28,9	1 262 510	-53,5	1 108 538	16,0	5 777 178	-31,7

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2018	January	3 485 845	-13,8	807 034	-6,5	1 044 492	-5,6	5 337 371	-11,2
	February	3 371 360	-3,3	1 521 419	88,5	1 055 346	1,0	5 948 125	11,4
	March	2 771 719	-17,8	1 044 722	-31,3	1 010 346	-4,3	4 826 787	-18,9
	April	3 417 720	23,3	1 205 988	15,4	877 766	-13,1	5 501 474	14,0
	May	3 210 369	-6,1	1 473 491	22,2	929 195	5,9	5 613 055	2,0
	June	3 368 893	4,9	1 478 214	0,3	971 237	4,5	5 818 344	3,7
	July	5 058 641	50,2	1 484 338	0,4	1 361 443	40,2	7 904 422	35,9
	August	2 917 780	-42,3	1 060 192	-28,6	1 089 349	-20,0	5 067 321	-35,9
	September	4 269 811	46,3	2 712 580	155,9	914 418	-16,1	7 896 809	55,8
	October	3 605 954	-15,5	1 566 033	-42,3	1 081 865	18,3	6 253 852	-20,8
	November	4 962 045	37,6	1 078 925	-31,1	1 033 038	-4,5	7 074 008	13,1
	December	3 661 846	-26,2	1 201 138	11,3	942 352	-8,8	5 805 336	-17,9
2019	January	4 185 488	14,3	1 129 725	-5,9	931 468	-1,2	6 246 681	7,6
	February	4 125 824	-1,4	3 157 234	179,5	1 005 410	7,9	8 288 468	32,7
	March	5 333 571	29,3	1 420 463	-55,0	1 127 485	12,1	7 881 519	-4,9
	April	4 408 374	-17,3	1 623 694	14,3	1 282 522	13,8	7 314 590	-7,2
	May	5 223 317	18,5	3 123 392	92,4	1 066 584	-16,8	9 413 293	28,7
	June	6 220 004	19,1	1 259 061	-59,7	819 660	-23,2	8 298 725	-11,8
	July	4 979 388	-19,9	1 904 394	51,3	1 203 616	46,8	8 087 398	-2,5
	August	5 183 313	4,1	2 136 907	12,2	1 142 423	-5,1	8 462 643	4,6
	September	3 026 380	-41,6	1 262 510	-40,9	1 061 585	-7,1	5 350 475	-36,8
	Apr – Jun 19	15 851 695		6 006 147		3 168 766		25 026 608	
	Jul – Sep 19 2/	13 189 081	-16,8	5 303 811	-11,7	3 407 624	7,5	21 900 516	-12,5

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2018	January	2 335 603	8,9	701 769	-41,7	689 298	0,4	3 726 670	-7,6
	February	2 607 832	-3,3	1 324 124	84,8	916 920	21,0	4 848 876	16,3
	March	2 453 218	-24,1	907 665	-59,2	928 139	-6,0	4 289 022	-33,4
	April	2 921 119	-12,7	1 044 145	39,0	771 003	24,6	4 736 267	0,5
	May	2 758 073	3,3	1 273 545	-2,0	781 035	-6,5	4 812 653	0,2
	June	2 910 437	2,3	1 272 129	-49,3	877 931	-12,2	5 060 497	-20,4
	July	4 186 191	67,9	1 263 266	-0,3	1 159 224	47,8	6 608 681	45,4
	August	2 444 097	-8,9	905 373	-33,7	1 009 257	1,3	4 358 727	-13,6
	September	4 053 183	52,3	2 294 907	-25,7	808 570	-25,7	7 156 660	4,7
	October	3 101 377	6,3	1 313 786	-43,8	958 467	31,6	5 373 630	-10,2
	November	4 990 886	56,5	902 866	-68,1	938 158	-5,6	6 831 910	-2,6
	December	3 173 416	-12,3	1 008 512	34,4	692 750	-16,9	4 874 678	-6,3
	Total	37 935 432	10,0	14 212 087	-30,1	10 530 752	2,1	62 678 271	-3,8
2019	January	2 713 665	16,2	953 354	35,9	594 923	-13,7	4 261 942	14,4
	February	3 064 599	17,5	2 642 037	99,5	829 513	-9,5	6 536 149	34,8
	March	4 511 795	83,9	1 173 936	29,3	1 231 567	32,7	6 917 298	61,3
	April	3 556 334	21,7	1 334 177	27,8	843 721	9,4	5 734 232	21,1
	May	4 306 530	56,1	2 562 258	101,2	849 313	8,7	7 718 101	60,4
	June	5 193 395	78,4	1 033 712	-18,7	712 997	-18,8	6 940 104	37,1
	July	3 921 095	-6,3	1 557 150	23,3	983 213	-15,2	6 461 458	-2,2
	August	4 118 127	68,5	1 742 991	92,5	1 012 094	0,3	6 873 212	57,7
	September	2 764 716	-31,8	1 024 765	-55,3	899 787	11,3	4 689 268	-34,5

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2018	January	3 023 112	-13,0	701 769	-6,5	905 058	-5,7	4 629 939	-10,7
	February	2 935 132	-2,9	1 324 124	88,7	919 449	1,6	5 178 705	11,9
	March	2 416 002	-17,7	907 665	-31,5	876 837	-4,6	4 200 504	-18,9
	April	2 970 148	22,9	1 044 145	15,0	761 287	-13,2	4 775 580	13,7
	May	2 784 018	-6,3	1 273 545	22,0	804 500	5,7	4 862 063	1,8
	June	2 904 520	4,3	1 272 129	-0,1	836 912	4,0	5 013 561	3,1
	July	4 313 874	48,5	1 263 266	-0,7	1 159 839	38,6	6 736 979	34,4
	August	2 491 435	-42,2	905 373	-28,3	929 713	-19,8	4 326 521	-35,8
	September	3 612 305	45,0	2 294 907	153,5	773 198	-16,8	6 680 410	54,4
	October	3 030 457	-16,1	1 313 786	-42,8	907 050	17,3	5 251 293	-21,4
	November	4 146 009	36,8	902 866	-31,3	865 347	-4,6	5 914 222	12,6
	December	3 038 557	-26,7	1 008 512	11,7	789 427	-8,8	4 836 496	-18,2
2019	January	3 522 315	15,9	953 354	-5,5	783 345	-0,8	5 259 014	8,7
	February	3 453 914	-1,9	2 642 037	177,1	841 999	7,5	6 937 950	31,9
	March	4 421 673	28,0	1 173 936	-55,6	934 262	11,0	6 529 871	-5,9
	April	3 635 872	-17,8	1 334 177	13,6	1 051 826	12,6	6 021 875	-7,8
	May	4 300 895	18,3	2 562 258	92,0	876 714	-16,6	7 739 867	28,5
	June	5 116 679	19,0	1 033 712	-59,7	673 488	-23,2	6 823 879	-11,8
	July	4 078 196	-20,3	1 557 150	50,6	984 637	46,2	6 619 983	-3,0
	August	4 226 261	3,6	1 742 991	11,9	930 910	-5,5	6 900 162	4,2
	September	2 456 745	-41,9	1 024 765	-41,2	861 242	-7,5	4 342 752	-37,1
	Apr – Jun 19	13 053 446		4 930 147		2 602 028		20 585 621	
	Jul – Sep 19 2/	10 761 202	-17,6	4 324 906	-12,3	2 776 789	6,7	17 862 897	-13,2

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

			Sep 2018	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2018	Jan – Sep 2019	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 267	1 133	950	14 103	10 552	-25,2	
		square metres	66 349	52 335	47 958	670 686	552 499	-17,6	
		R'000	387 098	286 048	257 298	3 663 849	2 813 279	-23,2	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 214	1 133	1 098	11 231	9 871	-12,1	
		square metres	336 427	319 997	310 982	3 001 774	2 723 453	-9,3	
		R'000	2 462 123	2 447 973	2 371 262	21 599 967	20 237 056	-6,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 927	2 291	901	21 634	18 979	-12,3	
		square metres	243 105	241 554	91 488	2 387 628	2 214 051	-7,3	
		R'000	2 309 350	2 127 037	762 875	19 429 574	18 752 755	-3,5	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	28 327	19 281	6 315	175 980	86 684	-50,7	
		R'000	230 464	139 150	42 170	1 726 670	632 972	-63,3	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	5 389 035	5 000 208	3 433 605	46 420 060	42 436 062	-8,6
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	33 251	19 708	17 873	441 954	327 708	-25,9
R'000			340 558	169 053	172 805	4 083 626	2 984 938	-26,9	
Shopping space		square metres	32 146	93 461	44 895	512 719	423 917	-17,3	
		R'000	280 578	751 877	345 253	4 241 582	3 240 843	-23,6	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	189 640	208 966	129 908	1 464 919	1 281 339	-12,5	
		R'000	1 210 373	1 329 558	811 220	8 928 038	8 047 499	-9,9	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	86 172	66 273	36 349	447 861	462 309	3,2	
		R'000	565 268	498 551	223 203	3 126 475	3 285 270	5,1	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	2 396 777	2 749 039	1 552 481	20 379 721	17 558 550	-13,8	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	253 508	236 787	233 798	2 141 868	2 114 132	-1,3
	R'000		1 911 897	1 784 334	1 799 229	15 597 150	15 937 830	2,2	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	47 747	59 402	97 481	671 630	602 149	-10,3	
		R'000	562 759	668 962	902 811	6 380 476	6 705 548	5,1	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	2 474 656	2 453 296	2 702 040	21 977 626	22 643 378	3,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	10 260 468	10 202 543	7 688 126	88 777 407	82 637 990	-6,9	

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2018	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2018	Jan – Sep 2019	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	373	177	154	5 002	2 352	-53,0	
		square metres	16 944	9 769	7 418	223 336	105 454	-52,8	
		R'000	104 827	65 909	54 880	1 315 685	628 212	-52,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	395	321	291	3 958	3 087	-22,0	
		square metres	101 319	75 714	73 251	964 253	763 110	-20,9	
		R'000	646 013	513 644	499 169	6 429 451	5 059 137	-21,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	330	325	310	8 124	4 693	-42,2	
		square metres	36 691	44 132	35 998	796 485	523 571	-34,3	
		R'000	291 557	336 134	286 490	6 029 518	4 097 628	-32,0	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	17 820	2 837	23 470	48 513	106,7	
		R'000	0	129 421	20 763	181 605	347 830	91,5	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 042 397	1 045 108	861 302	13 956 259	10 132 807	-27,4
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	5 958	5 560	301	76 018	50 190	-34,0
R'000			52 241	46 621	2 113	608 768	387 102	-36,4	
Shopping space		square metres	22 278	17 553	15 317	124 208	110 102	-11,4	
		R'000	197 169	147 600	131 941	1 018 060	901 006	-11,5	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	28 383	51 655	12 075	313 478	270 067	-13,8	
		R'000	202 509	357 184	82 045	2 120 660	1 868 371	-11,9	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	33 378	41 161	20 398	166 694	251 252	50,7	
		R'000	214 696	266 111	114 502	1 169 900	1 730 399	47,9	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	666 615	817 516	330 601	4 917 388	4 886 878	-0,6	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	75 463	63 362	69 730	627 128	604 606	-3,6	
		R'000	491 298	411 797	461 214	4 192 029	3 973 721	-5,2	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	11 691	23 970	35 224	209 291	243 191	16,2	
		R'000	164 892	272 738	371 995	2 129 984	2 722 293	27,8	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	656 190	684 535	833 209	6 322 013	6 696 014	5,9
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 365 202	2 547 159	2 025 112	25 195 660	21 715 699	-13,8	

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2018	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2018	Jan – Sep 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	39	46	64	1 040	293	-71,8
		square metres	2 355	2 679	3 934	48 622	17 974	-63,0
		R'000	14 848	17 861	25 919	303 141	114 845	-62,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	93	125	100	970	812	-16,3
		square metres	18 396	27 002	20 635	205 871	187 380	-9,0
		R'000	119 732	186 054	143 236	1 323 918	1 255 485	-5,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	23	62	47	1 132	419	-63,0
		square metres	3 522	5 043	6 169	75 898	51 249	-32,5
		R'000	23 950	34 892	42 599	477 002	340 635	-28,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	2 066	273	-86,8
		R'000	0	0	0	11 726	1 958	-83,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	158 530	238 807	211 754	2 115 787	1 712 923	-19,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	925	4 673	1 922	29 708	14 433	-51,4
		R'000	6 290	28 769	13 298	188 279	92 977	-50,6
	Shopping space	square metres	1 644	6 704	1 751	8 294	32 732	294,6
		R'000	11 039	46 206	12 115	51 500	199 534	287,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	54 402	38 665	27 279	141 085	205 446	45,6
		R'000	349 128	260 178	189 433	839 093	1 359 649	62,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	26 336	5 008	585	44 543	11 141	-75,0
		R'000	167 567	37 240	3 036	267 248	73 488	-72,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	534 024	372 393	217 882	1 346 120	1 725 648	28,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	25 278	26 511	19 798	223 280	186 395	-16,5
		R'000	159 102	180 158	133 770	1 382 573	1 219 205	-11,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	8 691	4 104	9 745	98 780	64 359	-34,8
		R'000	61 512	28 668	71 189	597 485	451 932	-24,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	220 614	208 826	204 959	1 980 058	1 671 137	-15,6
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	913 168	820 026	634 595	5 441 965	5 109 708	-6,1

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2018	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2018	Jan – Sep 2019	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	15	3	18	129	616,7	
		square metres	200	892	147	996	5 867	489,1	
		R'000	1 609	7 463	1 246	8 026	23 292	190,2	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	16	22	20	120	148	23,3	
		square metres	3 357	6 575	4 432	23 594	36 576	55,0	
		R'000	22 217	52 464	31 735	159 825	268 926	68,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	14	29	5	52	41	-21,2	
		square metres	1 267	2 190	692	4 697	3 430	-27,0	
		R'000	10 028	17 958	6 015	35 032	28 776	-17,9	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	1 705	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	11 935	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	33 854	77 885	38 996	214 818	320 994	49,4
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 477	0	582	9 564	5 215	-45,5
R'000			11 760	0	5 101	76 788	42 443	-44,7	
Shopping space		square metres	0	0	0	9 288	1 576	-83,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	71 638	9 261	-87,1	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	3 379	305	1 306	14 610	8 579	-41,3	
		R'000	24 028	1 583	9 598	101 179	57 967	-42,7	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	0	0	2 199	51 061	2 222,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	17 682	408 306	2 209,2	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	35 788	1 583	14 699	267 287	517 977	93,8	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 255	4 232	5 175	30 390	31 838	4,8
	R'000		25 267	35 396	43 243	222 177	246 600	11,0	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 294	1 090	0	12 211	8 852	-27,5	
		R'000	8 236	21 985	2 241	96 911	87 830	-9,4	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	33 503	57 381	45 484	319 088	334 430	4,8
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	103 145	136 849	99 179	801 193	1 173 401	46,5	

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2018	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2018	Jan – Sep 2019	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	28	15	15	160	182	13,8	
		square metres	1 704	930	927	9 107	10 859	19,2	
		R'000	12 637	7 220	7 252	59 380	81 256	36,8	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	42	49	41	501	513	2,4	
		square metres	7 391	10 140	9 077	104 654	109 869	5,0	
		R'000	50 858	72 796	58 919	655 302	740 220	13,0	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	38	17	320	310	-3,1	
		square metres	0	5 096	1 986	24 029	35 271	46,8	
		R'000	0	36 415	15 720	168 936	266 801	57,9	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	722	1 141	0	13 654	8 165	-40,2	
		R'000	3 952	5 921	0	87 215	42 101	-51,7	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	67 447	122 352	81 891	970 833	1 130 378	16,4
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	513	5 640	8 638	53,2
R'000			0	0	2 662	36 176	60 393	66,9	
Shopping space		square metres	702	353	224	31 143	14 990	-51,9	
		R'000	5 422	2 849	1 808	205 330	87 571	-57,4	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	730	607	2 910	69 505	11 219	-83,9	
		R'000	5 639	3 150	23 490	459 589	76 110	-83,4	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	928	0	6 630	26 261	296,1	
		R'000	0	7 491	0	40 768	195 219	378,9	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	11 061	13 490	27 960	741 863	419 293	-43,5	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 321	10 242	6 935	94 836	82 962	-12,5
	R'000		53 863	73 302	45 929	608 608	558 012	-8,3	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	535	996	7 939	54 887	24 108	-56,1	
		R'000	3 977	28 960	45 003	480 121	314 829	-34,4	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	57 840	102 262	90 932	1 088 729	872 841	-19,8
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	136 348	238 104	200 783	2 801 425	2 422 512	-13,5	

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2018	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2018	Jan – Sep 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	12	517	23	135	660	388,9
		square metres	799	17 143	1 517	8 288	25 249	204,6
		R'000	7 702	63 609	11 441	64 491	128 990	100,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	90	97	106	831	915	10,1
		square metres	26 622	29 613	33 251	259 013	285 226	10,1
		R'000	266 405	294 365	319 892	2 534 161	2 740 310	8,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	621	207	102	2 376	2 510	5,6
		square metres	90 246	37 013	12 453	301 815	310 835	3,0
		R'000	1 036 701	377 281	115 139	3 126 226	3 108 404	-0,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	320	0	85 792	10 553	-87,7
		R'000	0	3 808	0	1 078 938	121 081	-88,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 310 808	739 063	446 472	6 803 816	6 098 785	-10,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	8 616	755	644	115 649	38 359	-66,8
		R'000	94 776	7 013	7 084	1 209 699	382 871	-68,3
	Shopping space	square metres	1 382	8 132	4 056	55 553	38 412	-30,9
		R'000	15 202	73 972	37 476	577 163	351 231	-39,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	30 688	32 412	16 036	336 002	371 338	10,5
		R'000	188 687	190 347	107 143	2 067 386	2 262 515	9,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	4 019	13 851	4 907	54 546	33 132	-39,3
		R'000	31 157	152 361	40 423	425 964	312 351	-26,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	329 822	423 693	192 126	4 280 212	3 308 968	-22,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	28 164	26 789	32 179	267 193	285 021	6,7
		R'000	302 405	285 465	329 028	2 658 780	2 877 476	8,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	7 142	15 187	17 350	131 333	119 664	-8,9
		R'000	112 000	174 029	197 174	1 624 647	1 575 438	-3,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	414 405	459 494	526 202	4 283 427	4 452 914	4,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 055 035	1 622 250	1 164 800	15 367 455	13 860 667	-9,8

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2018	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2018	Jan – Sep 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	109	3	2	908	50	-94,5
		square metres	5 051	196	106	38 897	2 729	-93,0
		R'000	18 685	1 251	638	133 587	14 560	-89,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	53	64	46	560	462	-17,5
		square metres	12 945	19 993	13 136	142 469	124 609	-12,5
		R'000	74 821	124 972	79 563	799 402	743 130	-7,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	20	18	5	883	421	-52,3
		square metres	1 312	1 407	554	81 350	29 935	-63,2
		R'000	6 956	7 426	2 875	429 680	179 271	-58,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	6 777	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	36 643	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	100 462	133 649	83 076	1 399 312	936 961	-33,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 682	267	1 204	5 094	5 170	1,5
		R'000	7 918	1 869	6 539	25 060	29 654	18,3
	Shopping space	square metres	1 216	0	226	23 442	16 692	-28,8
		R'000	6 039	0	1 172	125 508	104 685	-16,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	2 270	1 717	20 286	4 375	-78,4
		R'000	0	12 487	8 909	109 000	23 323	-78,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	428	787	220	5 103	20 987	311,3
		R'000	2 133	4 713	1 142	25 613	126 064	392,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	16 090	19 069	17 762	285 181	283 726	-0,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 631	9 747	7 171	89 882	79 267	-11,8
		R'000	53 914	57 399	41 485	482 530	453 889	-5,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	690	934	218	10 208	12 029	17,8
		R'000	5 420	11 486	2 823	68 605	125 465	82,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	59 334	68 885	44 308	551 135	579 354	5,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	175 886	221 603	145 146	2 235 628	1 800 041	-19,5

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2018	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2018	Jan – Sep 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	630	323	670	6 438	6 594	2,4
		square metres	34 743	18 435	32 762	318 228	367 290	15,4
		R'000	203 117	110 721	150 836	1 658 030	1 733 372	4,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	413	358	352	3 234	2 931	-9,4
		square metres	132 730	120 458	116 781	1 004 250	927 147	-7,7
		R'000	1 081 396	1 001 709	986 423	8 007 477	7 674 039	-4,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	891	1 576	415	8 475	9 812	15,8
		square metres	107 442	142 225	33 636	1 076 305	1 214 946	12,9
		R'000	925 093	1 291 284	294 037	9 020 284	10 486 786	16,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	22 509	0	0	28 960	4 717	-83,7
		R'000	192 092	0	0	238 013	26 239	-89,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 401 698	2 403 714	1 431 296	18 923 804	19 920 436	5,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	14 108	7 790	12 372	181 556	164 673	-9,3
		R'000	163 934	80 072	134 270	1 834 372	1 735 019	-5,4
	Shopping space	square metres	4 924	7 352	22 221	221 776	105 369	-52,5
		R'000	45 707	67 166	154 398	1 991 042	874 708	-56,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	42 553	72 244	53 213	463 414	349 632	-24,6
		R'000	266 076	447 572	303 004	2 607 716	2 065 681	-20,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	20 312	4 538	4 781	142 090	41 475	-70,8
		R'000	141 278	30 635	34 923	1 037 272	293 675	-71,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	616 995	625 445	626 595	7 470 402	4 969 083	-33,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	89 461	76 304	80 212	665 910	696 913	4,7
		R'000	746 236	624 931	672 552	5 270 835	5 768 521	9,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	16 656	11 366	25 700	124 940	111 740	-10,6
		R'000	134 632	94 563	200 838	957 242	944 430	-1,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	880 868	719 494	873 390	6 228 077	6 712 951	7,8
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 899 561	3 748 653	2 931 281	32 622 283	31 602 470	-3,1

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2018	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2018	Jan – Sep 2019	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	51	32	19	218	238	9,2	
		square metres	3 395	2 038	1 147	12 793	13 736	7,4	
		R'000	17 257	10 501	5 086	67 713	70 281	3,8	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	75	64	102	682	639	-6,3	
		square metres	21 647	20 321	26 296	179 522	165 050	-8,1	
		R'000	137 303	141 714	172 254	1 069 726	1 068 370	-0,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	124	77	-37,9	
		square metres	0	0	0	11 551	3 813	-67,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	58 783	19 271	-67,2	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	5 096	0	0	13 247	3 712	-72,0	
		R'000	34 420	0	0	79 281	18 910	-76,1	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	188 980	152 215	177 340	1 275 503	1 176 832	-7,7
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	485	663	0	15 820	31 749	100,7
R'000			3 639	4 709	0	89 386	203 257	127,4	
Shopping space		square metres	0	53 367	0	19 701	66 614	238,1	
		R'000	0	414 084	0	96 277	487 960	406,8	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	27 707	10 808	2 689	82 317	33 389	-59,4	
		R'000	164 701	57 057	14 468	499 419	180 360	-63,9	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	1 699	0	4 964	18 224	20 933	14,9	
		R'000	8 437	0	26 329	103 358	110 991	7,4	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	176 777	475 850	40 797	788 440	982 568	24,6	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 646	12 979	9 017	106 325	98 482	-7,4
	R'000		50 422	77 039	51 052	585 183	566 182	-3,2	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	746	1 024	761	21 067	13 226	-37,2	
		R'000	69 357	28 272	6 495	351 630	436 589	24,2	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	119 779	105 311	57 547	936 813	1 002 771	7,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	485 536	733 376	275 684	3 000 756	3 162 171	5,4	

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2018	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2018	Jan – Sep 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	21	5	0	184	54	-70,7
		square metres	1 158	253	0	10 419	3 341	-67,9
		R'000	6 416	1 513	0	53 796	18 471	-65,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	37	33	40	375	364	-2,9
		square metres	12 020	10 181	14 123	118 148	124 486	5,4
		R'000	63 378	60 255	80 071	620 705	687 439	10,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	28	36	0	148	696	370,3
		square metres	2 625	4 448	0	15 498	41 001	164,6
		R'000	15 065	25 647	0	84 113	225 183	167,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	3 478	309	10 751	3 379,3
		R'000	0	0	21 407	1 314	74 853	5 596,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	84 859	87 415	101 478	759 928	1 005 946	32,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	335	2 905	9 281	219,5
		R'000	0	0	1 738	15 098	51 222	239,3
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	1 100	19 314	37 430	93,8
		R'000	0	0	6 343	105 064	224 887	114,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 798	0	12 683	24 222	27 294	12,7
		R'000	9 605	0	73 130	123 996	153 523	23,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	494	7 832	6 067	-22,5
		R'000	0	0	2 848	38 670	34 777	-10,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	9 605	0	84 059	282 828	464 409	64,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 289	6 621	3 581	36 924	48 648	31,8
		R'000	29 390	38 847	20 956	194 435	274 224	41,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	302	731	544	8 913	4 980	-44,1
		R'000	2 733	8 261	5 053	73 851	46 742	-36,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	32 123	47 108	26 009	268 286	320 966	19,6
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	126 587	134 523	211 546	1 311 042	1 791 321	36,6

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2018	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2018	Jan – Sep 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	936	706	857	8 045	7 295	-9,3
		square metres	47 388	37 032	44 451	406 802	374 458	-8,0
		R'000	269 258	215 841	257 677	2 381 671	2 153 599	-9,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	829	786	739	7 486	7 422	-0,9
		square metres	220 436	211 333	196 939	1 910 454	1 934 103	1,2
		R'000	1 648 262	1 602 683	1 540 915	14 051 401	14 660 877	4,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2 036	2 315	1 671	12 124	20 986	73,1
		square metres	354 732	379 509	194 151	1 775 314	2 936 987	65,4
		R'000	2 839 157	3 107 837	1 583 117	14 169 854	24 159 273	70,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	5 166	11 133	2 280	53 411	59 351	11,1
		R'000	34 185	122 463	24 421	421 655	517 138	22,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	4 790 862	5 048 824	3 406 130	31 024 581	41 490 887	33,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	82 470	53 784	18 496	505 722	444 658	-12,1
		R'000	817 993	540 064	155 609	4 765 136	4 483 445	-5,9
	Shopping space	square metres	46 978	89 474	8 858	234 686	466 197	98,6
		R'000	375 815	792 141	90 223	1 958 292	4 322 695	120,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	232 339	85 593	128 739	872 207	926 664	6,2
		R'000	1 392 821	524 627	875 752	5 118 597	5 781 692	13,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	19 241	41 571	18 788	131 778	342 207	159,7
		R'000	125 951	280 075	140 926	945 953	2 429 548	156,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 712 580	2 136 907	1 262 510	12 787 978	17 017 380	33,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	86 046	108 778	83 972	841 736	785 730	-6,7
		R'000	663 961	799 547	642 114	6 099 194	5 819 389	-4,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	28 984	46 583	43 479	335 872	376 540	12,1
		R'000	291 769	441 280	466 424	3 129 308	3 849 444	23,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	955 730	1 240 827	1 108 538	9 228 502	9 668 833	4,8
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	8 459 172	8 426 558	5 777 178	53 041 061	68 177 100	28,5

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2018	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2018	Jan – Sep 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	365	217	145	3 098	1 910	-38,3
		square metres	16 727	10 050	6 762	141 283	88 517	-37,3
		R'000	102 434	59 992	41 971	823 993	531 582	-35,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	277	307	212	2 495	2 279	-8,7
		square metres	70 370	75 751	55 483	595 041	553 721	-6,9
		R'000	472 470	516 091	374 706	4 001 936	3 796 253	-5,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	288	800	613	3 904	4 892	25,3
		square metres	29 922	79 688	61 152	417 028	553 680	32,8
		R'000	240 034	635 255	481 300	3 220 164	4 389 681	36,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	23 381	15 638	-33,1
		R'000	0	0	0	178 035	124 248	-30,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	814 938	1 211 338	897 977	8 224 128	8 841 764	7,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	22 141	13 008	13 138	98 619	48 636	-50,7
		R'000	193 734	106 919	113 502	806 482	386 675	-52,1
	Shopping space	square metres	39 546	67 805	657	90 084	96 441	7,1
		R'000	314 230	593 294	5 796	699 657	829 067	18,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	53 674	32 652	9 332	227 239	274 659	20,9
		R'000	363 811	219 674	64 896	1 473 131	1 880 550	27,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 039	18 232	17 275	52 253	147 425	182,1
		R'000	13 070	121 387	127 077	367 325	1 100 844	199,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	884 845	1 041 274	311 271	3 346 595	4 197 136	25,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	35 217	39 774	28 840	330 599	278 873	-15,6
		R'000	229 510	263 606	197 230	2 053 720	1 826 367	-11,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	17 438	19 479	13 907	160 306	152 068	-5,1
		R'000	171 329	225 143	153 560	1 490 704	1 574 374	5,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	400 839	488 749	350 790	3 544 424	3 400 741	-4,1
Recorded buildings	Total at current prices	R'000	2 100 622	2 741 361	1 560 038	15 115 147	16 439 641	8,8

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2018	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2018	Jan – Sep 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	41	5	34	214	225	5,1
		square metres	1 990	210	1 858	11 543	11 046	-4,3
		R'000	8 390	1 065	12 630	61 533	61 277	-0,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	36	52	44	431	487	13,0
		square metres	7 802	11 300	10 046	88 734	96 980	9,3
		R'000	53 047	80 223	71 271	588 057	645 697	9,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	11	7	13	170	191	12,4
		square metres	1 634	990	1 251	17 308	19 519	12,8
		R'000	10 599	6 815	8 624	114 423	127 147	11,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	729	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	5 013	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	72 036	88 103	92 525	764 013	839 134	9,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	2 287	1 056	10 981	939,9
		R'000	0	0	15 824	6 804	73 050	973,6
	Shopping space	square metres	0	427	0	2 124	7 289	243,2
		R'000	0	2 954	0	12 023	47 968	299,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 403	6 015	51 918	46 187	96 196	108,3
		R'000	23 623	40 874	359 165	278 216	648 007	132,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	572	1 348	0	8 996	27 249	202,9
		R'000	2 841	9 143	0	56 516	175 511	210,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	26 464	52 971	374 989	353 559	944 536	167,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 521	16 297	16 876	72 299	106 873	47,8
		R'000	36 529	111 845	115 520	460 610	691 699	50,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 057	1 461	15 733	21 971	44 871	104,2
		R'000	16 317	21 113	110 323	160 662	324 864	102,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	52 846	132 958	225 843	621 272	1 016 563	63,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	151 346	274 032	693 357	1 738 844	2 800 233	61,0

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2018	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2018	Jan – Sep 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	1	0	10	40	300,0
		square metres	0	66	0	660	2 464	273,3
		R'000	0	342	0	5 133	19 579	281,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	11	5	8	39	74	89,7
		square metres	1 697	2 127	1 590	7 858	20 625	162,5
		R'000	12 443	16 788	13 038	58 615	158 855	171,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1	3	9	2	31	1 450,0
		square metres	75	288	868	221	3 068	1 288,2
		R'000	563	2 362	7 118	1 737	24 607	1 316,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	475	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	3 563	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	13 006	19 492	20 156	65 485	206 604	215,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 461	0	402	1 760	774	-56,0
		R'000	10 958	0	3 296	13 051	6 086	-53,4
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	703	394	0	1 224	3 811	211,4
		R'000	5 273	2 044	0	8 920	28 715	221,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	0	973	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	7 830	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	16 231	2 044	3 296	21 971	42 631	94,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 099	4 590	808	22 287	20 620	-7,5
		R'000	23 743	37 638	6 626	166 944	161 574	-3,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	0	7 349	5 985	-18,6
		R'000	1 875	365	780	68 795	54 098	-21,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	25 618	38 003	7 406	235 739	215 672	-8,5
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	54 855	59 539	30 858	323 195	464 907	43,8

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2018	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2018	Jan – Sep 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	0	5	140	16	-88,6
		square metres	206	0	287	8 050	941	-88,3
		R'000	1 591	0	1 737	47 517	6 116	-87,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	8	8	14	126	132	4,8
		square metres	1 835	1 565	3 169	25 763	28 734	11,5
		R'000	11 089	9 466	18 844	163 235	171 223	4,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	17	0	0	330	26	-92,1
		square metres	3 233	0	0	43 562	1 479	-96,6
		R'000	24 972	0	0	325 879	8 403	-97,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	205	0	433	607	1 161	91,3
		R'000	1 018	0	2 996	3 162	7 302	130,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	38 670	9 466	23 577	539 793	193 044	-64,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	849	6 974	2 239	-67,9
		R'000	0	0	4 969	51 500	11 872	-76,9
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	2 145	234	-89,1
		R'000	0	0	0	12 664	1 565	-87,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	10 162	10 943	7,7
		R'000	0	0	0	77 446	69 873	-9,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	489	0	0	815	478	-41,3
		R'000	2 428	0	0	4 428	3 692	-16,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 428	0	4 969	146 038	87 002	-40,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 499	849	2 650	15 549	23 670	52,2
		R'000	8 946	4 707	14 650	86 862	133 123	53,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	248	7 538	2 802	-62,8
		R'000	6 117	544	2 595	76 256	24 549	-67,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	15 063	5 251	17 245	163 118	157 672	-3,3
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	56 161	14 717	45 791	848 949	437 718	-48,4

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2018	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2018	Jan – Sep 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	8	13	166	109	-34,3
		square metres	365	377	730	9 809	6 318	-35,6
		R'000	3 236	3 176	7 774	104 266	55 503	-46,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	51	56	69	643	549	-14,6
		square metres	14 626	17 719	20 228	176 096	174 837	-0,7
		R'000	158 251	188 761	211 708	1 813 928	1 879 885	3,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	116	70	50	476	1 506	216,4
		square metres	19 881	14 328	6 763	84 623	220 017	160,0
		R'000	209 229	142 719	68 222	837 496	2 406 547	187,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	11 133	0	10 986	11 133	1,3
		R'000	0	122 463	0	128 626	122 463	-4,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	370 716	457 119	287 704	2 884 316	4 464 398	54,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	25 734	23 919	0	74 906	107 108	43,0
		R'000	283 074	263 109	0	817 987	1 168 187	42,8
	Shopping space	square metres	0	2 652	263	46 353	46 932	1,2
		R'000	0	19 890	2 893	480 299	505 914	5,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 094	4 037	19 999	90 560	142 258	57,1
		R'000	14 658	24 222	128 072	544 299	867 891	59,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	4 094	118	18 969	28 876	52,2
		R'000	0	20 470	1 121	161 349	179 916	11,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	297 732	327 691	132 086	2 003 934	2 721 908	35,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 343	10 401	10 054	134 295	94 775	-29,4
		R'000	142 459	116 787	107 505	1 420 755	1 072 437	-24,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	628	4 660	4 919	42 743	74 481	74,3
		R'000	29 934	54 977	113 380	468 446	938 093	100,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	172 393	171 764	220 885	1 889 201	2 010 530	6,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	840 841	956 574	640 675	6 777 451	9 196 836	35,7

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2018	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2018	Jan – Sep 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	27	6	0	273	38	-86,1
		square metres	1 235	389	0	15 762	2 425	-84,6
		R'000	3 912	2 019	0	76 702	13 672	-82,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	44	54	31	531	662	24,7
		square metres	8 101	12 118	7 384	108 369	119 062	9,9
		R'000	44 410	73 571	45 059	609 533	677 376	11,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2	32	12	477	401	-15,9
		square metres	312	3 936	1 539	54 031	33 920	-37,2
		R'000	1 928	24 102	9 238	300 768	198 947	-33,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 620	0	0	1 862	2 709	45,5
		R'000	8 099	0	0	9 188	16 467	79,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	58 349	99 692	54 297	996 191	906 462	-9,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 909	4 900	156,7
		R'000	0	0	0	10 821	24 401	125,5
	Shopping space	square metres	0	104	0	7 805	12 569	61,0
		R'000	0	540	0	41 427	76 200	83,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 515	365	879	9 466	14 196	50,0
		R'000	7 574	2 008	4 835	45 601	71 404	56,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	659	702	0	6 118	10 751	75,7
		R'000	3 294	3 710	0	33 923	57 859	70,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	10 868	6 258	4 835	131 772	229 864	74,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	575	6 086	581	47 319	33 572	-29,1
		R'000	3 470	33 290	3 450	284 958	198 883	-30,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	104	1 516	7 280	10 249	40,8
		R'000	0	1 760	9 996	45 077	63 866	41,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	3 470	35 050	13 446	330 035	262 749	-20,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	72 687	141 000	72 578	1 457 998	1 399 075	-4,0

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2018	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2018	Jan – Sep 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	394	416	619	3 711	4 536	22,2
		square metres	22 158	22 687	32 604	195 814	237 836	21,5
		R'000	128 274	131 933	180 806	1 142 281	1 335 830	16,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	323	232	292	2 483	2 529	1,9
		square metres	94 890	72 521	81 477	721 366	744 979	3,3
		R'000	764 917	600 270	697 503	5 764 364	6 171 921	7,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 571	1 380	956	6 614	13 644	106,3
		square metres	297 689	277 209	121 208	1 146 124	2 069 078	80,5
		R'000	2 340 785	2 278 882	1 000 716	9 299 923	16 808 599	80,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	1 847	1 260	26 988	2 041,9
		R'000	0	0	21 425	8 807	235 031	2 568,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	3 233 976	3 011 085	1 900 450	16 215 375	24 551 381	51,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	30 877	16 857	1 820	310 851	266 404	-14,3
		R'000	318 702	170 036	18 018	3 008 137	2 791 655	-7,2
	Shopping space	square metres	5 499	15 927	7 340	64 651	270 879	319,0
		R'000	51 727	159 230	78 362	603 404	2 655 328	340,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	167 787	41 265	44 491	458 847	370 499	-19,3
		R'000	964 429	230 817	307 781	2 534 561	2 141 143	-15,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	12 223	17 195	945	39 920	120 619	202,2
		R'000	87 697	125 365	10 395	298 852	874 878	192,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 422 555	685 448	414 556	6 444 954	8 463 004	31,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	25 578	26 158	21 807	184 912	185 710	0,4
		R'000	206 339	204 993	184 961	1 423 796	1 490 744	4,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	8 861	20 636	7 072	80 945	79 302	-2,0
		R'000	54 768	121 772	72 313	667 212	582 736	-12,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	261 107	326 765	257 274	2 091 008	2 073 480	-0,8
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	4 917 638	4 023 298	2 572 280	24 751 337	35 087 865	41,8

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2018	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2018	Jan – Sep 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	89	48	41	327	365	11,6
		square metres	4 085	2 968	2 210	17 371	21 529	23,9
		R'000	17 989	15 671	12 759	85 434	111 388	30,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	49	42	40	511	441	-13,7
		square metres	14 748	9 416	7 418	127 822	123 022	-3,8
		R'000	97 751	66 824	50 697	744 357	759 162	2,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	49	151	208,2
		square metres	0	0	0	2 769	21 569	678,9
		R'000	0	0	0	17 100	113 556	564,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	3 341	0	0	5 648	0	..
		R'000	25 068	0	0	40 716	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	140 808	82 495	63 456	887 607	984 106	10,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 682	0	0	2 336	1 684	-27,9
		R'000	8 353	0	0	11 549	10 860	-6,0
	Shopping space	square metres	1 933	2 559	598	10 347	26 548	156,6
		R'000	9 858	16 233	3 172	49 917	176 714	254,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	765	0	2 120	13 219	8 045	-39,1
		R'000	5 740	0	11 003	75 377	42 224	-44,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 259	0	450	3 473	3 986	14,8
		R'000	16 621	0	2 333	17 641	19 965	13,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	40 572	16 233	16 508	154 484	249 763	61,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 027	3 609	2 011	31 136	37 120	19,2
		R'000	11 900	20 851	10 493	184 405	219 991	19,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	235	84	6 775	5 248	-22,5
		R'000	8 929	14 060	2 977	137 261	267 071	94,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	20 829	34 911	13 470	321 666	487 062	51,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	202 209	133 639	93 434	1 363 757	1 720 931	26,2

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2018	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2018	Jan – Sep 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	5	0	106	56	-47,2
		square metres	622	285	0	6 510	3 382	-48,0
		R'000	3 432	1 643	0	34 812	18 652	-46,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	30	30	29	227	269	18,5
		square metres	6 367	8 816	10 144	59 405	72 143	21,4
		R'000	33 884	50 689	58 089	307 376	400 505	30,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	30	23	18	102	144	41,2
		square metres	1 986	3 070	1 370	9 648	14 657	51,9
		R'000	11 047	17 702	7 899	52 364	81 786	56,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	9 667	518	-94,6
		R'000	0	0	0	53 121	3 051	-94,3
	Total residential buildings		R'000	48 363	70 034	65 988	447 673	503 994
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	575	0	0	7 311	1 932	-73,6
		R'000	3 172	0	0	38 805	10 659	-72,5
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	11 177	5 305	-52,5
		R'000	0	0	0	58 901	29 939	-49,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 398	865	0	15 303	6 057	-60,4
		R'000	7 713	4 988	0	81 046	31 885	-60,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	1 234	1 850	49,9
		R'000	0	0	0	5 919	9 053	52,9
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	10 885	4 988	0	184 671	81 536
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	187	1 014	345	3 340	4 517	35,2
		R'000	1 065	5 830	1 679	17 144	24 571	43,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	8	0	965	1 534	59,0
		R'000	2 500	1 546	500	14 895	19 793	32,9
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	3 565	7 376	2 179	32 039	44 364
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	62 813	82 398	68 167	664 383	629 894	-5,2

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

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

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

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Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
	2	In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
Purpose of the survey	3	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
Scope of the survey	4	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	5	Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> , (SIC) Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
Collection rate	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for September 2019 was 94,5%. The improved collection rate for August 2019 was 94,5%.
Statistical unit	7	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	8	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.
Constant prices	9	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2015. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: <i>Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP) Work Groups and Selected Materials Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2016=100) are converted to the base year 2015=100.

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

Glossary

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