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Key findings for January to September 2023

Building plans passed at current prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Sep 2022 ¹	Jan – Sep 2023 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2022 and Jan – Sep 2023	% change between Jan – Sep 2022 and Jan – Sep 2023
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	46 831 748	39 166 008	-7 665 740	-16,4
-Dwelling-houses	30 856 662	25 477 590	-5 379 072	-17,4
-Flats and townhouses	15 209 285	13 099 909	-2 109 376	-13,9
-Other residential buildings	765 801	588 509	-177 292	-23,2
Non-residential buildings	16 240 080	16 482 347	242 267	1,5
Additions and alterations	24 938 092	21 923 672	-3 014 420	-12,1
Total	88 009 920	77 572 027	-10 437 893	-11,9

¹ 2022 and 2023 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

The value of building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 11,9% (-R10 437,9 million) during January to September 2023 compared with January to September 2022.

Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-16,4% or -R7 665,7 million) and additions and alterations (-12,1% or -R3 014,4 million). An increase was reported for non-residential buildings (1,5% or R242,3 million) – see Table A.

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

Province	Jan – Sep 2022 ¹	Jan – Sep 2023 ¹	Weight Jan – Sep 2022	% change between Jan – Sep 2022 and Jan – Sep 2023	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Sep 2022 and Jan – Sep 2023 ²	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2022 and Jan – Sep 2023
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	27 314 841	25 576 341	31,0	-6,4	-2,0	-1 738 500
Eastern Cape	5 614 481	5 113 636	6,4	-8,9	-0,6	-500 845
Northern Cape	1 164 120	687 953	1,3	-40,9	-0,5	-476 167
Free State	1 858 251	2 042 830	2,1	9,9	0,2	184 579
KwaZulu-Natal	15 266 475	9 538 110	17,3	-37,5	-6,5	-5 728 365
North West	3 084 054	2 248 801	3,5	-27,1	-0,9	-835 253
Gauteng	27 559 969	26 294 770	31,3	-4,6	-1,4	-1 265 199
Mpumalanga	3 962 206	4 239 531	4,5	7,0	0,3	277 325
Limpopo	2 185 523	1 830 055	2,5	-16,3	-0,4	-355 468
Total	88 009 920	77 572 027	100,0	-11,9	-11,9	-10 437 893

¹ 2022 and 2023 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 by its weight, divided by 100, where the weight is the percentage contribution of each province to the cumulative total building plans passed during the previous year.

The largest contributions to the total decrease of 11,9% (-R10 437,9 million) were made by KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -6,5 percentage points or -R5 728,4 million), Western Cape (contributing -2,0 percentage points or -R1 738,5 million) and Gauteng (contributing -1,4 percentage points or -R1 265,2 million) – see Table B.

Building plans passed at constant 2019 prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Sep 2022 ¹	Jan – Sep 2023 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2022 and Jan – Sep 2023	% change between Jan – Sep 2022 and Jan – Sep 2023
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	37 548 138	29 952 122	-7 596 016	-20,2
Non-residential buildings	13 055 641	12 607 517	-448 124	-3,4
Additions and alterations	19 943 492	16 767 050	-3 176 442	-15,9
Total	70 547 271	59 326 689	-11 220 582	-15,9

¹ 2022 and 2023 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

The real value of building plans passed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 15,9% (-R11 220,6 million) during January to September 2023 compared with January to September 2022. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-20,2% or -R7 596,0 million), additions and alterations (-15,9% or -R3 176,4 million) and non-residential buildings (-3,4% or -R448,1 million) – see Table C.

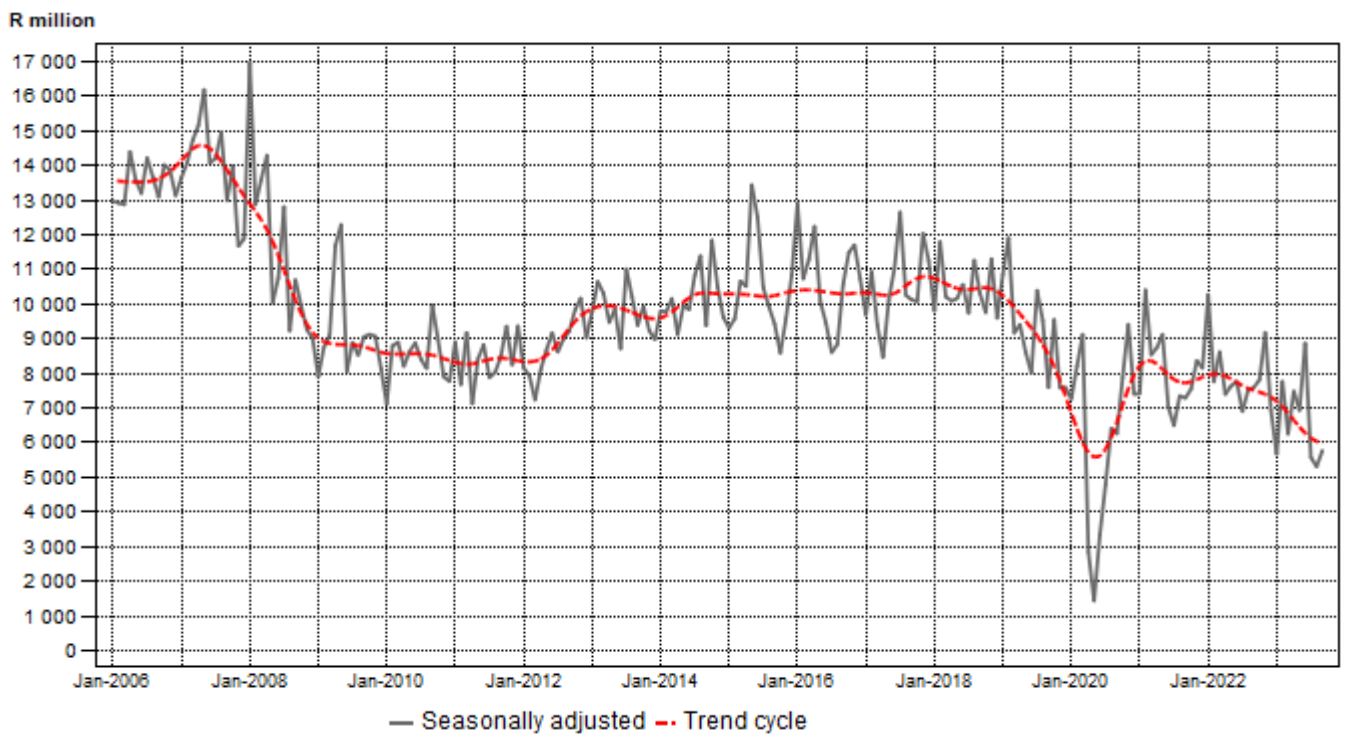
Table D – Seasonally adjusted building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

Type of building	Apr – Jun 2023	Jul – Sep 2023	% change between Apr – Jun 2023 and Jul – Sep 2023
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	10 381 604	9 003 736	-13,3
Non-residential buildings ¹	6 664 681	2 639 898	-60,4
Additions and alterations	6 230 266	4 988 711	-19,9
Total	23 276 551	16 632 345	-28,5

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of building plans passed decreased by 28,5% in the third quarter of 2023 compared with the second quarter of 2023. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-60,4%), additions and alterations (-19,9%) and residential buildings (-13,3%) – see Table D.

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



Buildings reported as completed at current prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Sep 2022 ¹	Jan – Sep 2023 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2022 and Jan – Sep 2023	% change between Jan – Sep 2022 and Jan – Sep 2023
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	26 252 535	25 155 822	-1 096 713	-4,2
-Dwelling-houses	17 237 876	16 332 750	-905 126	-5,3
-Flats and townhouses	8 635 649	8 614 904	-20 745	-0,2
-Other residential buildings	379 010	208 168	-170 842	-45,1
Non-residential buildings	11 638 732	9 607 123	-2 031 609	-17,5
Additions and alterations	13 222 223	6 651 531	-6 570 692	-49,7
Total	51 113 490	41 414 476	-9 699 014	-19,0

¹ 2022 and 2023 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 19,0% (-R9 699,0 million) during January to September 2023 compared with January to September 2022.

Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-49,7% or -R6 570,7 million), non-residential buildings (-17,5% or -R2 031,6 million) and residential buildings (-4,2% or -R1 096,7 million) – see Table E.

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

Province	Jan – Sep 2022 ¹	Jan – Sep 2023 ¹	Weight Jan – Sep 2022	% change between Jan – Sep 2022 and Jan – Sep 2023	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Sep 2022 and Jan – Sep 2023 ²	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2022 and Jan – Sep 2023
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	21 389 772	11 783 223	41,8	-44,9	-18,8	-9 606 549
Eastern Cape	2 470 914	2 277 523	4,8	-7,8	-0,4	-193 391
Northern Cape	604 242	313 263	1,2	-48,2	-0,6	-290 979
Free State	497 078	525 645	1,0	5,7	0,1	28 567
KwaZulu-Natal	7 685 339	7 381 079	15,0	-4,0	-0,6	-304 260
North West	1 470 411	1 418 902	2,9	-3,5	-0,1	-51 509
Gauteng	15 212 174	15 643 860	29,8	2,8	0,8	431 686
Mpumalanga	942 236	1 081 672	1,8	14,8	0,3	139 436
Limpopo	841 324	989 309	1,6	17,6	0,3	147 985
Total	51 113 490	41 414 476	100,0	-19,0	-19,0	-9 699 014

¹ 2022 and 2023 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 by its weight, divided by 100, where the weight is the percentage contribution of each province to the cumulative total buildings reported as completed during the previous year.

Five provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed during January to September 2023, of which Western Cape (contributing -18,8 percentage points or -R9 606,5 million) was the largest negative contributor. Gauteng (contributing 0,8 of a percentage point or R431,7 million) was the largest positive contributor – see Table F.

Buildings reported as completed at constant 2019 prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Sep 2022 ¹	Jan – Sep 2023 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2022 and Jan – Sep 2023	% change between Jan – Sep 2022 and Jan – Sep 2023
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	21 012 593	19 212 470	-1 800 123	-8,6
Non-residential buildings	9 331 241	7 358 185	-1 973 056	-21,1
Additions and alterations	10 600 630	5 086 315	-5 514 315	-52,0
Total	40 944 464	31 656 970	-9 287 494	-22,7

¹ 2022 and 2023 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 22,7% (-R9 287,5 million) during January to September 2023 compared with January to September 2022. Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-52,0% or -R5 514,3 million), non-residential buildings (-21,1% or -R1 973,1 million) and residential buildings (-8,6% or -R1 800,1 million) – see Table G.

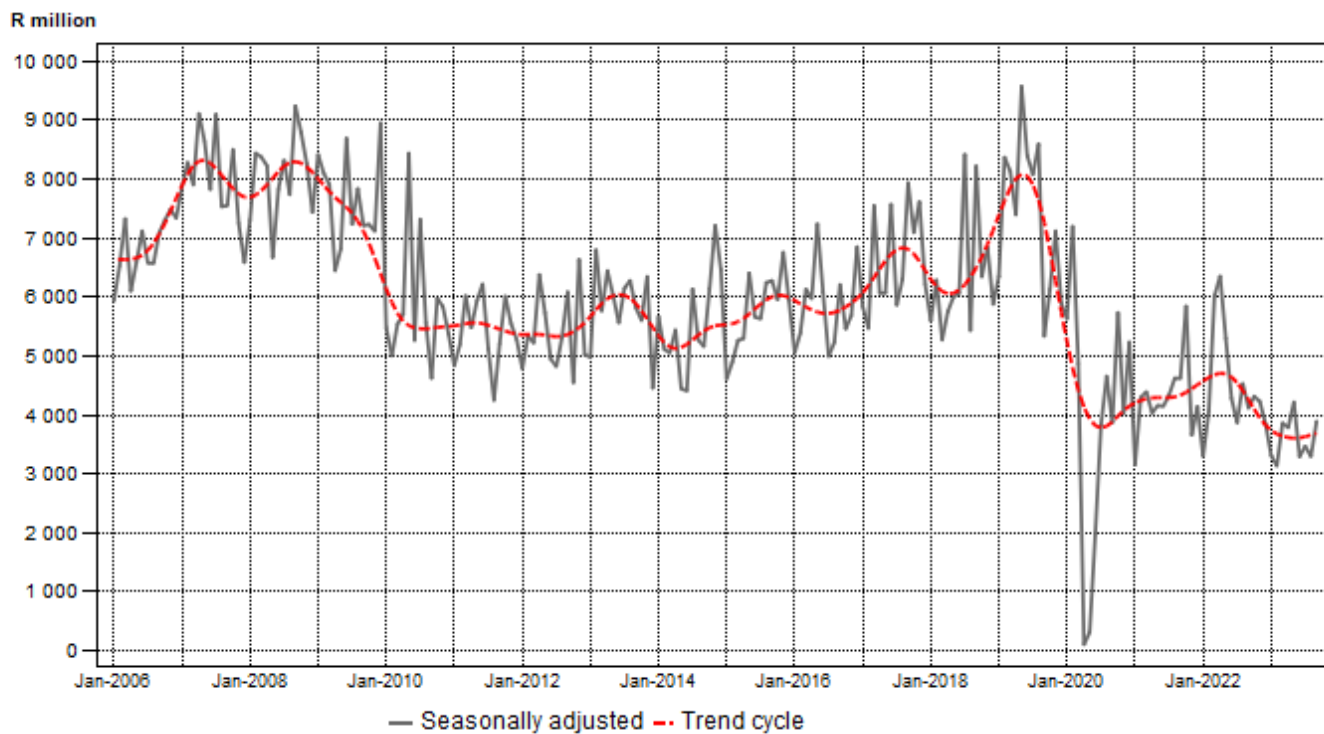
Table H – Seasonally adjusted buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

Type of building	Apr – Jun 2023	Jul – Sep 2023	% change between Apr – Jun 2023 and Jul – Sep 2023
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	7 307 348	6 640 039	-9,1
Non-residential buildings ¹	2 104 599	2 363 651	12,3
Additions and alterations	1 876 350	1 644 764	-12,3
Total	11 288 297	10 648 454	-5,7

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased by 5,7% in the third quarter of 2023 compared with the second quarter of 2023. Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-12,3%) and residential buildings (-9,1%). Non-residential buildings rose by 12,3% – see Table H.

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



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Tables

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

Year and month 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
2022	January	5 723 791	57,3	1 415 467	242,3	1 797 644	18,0	8 936 902	60,3
	February	4 568 639	-11,9	2 255 248	-31,8	2 444 275	-7,3	9 268 162	-16,7
	March	5 109 535	11,2	3 402 406	36,1	2 595 055	1,6	11 106 996	15,1
	April	4 849 203	-3,0	1 142 322	-48,9	2 478 941	16,1	8 470 466	-9,6
	May	4 986 476	-20,7	1 681 108	35,3	3 099 515	17,9	9 767 099	-3,9
	June	6 194 173	42,5	1 652 544	-14,6	2 717 245	13,2	10 563 962	21,7
	July	5 426 435	14,8	984 134	-8,0	3 035 046	21,8	9 445 615	14,0
	August	4 874 248	-13,4	1 823 251	97,1	3 626 575	41,3	10 324 074	13,2
	September	5 099 248	-2,5	1 883 600	51,9	3 143 796	16,1	10 126 644	10,3
	October	5 852 739	14,8	1 492 387	23,4	3 087 319	-3,7	10 432 445	9,7
	November	6 181 432	5,2	2 784 773	99,7	3 083 042	4,1	12 049 247	17,8
	December	3 404 524	-27,4	1 809 580	31,1	2 080 533	-0,6	7 294 637	-10,6
	Total	62 270 443	3,3	22 326 820	18,5	33 188 986	11,0	117 786 249	8,0
2023	January	2 761 377	-51,8	721 791	-49,0	1 882 313	4,7	5 365 481	-40,0
	February	5 305 695	16,1	1 856 777	-17,7	2 639 147	8,0	9 801 619	5,8
	March	4 655 553	-8,9	1 696 971	-50,1	2 152 231	-17,1	8 504 755	-23,4
	April	4 613 802	-4,9	2 035 643	78,2	2 270 843	-8,4	8 920 288	5,3
	May	4 438 281	-11,0	2 059 644	22,5	2 959 940	-4,5	9 457 865	-3,2
	June	4 723 371	-23,7	4 622 149	179,7	2 768 581	1,9	12 114 101	14,7
	July	4 298 223	-20,8	1 055 623	7,3	2 453 173	-19,2	7 807 019	-17,3
	August	3 917 870	-19,6	1 424 166	-21,9	2 365 969	-34,8	7 708 005	-25,3
	September	4 451 836	-12,7	1 009 583	-46,4	2 431 475	-22,7	7 892 894	-22,1

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

² Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2022	January	8 521 585	42,5	1 415 467	2,5	2 554 491	2,1	12 491 543	26,7
	February	4 668 098	-45,2	2 255 248	59,3	2 496 830	-2,3	9 420 176	-24,6
	March	4 682 056	0,3	3 402 406	50,9	2 545 398	1,9	10 629 860	12,8
	April	5 237 605	11,9	1 142 322	-66,4	2 752 965	8,2	9 132 892	-14,1
	May	4 841 163	-7,6	1 681 108	47,2	3 106 831	12,9	9 629 102	5,4
	June	5 582 624	15,3	1 652 544	-1,7	2 594 408	-16,5	9 829 576	2,1
	July	5 046 182	-9,6	984 134	-40,4	2 792 273	7,6	8 822 589	-10,2
	August	4 364 614	-13,5	1 823 251	85,3	3 248 831	16,4	9 436 696	7,0
	September	4 830 362	10,7	1 883 600	3,3	2 793 336	-14,0	9 507 298	0,7
	October	5 522 363	14,3	1 492 387	-20,8	2 811 528	0,7	9 826 278	3,4
	November	6 044 835	9,5	2 784 773	86,6	2 790 735	-0,7	11 620 343	18,3
	December	4 487 525	-25,8	1 809 580	-35,0	2 542 929	-8,9	8 840 034	-23,9
2023	January	3 930 479	-12,4	721 791	-60,1	2 612 826	2,7	7 265 096	-17,8
	February	5 440 329	38,4	1 856 777	157,2	2 698 007	3,3	9 995 113	37,6
	March	4 369 088	-19,7	1 696 971	-8,6	2 105 560	-22,0	8 171 619	-18,2
	April	5 038 533	15,3	2 035 643	20,0	2 665 634	26,6	9 739 810	19,2
	May	4 193 280	-16,8	2 059 644	1,2	2 819 284	5,8	9 072 208	-6,9
	June	4 324 842	3,1	4 622 149	124,4	2 651 206	-6,0	11 598 197	27,8
	July	4 048 548	-6,4	1 055 623	-77,2	2 224 580	-16,1	7 328 751	-36,8
	August	3 391 143	-16,2	1 424 166	34,9	2 148 646	-3,4	6 963 955	-5,0
	September	4 398 063	29,7	1 009 583	-29,1	2 211 880	2,9	7 619 526	9,4
	Apr – Jun 23	13 556 655		8 717 436		8 136 124		30 410 215	
	Jul – Sep 23²	11 837 754	-12,7	3 489 372	-60,0	6 585 106	-19,1	21 912 232	-27,9

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

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

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

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

Year and month 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
2022	January	4 738 238	39,0	1 171 744	202,4	1 488 116	4,2	7 398 098	41,6
	February	3 754 017	-21,4	1 853 121	-39,2	2 008 443	-17,4	7 615 581	-25,7
	March	4 157 474	-0,6	2 768 434	21,6	2 111 517	-9,2	9 037 425	2,9
	April	3 907 496	-12,9	920 485	-54,1	1 997 535	4,3	6 825 516	-18,8
	May	3 957 521	-28,9	1 334 213	21,4	2 459 933	5,7	7 751 667	-13,8
	June	4 892 712	29,7	1 305 327	-22,3	2 146 323	3,0	8 344 362	10,7
	July	4 256 027	4,5	771 870	-16,3	2 380 428	10,8	7 408 325	3,7
	August	3 844 044	-20,4	1 437 895	81,0	2 860 075	29,8	8 142 014	4,0
	September	4 040 609	-9,1	1 492 552	41,7	2 491 122	8,2	8 024 283	2,9
	October	4 659 824	8,0	1 188 206	16,2	2 458 057	-9,3	8 306 087	3,2
	November	4 905 898	-0,4	2 210 137	88,9	2 446 859	-1,5	9 562 894	11,4
	December	2 697 721	-31,1	1 433 899	24,4	1 648 600	-5,7	5 780 220	-15,2
	Total	49 811 581	-5,5	17 887 883	7,7	26 497 008	1,5	94 196 472	-1,3
2023	January	2 167 486	-54,3	566 555	-51,6	1 477 483	-0,7	4 211 524	-43,1
	February	4 103 399	9,3	1 436 022	-22,5	2 041 104	1,6	7 580 525	-0,5
	March	3 567 474	-14,2	1 300 361	-53,0	1 649 219	-21,9	6 517 054	-27,9
	April	3 535 480	-9,5	1 559 880	69,5	1 740 110	-12,9	6 835 470	0,1
	May	3 385 416	-14,5	1 571 048	17,8	2 257 773	-8,2	7 214 237	-6,9
	June	3 611 140	-26,2	3 533 753	170,7	2 116 652	-1,4	9 261 545	11,0
	July	3 266 127	-23,3	802 145	3,9	1 864 113	-21,7	5 932 385	-19,9
	August	2 965 836	-22,8	1 078 097	-25,0	1 791 044	-37,4	5 834 977	-28,3
	September	3 349 764	-17,1	759 656	-49,1	1 829 552	-26,6	5 938 972	-26,0

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

² Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2022	January	6 996 981	42,4	1 171 744	1,7	2 102 648	1,0	10 271 373	26,1
	February	3 854 286	-44,9	1 853 121	58,2	2 046 667	-2,7	7 754 074	-24,5
	March	3 784 970	-1,8	2 768 434	49,4	2 064 961	0,9	8 618 365	11,1
	April	4 244 737	12,1	920 485	-66,8	2 224 330	7,7	7 389 552	-14,3
	May	3 827 442	-9,8	1 334 213	44,9	2 469 331	11,0	7 630 986	3,3
	June	4 402 841	15,0	1 305 327	-2,2	2 049 705	-17,0	7 757 873	1,7
	July	3 931 438	-10,7	771 870	-40,9	2 196 462	7,2	6 899 770	-11,1
	August	3 506 236	-10,8	1 437 895	86,3	2 572 965	17,1	7 517 096	8,9
	September	3 876 350	10,6	1 492 552	3,8	2 218 451	-13,8	7 587 353	0,9
	October	4 391 991	13,3	1 188 206	-20,4	2 235 176	0,8	7 815 373	3,0
	November	4 752 088	8,2	2 210 137	86,0	2 209 105	-1,2	9 171 330	17,3
	December	3 488 789	-26,6	1 433 899	-35,1	2 005 357	-9,2	6 928 045	-24,5
2023	January	3 049 018	-12,6	566 555	-60,5	2 043 043	1,9	5 658 616	-18,3
	February	4 243 363	39,2	1 436 022	153,5	2 084 475	2,0	7 763 860	37,2
	March	3 329 661	-21,5	1 300 361	-9,4	1 613 782	-22,6	6 243 804	-19,6
	April	3 883 678	16,6	1 559 880	20,0	2 042 893	26,6	7 486 451	19,9
	May	3 194 968	-17,7	1 571 048	0,7	2 156 214	5,5	6 922 230	-7,5
	June	3 302 958	3,4	3 533 753	124,9	2 031 159	-5,8	8 867 870	28,1
	July	3 071 808	-7,0	802 145	-77,3	1 694 015	-16,6	5 567 968	-37,2
	August	2 598 884	-15,4	1 078 097	34,4	1 628 835	-3,8	5 305 816	-4,7
	September	3 333 044	28,2	759 656	-29,5	1 665 861	2,3	5 758 561	8,5
	Apr – Jun 23	10 381 604		6 664 681		6 230 266		23 276 551	
	Jul – Sep 23 ²	9 003 736	-13,3	2 639 898	-60,4	4 988 711	-19,9	16 632 345	-28,5

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

³ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 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
2022	January	1 915 442	23,1	458 707	-22,6	764 676	37,2	3 138 825	16,0
	February	2 310 014	0,8	1 271 255	-0,6	1 147 349	32,2	4 728 618	6,5
	March	3 197 697	-1,4	2 627 335	441,9	1 891 604	53,9	7 716 636	55,7
	April	3 351 268	49,1	1 172 464	11,1	2 620 953	169,1	7 144 685	67,0
	May	3 078 346	19,4	1 137 002	-3,4	2 412 256	187,7	6 627 604	44,3
	June	2 981 227	9,3	1 455 223	39,9	1 014 533	-2,3	5 450 983	13,4
	July	2 793 180	11,6	1 167 421	-6,8	1 007 968	-25,6	4 968 569	-2,8
	August	3 221 336	28,5	1 248 420	5,1	1 336 536	-25,3	5 806 292	5,9
	September	3 404 025	12,5	1 100 905	-5,9	1 026 348	-33,7	5 531 278	-3,7
	October	3 563 665	-3,3	1 069 676	-47,9	963 822	-29,7	5 597 163	-21,3
	November	4 199 248	31,2	955 555	18,4	1 061 310	-7,3	6 216 113	20,7
	December	3 174 089	-3,7	1 087 669	23,4	627 720	-18,5	4 889 478	-1,1
Total	37 189 537	13,2	14 751 632	13,6	15 875 075	17,8	67 816 244	14,3	
2023	January	1 601 076	-16,4	1 451 781	216,5	536 096	-29,9	3 588 953	14,3
	February	2 414 223	4,5	569 750	-55,2	851 184	-25,8	3 835 157	-18,9
	March	2 752 569	-13,9	1 709 220	-34,9	674 075	-64,4	5 135 864	-33,4
	April	2 532 811	-24,4	1 347 813	15,0	693 048	-73,6	4 573 672	-36,0
	May	3 965 807	28,8	649 310	-42,9	853 995	-64,6	5 469 112	-17,5
	June	2 832 834	-5,0	754 080	-48,2	779 664	-23,2	4 366 578	-19,9
	July	2 658 357	-4,8	1 236 636	5,9	710 048	-29,6	4 605 041	-7,3
	August	2 942 688	-8,7	645 177	-48,3	815 668	-39,0	4 403 533	-24,2
	September	3 455 457	1,5	1 243 356	12,9	737 753	-28,1	5 436 566	-1,7

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

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
2022	January	2 570 723	-19,3	458 707	-48,0	980 128	9,0	4 009 558	-19,3
	February	2 568 833	-0,1	1 271 255	177,1	1 102 285	12,5	4 942 373	23,3
	March	3 169 069	23,4	2 627 335	106,7	1 618 088	46,8	7 414 492	50,0
	April	3 644 595	15,0	1 172 464	-55,4	3 024 633	86,9	7 841 692	5,8
	May	3 099 800	-14,9	1 137 002	-3,0	2 437 172	-19,4	6 673 974	-14,9
	June	2 947 606	-4,9	1 455 223	28,0	1 017 017	-58,3	5 419 846	-18,8
	July	2 762 140	-6,3	1 167 421	-19,8	988 098	-2,8	4 917 659	-9,3
	August	3 257 017	17,9	1 248 420	6,9	1 236 309	25,1	5 741 746	16,8
	September	3 141 115	-3,6	1 100 905	-11,8	940 028	-24,0	5 182 048	-9,7
	October	3 382 405	7,7	1 069 676	-2,8	964 951	2,7	5 417 032	4,5
	November	3 395 103	0,4	955 555	-10,7	970 292	0,6	5 320 950	-1,8
	December	3 029 164	-10,8	1 087 669	13,8	743 077	-23,4	4 859 910	-8,7
2023	January	2 141 069	-29,3	1 451 781	33,5	638 770	-14,0	4 231 620	-12,9
	February	2 672 647	24,8	569 750	-60,8	815 324	27,6	4 057 721	-4,1
	March	2 754 390	3,1	1 709 220	200,0	578 640	-29,0	5 042 250	24,3
	April	2 745 312	-0,3	1 347 813	-21,1	837 969	44,8	4 931 094	-2,2
	May	4 000 344	45,7	649 310	-51,8	870 332	3,9	5 519 986	11,9
	June	2 808 943	-29,8	754 080	16,1	737 596	-15,3	4 300 619	-22,1
	July	2 610 084	-7,1	1 236 636	64,0	708 689	-3,9	4 555 409	5,9
	August	2 967 747	13,7	645 177	-47,8	736 854	4,0	4 349 778	-4,5
	September	3 187 537	7,4	1 243 356	92,7	724 691	-1,7	5 155 584	18,5
	Apr – Jun 23	9 554 599		2 751 203		2 445 897		14 751 699	
	Jul – Sep 23 ²	8 765 368	-8,3	3 125 169	13,6	2 170 234	-11,3	14 060 771	-4,7

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

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

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

Year and month 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
2022	January	1 585 631	8,7	379 724	-31,6	633 010	21,2	2 598 365	2,4
	February	1 898 122	-10,1	1 044 581	-11,3	942 768	17,8	3 885 471	-5,0
	March	2 601 869	-11,9	2 137 783	384,1	1 539 141	37,5	6 278 793	39,1
	April	2 700 458	34,0	944 774	-0,2	2 111 969	141,8	5 757 201	50,1
	May	2 443 132	7,1	902 383	-13,4	1 914 489	158,0	5 260 004	29,4
	June	2 354 840	-0,6	1 149 465	27,3	801 369	-11,1	4 305 674	3,2
	July	2 190 729	1,5	915 624	-15,2	790 563	-32,3	3 896 916	-11,5
	August	2 540 486	18,1	984 558	-3,5	1 054 050	-31,3	4 579 094	-2,7
	September	2 697 326	4,9	872 349	-12,3	813 271	-38,1	4 382 946	-10,2
	October	2 837 313	-9,0	851 653	-51,0	767 374	-33,8	4 456 340	-25,9
	November	3 332 737	24,2	758 377	12,1	842 310	-12,3	4 933 424	14,2
	December	2 515 126	-8,5	861 861	17,1	497 401	-22,6	3 874 388	-6,2
Total	29 697 769	3,8	11 803 132	4,4	12 707 715	8,2	54 208 616	4,9	
2023	January	1 256 732	-20,7	1 139 546	200,1	420 797	-33,5	2 817 075	8,4
	February	1 867 148	-1,6	440 642	-57,8	658 302	-30,2	2 966 092	-23,7
	March	2 109 248	-18,9	1 309 747	-38,7	516 533	-66,4	3 935 528	-37,3
	April	1 940 851	-28,1	1 032 807	9,3	531 071	-74,9	3 504 729	-39,1
	May	3 025 024	23,8	495 278	-45,1	651 407	-66,0	4 171 709	-20,7
	June	2 165 775	-8,0	576 514	-49,8	596 073	-25,6	3 338 362	-22,5
	July	2 020 028	-7,8	939 693	2,6	539 550	-31,8	3 499 271	-10,2
	August	2 227 621	-12,3	488 400	-50,4	617 463	-41,4	3 333 484	-27,2
	September	2 600 043	-3,6	935 558	7,2	555 119	-31,7	4 090 720	-6,7

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

² Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2022	January	2 117 326	-20,1	379 724	-48,4	800 815	6,1	3 297 865	-20,4
	February	2 105 820	-0,5	1 044 581	175,1	904 621	13,0	4 055 022	23,0
	March	2 574 461	22,3	2 137 783	104,7	1 303 446	44,1	6 015 690	48,4
	April	2 936 139	14,0	944 774	-55,8	2 472 828	89,7	6 353 741	5,6
	May	2 462 412	-16,1	902 383	-4,5	1 931 642	-21,9	5 296 437	-16,6
	June	2 331 252	-5,3	1 149 465	27,4	800 109	-58,6	4 280 826	-19,2
	July	2 170 305	-6,9	915 624	-20,3	778 736	-2,7	3 864 665	-9,7
	August	2 568 149	18,3	984 558	7,5	976 710	25,4	4 529 417	17,2
	September	2 494 510	-2,9	872 349	-11,4	748 901	-23,3	4 115 760	-9,1
	October	2 693 155	8,0	851 653	-2,4	768 708	2,6	4 313 516	4,8
	November	2 701 905	0,3	758 377	-11,0	764 752	-0,5	4 225 034	-2,1
	December	2 392 897	-11,4	861 861	13,6	592 747	-22,5	3 847 505	-8,9
2023	January	1 673 273	-30,1	1 139 546	32,2	494 271	-16,6	3 307 090	-14,0
	February	2 063 398	23,3	440 642	-61,3	629 350	27,3	3 133 390	-5,3
	March	2 107 475	2,1	1 309 747	197,2	441 959	-29,8	3 859 181	23,2
	April	2 103 728	-0,2	1 032 807	-21,1	647 710	46,6	3 784 245	-1,9
	May	3 055 552	45,2	495 278	-52,0	663 235	2,4	4 214 065	11,4
	June	2 148 068	-29,7	576 514	16,4	565 405	-14,8	3 289 987	-21,9
	July	1 988 145	-7,4	939 693	63,0	539 911	-4,5	3 467 749	5,4
	August	2 247 489	13,0	488 400	-48,0	556 813	3,1	3 292 702	-5,0
	September	2 404 405	7,0	935 558	91,6	548 040	-1,6	3 888 003	18,1
	Apr – Jun 23	7 307 348		2 104 599		1 876 350		11 288 297	
	Jul – Sep 23 ²	6 640 039	-9,1	2 363 651	12,3	1 644 764	-12,3	10 648 454	-5,7

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

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

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

			Sep 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Jan – Sep 2022	Jan – Sep 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	648	397	409	8 438	5 823	-31,0
		square metres	35 433	19 844	21 963	436 797	285 108	-34,7
		R'000	274 641	153 762	178 390	3 042 253	2 078 604	-31,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 315	1 011	1 052	12 294	9 433	-23,3
		square metres	388 472	285 361	291 670	3 467 992	2 816 904	-18,8
		R'000	3 217 534	2 339 808	2 382 479	27 814 409	23 398 986	-15,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 542	1 534	1 768	17 953	13 699	-23,7
		square metres	165 088	151 903	182 213	1 691 416	1 395 040	-17,5
		R'000	1 557 066	1 388 763	1 777 711	15 209 285	13 099 909	-13,9
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	7 945	4 487	17 454	99 910	73 569	-26,4
		R'000	50 007	35 537	113 256	765 801	588 509	-23,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	5 099 248	3 917 870	4 451 836	46 831 748	39 166 008	-16,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	28 186	27 296	10 517	124 730	238 041	90,8
		R'000	312 929	284 928	88 730	1 164 882	2 500 250	114,6
	Shopping space	square metres	24 261	42 658	13 955	363 100	395 847	9,0
		R'000	199 968	408 489	117 389	3 357 656	3 644 947	8,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	169 801	81 647	96 095	1 400 439	1 172 279	-16,3
		R'000	1 152 398	583 359	703 937	9 159 355	8 167 521	-10,8
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	30 170	19 251	12 434	330 219	260 606	-21,1
		R'000	218 305	147 390	99 527	2 558 187	2 169 629	-15,2
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 883 600	1 424 166	1 009 583	16 240 080	16 482 347	1,5	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	277 435	184 230	192 799	2 285 894	1 904 341	-16,7
		R'000	2 391 834	1 485 800	1 653 852	18 581 003	15 987 619	-14,0
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	72 296	91 014	74 414	578 954	589 870	1,9
		R'000	751 962	880 169	777 623	6 357 089	5 936 053	-6,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	3 143 796	2 365 969	2 431 475	24 938 092	21 923 672	-12,1
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	10 126 644	7 708 005	7 892 894	88 009 920	77 572 027	-11,9

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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

			Sep 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Jan – Sep 2022	Jan – Sep 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	216	160	125	3 477	1 978	-43,1
		square metres	9 902	7 278	5 641	157 884	89 796	-43,1
		R'000	64 275	51 605	43 716	987 695	603 118	-38,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	523	366	392	4 905	3 799	-22,5
		square metres	136 613	104 061	108 794	1 296 492	1 119 840	-13,6
		R'000	1 003 872	812 663	831 941	9 267 620	8 506 494	-8,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	582	736	739	6 170	4 779	-22,5
		square metres	65 565	64 770	74 346	610 688	551 483	-9,7
		R'000	573 082	556 450	685 362	4 943 819	4 706 139	-4,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	5 970	55	2 626	24 629	12 747	-48,2
		R'000	36 413	325	15 634	194 999	87 226	-55,3
Total residential buildings	R'000	1 677 642	1 421 043	1 576 653	15 394 133	13 902 977	-9,7	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 853	16 816	1 454	35 863	60 094	67,6
		R'000	14 500	152 480	13 249	271 000	525 430	93,9
	Shopping space	square metres	1 956	4 963	4 223	51 164	59 970	17,2
		R'000	14 977	43 986	32 835	380 413	494 564	30,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	14 770	30 724	20 379	226 327	320 048	41,4
		R'000	116 431	228 313	156 674	1 544 699	2 281 108	47,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	9 003	7 543	4 275	151 943	86 540	-43,0
		R'000	67 967	52 236	27 392	1 137 705	659 868	-42,0
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	213 875	477 015	230 150	3 333 817	3 960 970	18,8	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	103 314	65 866	55 123	852 738	712 332	-16,5
		R'000	774 558	491 912	433 162	6 050 719	5 431 215	-10,2
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	30 662	12 530	41 587	207 642	210 959	1,6
		R'000	349 646	138 418	464 984	2 536 172	2 281 179	-10,1
Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 124 204	630 330	898 146	8 586 891	7 712 394	-10,2	
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 015 721	2 528 388	2 704 949	27 314 841	25 576 341	-6,4

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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

			Sep 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Jan – Sep 2022	Jan – Sep 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	45	31	46	628	530	-15,6
		square metres	2 445	1 439	2 296	30 893	25 153	-18,6
		R'000	16 666	11 388	18 763	194 709	180 947	-7,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	82	92	117	934	791	-15,3
		square metres	21 841	19 686	27 144	222 502	203 774	-8,4
		R'000	179 481	164 796	228 309	1 762 325	1 694 082	-3,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	159	48	31	671	181	-73,0
		square metres	15 128	3 476	6 313	80 270	22 890	-71,5
		R'000	124 761	28 265	50 394	629 063	185 818	-70,5
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	59	1 425	46 921	2 573	-94,5
		R'000	0	487	12 581	369 815	22 049	-94,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	320 908	204 936	310 047	2 955 912	2 082 896	-29,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 272	193	0	1 935	4 550	135,1
		R'000	10 490	1 724	0	15 483	37 262	140,7
	Shopping space	square metres	4 094	897	2 140	21 039	4 053	-80,7
		R'000	33 055	5 547	17 649	156 145	31 575	-79,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 576	8 571	5 957	52 807	116 380	120,4
		R'000	17 099	70 247	49 127	397 501	941 789	136,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 759	1 123	3 563	22 461	13 600	-39,5
		R'000	9 746	9 261	27 439	162 544	106 605	-34,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	70 390	86 779	94 215	731 673	1 117 231	52,7
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	21 884	13 950	22 129	193 923	161 063
R'000			173 502	113 408	181 172	1 484 770	1 296 438	-12,7
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	7 302	11 646	9 370	55 185	74 537	35,1
		R'000	58 051	98 061	75 376	442 126	617 071	39,6
Total additions and alterations		R'000	231 553	211 469	256 548	1 926 896	1 913 509	-0,7
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	622 851	503 184	660 810	5 614 481	5 113 636	-8,9

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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

			Sep 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Jan – Sep 2022	Jan – Sep 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	18	0	22	52	136,4
		square metres	90	920	0	1 302	2 680	105,8
		R'000	847	8 660	0	11 551	25 228	118,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	17	26	17	148	157	6,1
		square metres	4 270	4 769	3 637	32 969	31 020	-5,9
		R'000	38 253	42 728	32 032	275 807	272 344	-1,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	4	10	150,0
		square metres	0	0	0	2 642	982	-62,8
		R'000	0	0	0	22 295	9 244	-58,5
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	588	0	0	3 399	4 653	36,9
		R'000	5 535	0	0	30 171	43 799	45,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	44 635	51 388	32 032	339 824	350 615	3,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	3 839	0	0	8 068	1 551	-80,8
		R'000	36 137	0	0	73 069	14 600	-80,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	508	0	516	3 057	492,4
		R'000	0	4 782	0	4 523	28 776	536,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	1 105	198	26 262	1 952	-92,6
		R'000	0	10 401	1 864	220 542	18 374	-91,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	866	118	0	13 179	182	-98,6
		R'000	8 152	1 111	0	116 737	1 713	-98,5
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	44 289	16 294	1 864	414 871	63 463	-84,7	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 454	2 246	3 047	44 080	29 310	-33,5
		R'000	40 191	19 888	27 421	375 064	264 858	-29,4
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	1 527	0	0	2 821	276	-90,2
		R'000	14 874	1 632	537	34 361	9 017	-73,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	55 065	21 520	27 958	409 425	273 875	-33,1
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	143 989	89 202	61 854	1 164 120	687 953	-40,9

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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

			Sep 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Jan – Sep 2022	Jan – Sep 2023	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	27	2	2	142	60	-57,7	
		square metres	1 507	157	86	7 985	3 587	-55,1	
		R'000	14 499	1 239	670	71 122	32 665	-54,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	31	33	28	439	306	-30,3	
		square metres	5 969	7 639	4 907	91 810	75 201	-18,1	
		R'000	51 096	58 445	40 265	725 989	610 259	-15,9	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	72	59	6	200	144	-28,0	
		square metres	5 250	25 965	1 257	24 707	37 536	51,9	
		R'000	50 510	249 650	7 775	233 623	353 276	51,2	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	594	0	0	4 235	6 854	61,8	
		R'000	3 674	0	0	27 903	54 820	96,5	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	119 779	309 334	48 710	1 058 637	1 051 020	-0,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	260	0	0	790	2 404	204,3	
		R'000	2 073	0	0	5 125	20 788	305,6	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	398	6 332	29 897	372,2	
		R'000	0	0	3 173	43 362	185 968	328,9	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	14 157	1 709	5 064	34 172	18 122	-47,0	
		R'000	92 866	10 570	48 721	230 329	150 849	-34,5	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	2 159	1 786	-17,3	
		R'000	0	0	0	20 772	13 370	-35,6	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	94 939	10 570	51 894	299 588	370 975	23,8	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 034	5 398	7 896	56 771	64 127	13,0	
		R'000	54 524	44 379	64 563	458 325	533 123	16,3	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	200	69	3 512	9 087	158,7	
		R'000	22	4 184	732	41 701	87 712	110,3	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	54 546	48 563	65 295	500 026	620 835	24,2
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	269 264	368 467	165 899	1 858 251	2 042 830	9,9

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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

			Sep 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Jan – Sep 2022	Jan – Sep 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	26	19	8	345	93	-73,0
		square metres	1 309	968	443	21 016	4 850	-76,9
		R'000	11 646	6 854	3 921	198 592	38 663	-80,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	98	99	91	995	726	-27,0
		square metres	39 730	32 020	25 224	336 012	241 730	-28,1
		R'000	386 164	324 042	237 456	3 387 164	2 413 365	-28,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	91	195	110	3 761	868	-76,9
		square metres	9 631	15 418	19 565	397 996	109 362	-72,5
		R'000	105 300	159 796	199 918	4 113 623	1 105 561	-73,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	1 598	375	6 949	8 975	29,2
		R'000	0	14 512	4 463	52 359	92 160	76,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	503 110	505 204	445 758	7 751 738	3 649 749	-52,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	2 461	16 894	16 065	-4,9
		R'000	0	0	27 071	164 376	142 970	-13,0
	Shopping space	square metres	604	12 372	1 236	83 552	94 038	12,6
		R'000	6 427	109 623	13 596	820 814	933 848	13,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	81 509	7 176	10 759	327 672	207 959	-36,5
		R'000	552 557	56 624	75 214	2 058 519	1 345 623	-34,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	246	1 025	0	17 431	8 251	-52,7
		R'000	3 075	8 243	0	141 741	67 188	-52,6
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	562 059	174 490	115 881	3 185 450	2 489 629	-21,8	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	40 273	28 060	23 524	253 769	191 421	-24,6
		R'000	430 307	264 781	232 848	2 650 813	1 904 086	-28,2
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	10 215	31 360	9 351	144 522	124 227	-14,0
		R'000	116 921	374 135	107 912	1 678 474	1 494 646	-11,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	547 228	638 916	340 760	4 329 287	3 398 732	-21,5
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 612 397	1 318 610	902 399	15 266 475	9 538 110	-37,5

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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

			Sep 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Jan – Sep 2022	Jan – Sep 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	17	10	2	264	65	-75,4
		square metres	923	577	121	11 417	3 505	-69,3
		R'000	5 338	4 112	871	55 693	24 342	-56,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	80	84	68	789	531	-32,7
		square metres	24 530	17 770	18 334	216 809	146 904	-32,2
		R'000	175 407	130 176	137 172	1 501 266	1 027 451	-31,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	50	29	40	208	223	7,2
		square metres	6 869	3 136	3 946	19 273	23 571	22,3
		R'000	50 047	21 384	27 149	124 018	145 722	17,5
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	2 879	3 213	11,6
		R'000	0	0	0	18 708	22 990	22,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	230 792	155 672	165 192	1 699 685	1 220 505	-28,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	6 193	1 789	22 479	1 156,5
		R'000	0	0	44 590	10 375	141 173	1 260,7
	Shopping space	square metres	6 280	1 127	695	25 547	26 066	2,0
		R'000	44 837	8 114	4 299	164 726	173 865	5,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	724	2 301	46 443	14 536	-68,7
		R'000	0	5 213	14 256	273 984	90 546	-67,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	4 541	0	0	18 555	6 726	-63,8
		R'000	33 900	0	0	120 323	47 209	-60,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	78 737	13 327	63 145	569 408	452 793	-20,5
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 604	8 597	6 263	88 779	64 611
R'000			71 623	60 802	44 379	582 881	434 483	-25,5
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	1 287	3 692	737	24 541	11 513	-53,1
		R'000	11 670	26 865	5 193	232 080	141 020	-39,2
Total additions and alterations		R'000	83 293	87 667	49 572	814 961	575 503	-29,4
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	392 822	256 666	277 909	3 084 054	2 248 801	-27,1

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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

			Sep 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Jan – Sep 2022	Jan – Sep 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	260	143	216	3 221	2 850	-11,5
		square metres	15 628	7 569	12 797	185 323	143 553	-22,5
		R'000	131 873	61 953	106 415	1 371 090	1 082 331	-21,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	346	212	225	2 851	2 200	-22,8
		square metres	112 913	61 235	65 188	893 964	667 321	-25,4
		R'000	1 074 443	529 709	609 790	8 285 070	6 450 170	-22,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	561	425	807	5 029	7 113	41,4
		square metres	60 161	34 117	73 140	464 983	600 982	29,2
		R'000	636 502	336 756	781 129	4 546 706	6 260 223	37,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	2 775	0	42	6 707	15 869,0
		R'000	0	20 213	0	285	56 247	19 635,8
Total residential buildings	R'000	1 842 818	948 631	1 497 334	14 203 151	13 848 971	-2,5	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	18 573	9 907	409	52 992	126 170	138,1
		R'000	233 997	127 642	3 820	583 701	1 586 450	171,8
	Shopping space	square metres	5 068	19 672	1 134	114 493	93 637	-18,2
		R'000	61 540	211 022	11 219	1 405 793	1 096 062	-22,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	50 752	22 265	49 336	586 039	400 692	-31,6
		R'000	327 093	139 666	345 447	3 736 068	2 710 736	-27,4
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	4 687	4 039	3 816	80 050	94 307	17,8
		R'000	38 078	39 330	38 912	708 513	894 479	26,2
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	660 708	517 660	399 398	6 434 075	6 287 727	-2,3	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	70 784	43 354	59 100	620 772	529 884	-14,6
		R'000	705 766	377 292	563 826	5 828 532	5 077 150	-12,9
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	16 867	27 726	10 420	114 258	134 601	17,8
		R'000	153 378	201 185	100 491	1 094 211	1 080 922	-1,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	859 144	578 477	664 317	6 922 743	6 158 072	-11,0
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 362 670	2 044 768	2 561 049	27 559 969	26 294 770	-4,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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

			Sep 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Jan – Sep 2022	Jan – Sep 2023	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	50	11	3	282	170	-39,7	
		square metres	3 301	756	188	17 274	10 457	-39,5	
		R'000	27 464	6 714	1 290	127 932	80 936	-36,7	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	85	56	83	833	632	-24,1	
		square metres	26 374	25 020	27 268	243 854	229 569	-5,9	
		R'000	194 242	186 410	188 785	1 711 271	1 714 605	0,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	32	16	80	97	21,3	
		square metres	0	1 911	1 107	8 155	5 939	-27,2	
		R'000	0	12 081	7 023	64 302	37 431	-41,8	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	5 885	14 551	147,3	
		R'000	0	0	0	41 379	126 674	206,1	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	221 706	205 205	197 098	1 944 884	1 959 646	0,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 585	380	0	3 307	4 258	28,8	
		R'000	10 206	3 082	0	21 505	28 217	31,2	
	Shopping space	square metres	6 259	1 498	4 129	42 310	70 174	65,9	
		R'000	39 132	10 486	34 618	271 778	593 971	118,6	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 038	3 518	1 282	66 930	66 949	0,0	
		R'000	25 740	28 757	8 100	481 365	470 989	-2,2	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	9 068	853	285	21 157	25 641	21,2	
		R'000	57 387	5 278	2 246	127 313	213 683	67,8	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	132 465	47 603	44 964	901 961	1 306 860	44,9	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 051	12 210	10 756	138 034	117 725	-14,7	
		R'000	99 957	81 249	71 624	910 102	814 197	-10,5	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	4 167	2 283	1 757	19 409	18 824	-3,0	
		R'000	40 047	23 950	13 710	205 259	158 828	-22,6	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	140 004	105 199	85 334	1 115 361	973 025	-12,8
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	494 175	358 007	327 396	3 962 206	4 239 531	7,0

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Jan – Sep 2022	Jan – Sep 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	5	3	7	57	25	-56,1
		square metres	328	180	391	3 703	1 527	-58,8
		R'000	2 033	1 237	2 744	23 869	10 374	-56,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	53	43	31	400	291	-27,3
		square metres	16 232	13 161	11 174	133 580	101 545	-24,0
		R'000	114 576	90 839	76 729	897 897	710 216	-20,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	27	10	19	1 830	284	-84,5
		square metres	2 484	3 110	2 539	82 702	42 295	-48,9
		R'000	16 864	24 381	18 961	531 836	296 495	-44,3
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	793	0	13 028	4 971	13 296	167,5
		R'000	4 385	0	80 578	30 182	82 544	173,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	137 858	116 457	179 012	1 483 784	1 099 629	-25,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	804	0	0	3 092	470	-84,8
		R'000	5 526	0	0	20 248	3 360	-83,4
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 621	0	18 147	14 955	-17,6
		R'000	0	14 929	0	110 102	106 318	-3,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 999	5 855	819	33 787	25 641	-24,1
		R'000	20 612	33 568	4 534	216 348	157 507	-27,2
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	4 550	495	3 284	23 573	617,8
		R'000	0	31 931	3 538	22 539	165 514	634,3
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	26 138	80 428	8 072	369 237	432 699	17,2	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 037	4 549	4 961	37 028	33 868	-8,5
		R'000	41 406	32 089	34 857	239 797	232 069	-3,2
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	269	1 577	1 123	7 064	5 846	-17,2
		R'000	7 353	11 739	8 688	92 705	65 658	-29,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	48 759	43 828	43 545	332 502	297 727	-10,5
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	212 755	240 713	230 629	2 185 523	1 830 055	-16,3

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Jan – Sep 2022	Jan – Sep 2023	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	812	661	691	7 100	6 145	-13,5	
		square metres	44 758	34 274	35 328	366 523	308 915	-15,7	
		R'000	349 210	244 721	261 937	2 527 378	2 242 370	-11,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	923	930	763	7 262	6 563	-9,6	
		square metres	221 076	188 635	194 251	1 826 437	1 631 701	-10,7	
		R'000	1 860 631	1 646 055	1 643 457	14 710 498	14 090 380	-4,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 282	823	1 468	9 991	8 505	-14,9	
		square metres	125 648	104 081	150 810	966 948	947 398	-2,0	
		R'000	1 185 093	956 317	1 537 351	8 635 649	8 614 904	-0,2	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 337	7 452	2 055	42 957	22 652	-47,3	
		R'000	9 091	95 595	12 712	379 010	208 168	-45,1	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	3 404 025	2 942 688	3 455 457	26 252 535	25 155 822	-4,2
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	10 312	702	2 188	114 560	134 615	17,5
R'000			83 360	4 997	27 258	1 007 809	1 585 751	57,3	
Shopping space		square metres	36 667	13 464	3 337	260 475	233 642	-10,3	
		R'000	291 626	90 053	26 801	2 501 168	2 425 926	-3,0	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	103 370	79 580	185 417	983 218	764 291	-22,3	
		R'000	693 462	503 525	1 129 201	6 264 645	4 970 229	-20,7	
Other non-residential buildings ³		square metres	4 173	6 668	6 340	238 885	72 492	-69,7	
		R'000	32 457	46 602	60 096	1 865 110	625 217	-66,5	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 100 905	645 177	1 243 356	11 638 732	9 607 123	-17,5	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	79 218	77 931	64 001	1 150 050	502 245	-56,3	
		R'000	642 875	620 476	535 109	8 445 315	4 202 091	-50,2	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	40 728	22 125	21 414	476 356	249 793	-47,6	
		R'000	383 473	195 192	202 644	4 776 908	2 449 440	-48,7	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	1 026 348	815 668	737 753	13 222 223	6 651 531	-49,7	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	5 531 278	4 403 533	5 436 566	51 113 490	41 414 476	-19,0

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Jan – Sep 2022	Jan – Sep 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	153	183	169	2 487	1 987	-20,1
		square metres	6 641	8 705	7 740	106 721	89 473	-16,2
		R'000	39 014	55 538	46 782	607 024	594 009	-2,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	386	421	294	2 907	2 253	-22,5
		square metres	80 079	68 803	78 104	711 425	540 536	-24,0
		R'000	565 950	508 395	567 072	4 905 968	3 862 695	-21,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	521	154	236	5 151	3 208	-37,7
		square metres	41 337	21 526	31 251	459 368	399 200	-13,1
		R'000	337 842	181 524	258 056	3 636 386	3 189 036	-12,3
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 063	6 036	0	11 736	12 652	7,8
		R'000	7 396	81 500	0	76 574	123 507	61,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	950 202	826 957	871 910	9 225 952	7 769 247	-15,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	9 099	0	205	60 879	7 451	-87,8
		R'000	67 585	0	1 709	474 897	46 669	-90,2
	Shopping space	square metres	1 065	1 209	770	75 815	29 667	-60,9
		R'000	9 401	8 210	7 328	613 285	228 559	-62,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	27 788	26 511	4 109	217 337	136 251	-37,3
		R'000	198 074	183 811	33 338	1 470 019	969 899	-34,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	2 526	5 828	1 186	122 307	41 196	-66,3
		R'000	17 306	40 913	7 393	913 731	289 513	-68,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	292 366	232 934	49 768	3 471 932	1 534 640	-55,8
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	44 334	26 675	30 007	806 670	183 408
R'000			302 818	181 684	216 424	5 397 603	1 297 648	-76,0
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	16 327	11 910	9 297	310 793	127 520	-59,0
		R'000	175 913	104 304	95 387	3 294 285	1 181 688	-64,1
Total additions and alterations		R'000	478 731	285 988	311 811	8 691 888	2 479 336	-71,5
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 721 299	1 345 879	1 233 489	21 389 772	11 783 223	-44,9

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Jan – Sep 2022	Jan – Sep 2023	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	30	27	71	270	435	61,1	
		square metres	1 845	1 312	3 290	16 088	20 810	29,4	
		R'000	13 775	10 685	26 891	117 131	151 386	29,2	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	42	30	43	428	448	4,7	
		square metres	9 824	7 524	9 444	92 818	111 132	19,7	
		R'000	83 335	60 449	76 843	736 336	922 195	25,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	7	65	30	194	322	66,0	
		square metres	1 895	5 730	3 905	16 723	28 085	67,9	
		R'000	15 628	47 255	32 208	129 645	231 620	78,7	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	104	0	5 297	104	-98,0	
		R'000	0	658	0	40 676	658	-98,4	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	112 738	119 047	135 942	1 023 788	1 305 859	27,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	192	0	3 921	1 750	-55,4	
		R'000	0	1 583	0	30 109	13 723	-54,4	
	Shopping space	square metres	27 570	0	0	28 258	3 727	-86,8	
		R'000	227 370	0	0	232 328	30 422	-86,9	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	982	178	0	10 461	23 589	125,5	
		R'000	8 099	1 468	0	80 889	187 013	131,2	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	1 460	30 913	1 791	-94,2	
		R'000	0	0	12 041	230 805	14 728	-93,6	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	235 469	3 051	12 041	574 131	245 886	-57,2
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 892	14 997	4 961	63 596	54 826	-13,8
R'000			24 581	120 201	40 302	496 774	447 514	-9,9	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	9 223	8 177	2 482	46 543	33 511	-28,0	
		R'000	76 286	66 372	21 049	376 221	278 264	-26,0	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	100 867	186 573	61 351	872 995	725 778	-16,9	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	449 074	308 671	209 334	2 470 914	2 277 523	-7,8

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Jan – Sep 2022	Jan – Sep 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	0	0	10	2	-80,0
		square metres	67	0	0	635	153	-75,9
		R'000	631	0	0	5 319	1 140	-78,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	5	7	3	67	45	-32,8
		square metres	1 008	1 258	920	15 084	10 649	-29,4
		R'000	9 488	11 842	8 660	128 566	100 244	-22,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	20	1	-95,0
		square metres	0	0	0	1 571	66	-95,8
		R'000	0	0	0	12 730	621	-95,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	10 119	11 842	8 660	146 615	102 005	-30,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	461	1 387	200,9
		R'000	0	0	0	3 735	13 056	249,6
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	249	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	2 344	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	20 169	473	-97,7
		R'000	0	0	0	163 430	4 452	-97,3
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	202	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	1 637	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	0	171 146	17 508	-89,8
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 635	2 108	1 175	31 001	16 252
R'000			34 216	19 843	11 060	265 044	152 981	-42,3
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	67	0	0	2 218	3 733	68,3
		R'000	911	250	1 750	21 437	40 769	90,2
Total additions and alterations		R'000	35 127	20 093	12 810	286 481	193 750	-32,4
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	45 246	31 935	21 470	604 242	313 263	-48,2

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.² 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 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Jan – Sep 2022	Jan – Sep 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	1	1	146	65	-55,5
		square metres	40	68	36	7 922	3 768	-52,4
		R'000	247	421	223	72 405	34 741	-52,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	9	8	17	153	120	-21,6
		square metres	2 090	2 043	2 380	30 106	23 729	-21,2
		R'000	15 101	15 709	18 041	242 080	181 777	-24,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	45	0	2	70	3 400,0
		square metres	0	9 512	0	355	13 325	3 653,5
		R'000	0	78 445	0	2 044	109 891	5 276,3
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	1 487	325	-78,1
		R'000	0	0	0	8 563	2 430	-71,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	15 348	94 575	18 264	325 092	328 839	1,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	696	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	5 074	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 117	0	207	1 421	586,5
		R'000	0	9 212	0	1 992	11 635	484,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	2 431	2 786	6 370	128,6
		R'000	0	0	19 380	21 319	51 865	143,3
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	353	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	2 129	0	-100,0
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	9 212	19 380	25 440	68 574	169,6	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	638	812	1 894	16 660	14 932	-10,4
		R'000	4 475	5 541	15 484	114 017	112 673	-1,2
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	0	0	3 794	1 706	-55,0
		R'000	0	0	0	32 529	15 559	-52,2
Total additions and alterations	R'000	4 475	5 541	15 484	146 546	128 232	-12,5	
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	19 823	109 328	53 128	497 078	525 645	5,7

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Jan – Sep 2022	Jan – Sep 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	13	12	79	76	-3,8
		square metres	792	821	646	4 486	4 563	1,7
		R'000	7 051	8 428	5 223	42 888	41 562	-3,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	43	143	59	473	609	28,8
		square metres	18 158	30 662	19 691	173 260	192 285	11,0
		R'000	189 720	356 872	212 087	1 811 198	2 113 977	16,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	158	232	166	1 766	1 045	-40,8
		square metres	27 480	23 106	29 031	178 994	137 028	-23,4
		R'000	315 024	265 406	352 612	2 002 215	1 500 945	-25,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	841	0	20 423	1 992	-90,2
		R'000	0	10 008	0	224 653	23 705	-89,4
Total residential buildings	R'000	511 795	640 714	569 922	4 080 954	3 680 189	-9,8	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	8 251	9 956	20,7
		R'000	0	0	0	90 761	108 428	19,5
	Shopping space	square metres	0	251	1 557	47 713	49 694	4,2
		R'000	0	1 883	12 972	518 850	529 520	2,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	51 247	10 521	160 299	277 870	304 229	9,5
		R'000	308 220	53 662	961 812	1 703 449	1 816 542	6,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	811	375	3 694	15 569	10 892	-30,0
		R'000	9 980	2 813	40 662	160 229	122 350	-23,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	318 200	58 358	1 015 446	2 473 289	2 576 840	4,2
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 279	7 916	9 433	64 749	65 427
R'000			90 658	89 456	105 307	730 999	736 106	0,7
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	1 172	218	2 119	30 208	33 267	10,1
		R'000	12 771	5 840	26 714	400 097	387 944	-3,0
Total additions and alterations		R'000	103 429	95 296	132 021	1 131 096	1 124 050	-0,6
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	933 424	794 368	1 717 389	7 685 339	7 381 079	-4,0

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Jan – Sep 2022	Jan – Sep 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	43	144	49	262	367	40,1
		square metres	2 943	6 529	2 554	15 490	19 676	27,0
		R'000	19 357	32 451	15 787	88 362	111 334	26,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	72	66	50	609	505	-17,1
		square metres	13 556	16 973	9 886	127 289	109 165	-14,2
		R'000	97 330	123 457	69 243	872 665	765 931	-12,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	40	54	17	102	212	107,8
		square metres	5 587	6 480	1 633	13 629	23 946	75,7
		R'000	34 556	45 674	11 126	83 598	155 617	86,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	274	184	2 055	1 325	4 945	273,2
		R'000	1 695	1 324	12 712	8 772	31 284	256,6
Total residential buildings	R'000	152 938	202 906	108 868	1 053 397	1 064 166	1,0	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	285	0	1 309	285	-78,2
		R'000	0	1 763	0	7 688	1 763	-77,1
	Shopping space	square metres	594	1 219	0	11 979	4 444	-62,9
		R'000	3 734	7 652	0	83 277	29 825	-64,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	791	3 318	0	13 475	8 533	-36,7
		R'000	4 351	23 890	0	90 905	66 030	-27,4
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	836	0	0	16 443	0	-100,0
		R'000	5 171	0	0	98 348	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	13 256	33 305	0	280 218	97 618	-65,2
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 963	12 540	2 473	13 560	27 996
R'000			12 361	78 300	15 556	82 934	175 398	111,5
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	351	350	232	5 131	4 576	-10,8
		R'000	5 841	2 813	3 031	53 862	81 720	51,7
Total additions and alterations		R'000	18 202	81 113	18 587	136 796	257 118	88,0
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	184 396	317 324	127 455	1 470 411	1 418 902	-3,5

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Jan – Sep 2022	Jan – Sep 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	548	265	387	3 632	3 056	-15,9
		square metres	31 174	15 109	20 926	202 401	160 758	-20,6
		R'000	261 019	124 544	166 096	1 508 405	1 240 353	-17,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	312	212	260	1 983	2 084	5,1
		square metres	83 675	49 909	62 073	524 627	523 500	-0,2
		R'000	806 582	487 890	612 415	4 958 948	5 259 133	6,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	552	209	1 001	2 663	3 225	21,1
		square metres	48 573	29 085	83 961	285 348	309 834	8,6
		R'000	476 496	283 378	876 277	2 696 643	3 175 484	17,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	2 474	1 817	-26,6
		R'000	0	0	0	18 303	20 590	12,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 544 097	895 812	1 654 788	9 182 299	9 695 560	5,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 213	0	1 983	38 284	111 805	192,0
		R'000	15 775	0	25 549	392 049	1 388 144	254,1
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 026	1 010	85 283	122 399	43,5
		R'000	0	8 461	6 501	976 838	1 446 791	48,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	22 108	39 052	18 578	408 384	221 362	-45,8
		R'000	172 207	240 694	114 671	2 496 064	1 441 580	-42,2
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	465	0	40 748	18 613	-54,3
		R'000	0	2 876	0	361 311	198 626	-45,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	187 982	252 031	146 721	4 226 262	4 475 141	5,9
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	16 431	10 599	11 331	141 048	117 654
R'000			166 313	107 019	111 381	1 271 675	1 125 346	-11,5
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	12 570	1 470	6 951	71 238	37 822	-46,9
		R'000	101 782	11 514	51 075	531 938	347 813	-34,6
Total additions and alterations		R'000	268 095	118 533	162 456	1 803 613	1 473 159	-18,3
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 000 174	1 266 376	1 963 965	15 212 174	15 643 860	2,8

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.² 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 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Jan – Sep 2022	Jan – Sep 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	24	0	136	129	-5,1
		square metres	621	1 470	0	7 734	7 858	1,6
		R'000	3 926	10 867	0	52 806	55 157	4,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	32	26	12	424	300	-29,2
		square metres	7 108	6 833	3 703	83 322	64 468	-22,6
		R'000	54 787	49 491	26 712	605 435	500 192	-17,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	64	0	4	116	2 800,0
		square metres	0	8 642	0	509	13 034	2 460,7
		R'000	0	54 635	0	2 966	93 903	3 066,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
Total residential buildings	R'000	58 713	114 993	26 712	661 207	649 252	-1,8	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 455	73	-95,0
		R'000	0	0	0	8 570	460	-94,6
	Shopping space	square metres	0	8 642	0	0	9 302	..
		R'000	0	54 635	0	0	60 095	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	14 497	22 168	52,9
		R'000	0	0	0	120 236	143 039	19,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	8 599	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	71 604	0	-100,0
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	54 635	0	200 410	203 594	1,6	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	236	2 119	2 072	7 704	17 818	131,3
		R'000	1 817	17 274	15 410	54 000	127 937	136,9
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	0	120	1 806	7 206	299,0
		R'000	306	4 099	1 174	26 619	100 889	279,0
Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 123	21 373	16 584	80 619	228 826	183,8	
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	60 836	191 001	43 296	942 236	1 081 672	14,8

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Jan – Sep 2022	Jan – Sep 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	4	2	78	28	-64,1
		square metres	635	260	136	5 046	1 856	-63,2
		R'000	4 190	1 787	935	33 038	12 688	-61,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	22	17	25	218	199	-8,7
		square metres	5 578	4 630	8 050	68 506	56 237	-17,9
		R'000	38 338	31 950	52 384	449 302	384 236	-14,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	4	0	18	89	306	243,8
		square metres	776	0	1 029	10 451	22 880	118,9
		R'000	5 547	0	7 072	69 422	157 787	127,3
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	287	0	215	817	280,0
		R'000	0	2 105	0	1 469	5 994	308,0
	Total residential buildings		R'000	48 075	35 842	60 391	553 231	560 705
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	225	0	0	1 212	..
		R'000	0	1 651	0	0	8 434	..
	Shopping space	square metres	7 438	0	0	10 971	12 988	18,4
		R'000	51 121	0	0	72 254	89 079	23,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	454	0	0	18 239	41 316	126,5
		R'000	2 511	0	0	118 334	289 809	144,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	3 751	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	25 316	0	-100,0
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	53 632	1 651	0	215 904	387 322	79,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	810	165	655	5 062	3 932	-22,3
		R'000	5 636	1 158	4 185	32 269	26 488	-17,9
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	1 018	0	213	4 625	452	-90,2
		R'000	9 663	0	2 464	39 920	14 794	-62,9
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	15 299	1 158	6 649	72 189	41 282
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	117 006	38 651	67 040	841 324	989 309	17,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

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

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

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

Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
	2	In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
Purpose of the survey	3	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
Scope of the survey	4	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	5	Building activities are classified in division five according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
Collection rate	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for September 2023 was 93,6%. The improved collection rate for August 2023 was 95,5%.
Statistical unit	7	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	8	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85% of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by email, 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 2019. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151.1: <i>Construction Materials Price Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2021=100) are converted to the base year 2019=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 the United States Census Bureau.
	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 February 2022 .
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. Changes from a zero in the preceding period cannot be calculated as a percentage 0 Nil or figure too small to publish * Revised Stats SA Statistics South Africa SIC Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities ISIC International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities

Glossary

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

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