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Key findings for January to September 2025

Building plans passed at current prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Sep 2024	Jan – Sep 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2024 and Jan – Sep 2025	% change between Jan – Sep 2024 and Jan – Sep 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	36 487 933	34 542 095	-1 945 838	-5,3
-Dwelling-houses	22 740 439	23 690 131	949 692	4,2
-Flats and townhouses	12 843 134	9 827 171	-3 015 963	-23,5
-Other residential buildings	904 360	1 024 793	120 433	13,3
Non-residential buildings	18 172 623	16 900 300	-1 272 323	-7,0
Additions and alterations	20 996 548	22 332 196	1 335 648	6,4
Total	75 657 104	73 774 591	-1 882 513	-2,5

The value of building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 2,5% (-R1 882,5 million) during January to September 2025 compared with January to September 2024. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-R1 945,8 million) and non-residential buildings (-R1 272,3 million). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (R1 335,6 million) – see Table A.

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

Province	Jan – Sep 2024	Jan – Sep 2025	Weight Jan – Sep 2024	% change between Jan – Sep 2024 and Jan – Sep 2025	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Sep 2024 and Jan – Sep 2025 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2024 and Jan – Sep 2025
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	22 836 973	26 387 011	30,2	15,5	4,7	3 550 038
Eastern Cape	4 093 814	4 681 315	5,4	14,4	0,8	587 501
Northern Cape	911 934	729 317	1,2	-20,0	-0,2	-182 617
Free State	1 809 920	2 083 176	2,4	15,1	0,4	273 256
KwaZulu-Natal	11 469 218	10 843 038	15,2	-5,5	-0,8	-626 180
North West	2 938 401	2 430 040	3,9	-17,3	-0,7	-508 361
Gauteng	25 663 854	20 632 314	33,9	-19,6	-6,7	-5 031 540
Mpumalanga	4 302 238	4 219 485	5,7	-1,9	-0,1	-82 753
Limpopo	1 630 752	1 768 895	2,2	8,5	0,2	138 143
Total	75 657 104	73 774 591	100,0	-2,5	-2,5	-1 882 513

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

The largest negative contributors to the total decrease of 2,5% (-R1 882,5 million) were Gauteng (contributing -6,7 percentage points or -R5 031,5 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -0,8 of a percentage point or -R626,2 million) and North West (contributing -0,7 of a percentage point or -R508,4 million).

The largest positive contributor was Western Cape (contributing 4,7 percentage points or R3 550,0 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 2024	Jan – Sep 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2024 and Jan – Sep 2025	% change between Jan – Sep 2024 and Jan – Sep 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	26 656 728	24 732 505	-1 924 223	-7,2
Non-residential buildings	13 259 499	12 092 677	-1 166 822	-8,8
Additions and alterations	15 334 390	15 991 370	656 980	4,3
Total	55 250 617	52 816 552	-2 434 065	-4,4

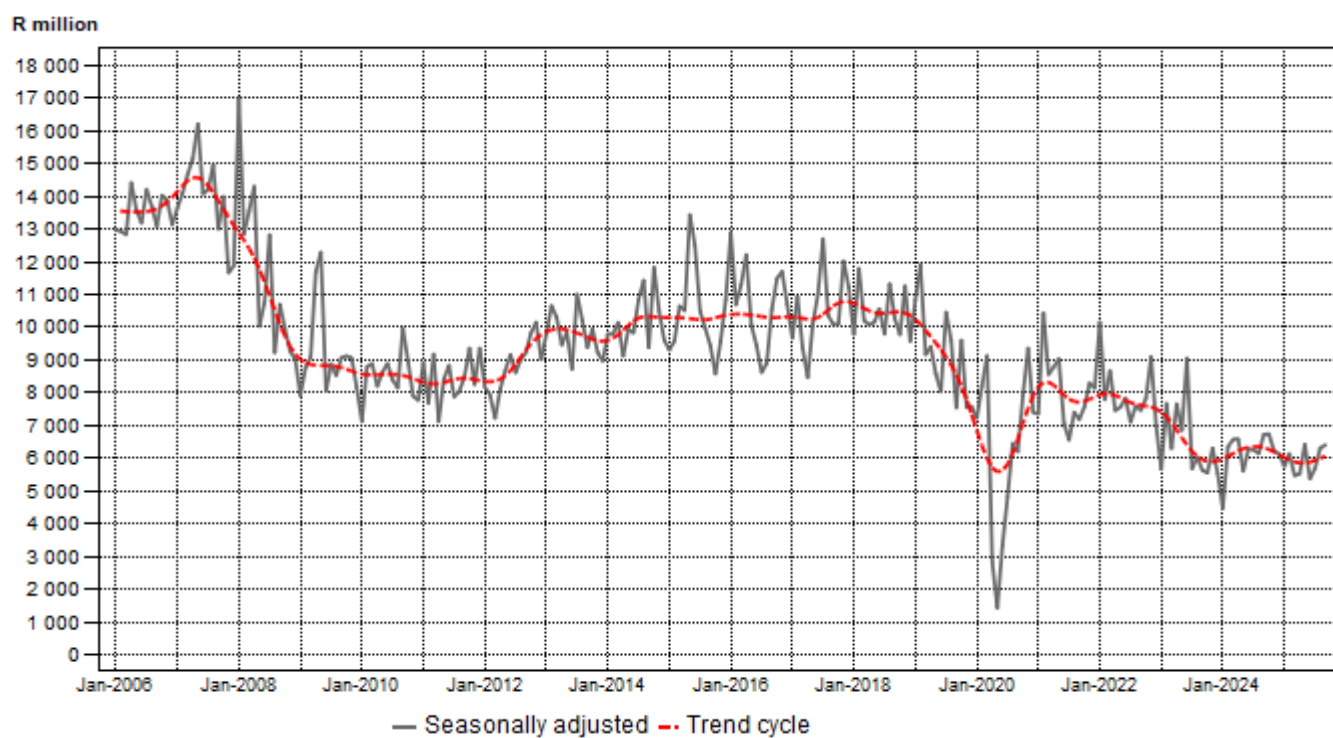
The real value of building plans passed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 4,4% (-R2 434,1 million) during January to September 2025 compared with January to September 2024. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-R1 924,2 million) and non-residential buildings (-R1 166,8 million). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (R657,0 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 2025	Jul – Sep 2025	% change between Apr – Jun 2025 and Jul – Sep 2025
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 271 622	8 295 141	0,3
Non-residential buildings ¹	3 455 835	5 049 368	46,1
Additions and alterations	5 579 594	5 043 144	-9,6
Total	17 307 051	18 387 653	6,2

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of building plans passed increased by 6,2% in the third quarter of 2025 compared with the previous quarter. Non-residential buildings rose by 46,1%. A decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-9,6%) – 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 2024	Jan – Sep 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2024 and Jan – Sep 2025	% change between Jan – Sep 2024 and Jan – Sep 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	21 599 664	22 641 040	1 041 376	4,8
-Dwelling-houses	13 923 563	12 767 753	-1 155 810	-8,3
-Flats and townhouses	7 440 652	9 242 463	1 801 811	24,2
-Other residential buildings	235 449	630 824	395 375	167,9
Non-residential buildings	8 183 975	8 430 540	246 565	3,0
Additions and alterations	7 944 735	6 874 624	-1 070 111	-13,5
Total	37 728 374	37 946 204	217 830	0,6

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 0,6% (R217,8 million) during January to September 2025 compared with January to September 2024. Increases were reported for residential buildings (R1 041,4 million) and non-residential buildings (R246,6 million). A decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-R1 070,1 million) – see Table E.

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

Province	Jan – Sep 2024	Jan – Sep 2025	Weight Jan – Sep 2024	% change between Jan – Sep 2024 and Jan – Sep 2025	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Sep 2024 and Jan – Sep 2025 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2024 and Jan – Sep 2025
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	10 994 493	12 335 193	29,1	12,2	3,6	1 340 700
Eastern Cape	2 494 474	2 237 254	6,6	-10,3	-0,7	-257 220
Northern Cape	279 198	163 046	0,7	-41,6	-0,3	-116 152
Free State	323 470	203 126	0,9	-37,2	-0,3	-120 344
KwaZulu-Natal	5 359 096	5 842 952	14,2	9,0	1,3	483 856
North West	1 410 905	1 751 503	3,7	24,1	0,9	340 598
Gauteng	15 317 925	13 968 853	40,6	-8,8	-3,6	-1 349 072
Mpumalanga	985 471	632 431	2,6	-35,8	-0,9	-353 040
Limpopo	563 342	811 846	1,5	44,1	0,7	248 504
Total	37 728 374	37 946 204	100,0	0,6	0,6	217 830

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

Four out of the nine provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to September 2025, of which Western Cape (contributing 3,6 percentage points or R1 340,7 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 1,3 percentage points or R483,9 million) and North West (contributing 0,9 of a percentage point or R340,6 million) were the largest positive contributors.

The largest negative contributor was Gauteng (contributing -3,6 percentage points or -R1 349,1 million) – see Table F.

Buildings reported as completed at constant 2019 prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Sep 2024	Jan – Sep 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2024 and Jan – Sep 2025	% change between Jan – Sep 2024 and Jan – Sep 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	15 771 719	16 195 592	423 873	2,7
Non-residential buildings	5 971 434	6 044 613	73 179	1,2
Additions and alterations	5 802 842	4 919 059	-883 783	-15,2
Total	27 545 995	27 159 264	-386 731	-1,4

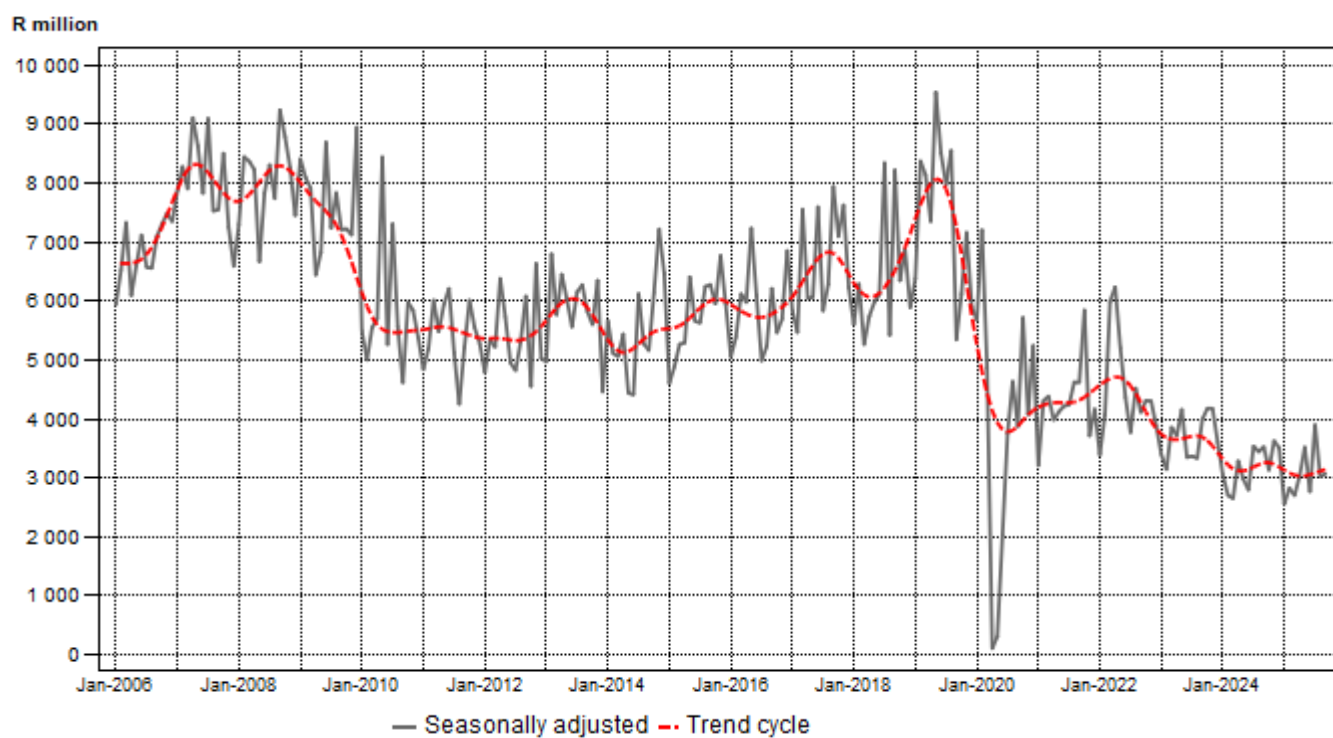
The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 1,4% (-R386,7 million) during January to September 2025 compared with January to September 2024. A decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-R883,8 million). Increases were reported for residential buildings (R423,9 million) and non-residential buildings (R73,2 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 2025	Jul – Sep 2025	% change between Apr – Jun 2025 and Jul – Sep 2025
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 494 699	6 146 714	11,9
Non-residential buildings ¹	2 018 475	2 079 552	3,0
Additions and alterations	1 805 082	1 760 120	-2,5
Total	9 318 256	9 986 386	7,2

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 7,2% in the third quarter of 2025 compared with the previous quarter. Increases were reported for residential buildings (11,9%) and non-residential buildings (3,0%). A decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-2,5%) – see Table H.

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


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Tables

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	2 641 211	-4,4	646 429	-10,4	1 392 946	-27,7	4 680 586	-13,5
	February	4 987 654	-6,0	1 655 142	-0,6	2 359 384	-10,5	9 002 180	-6,3
	March	3 543 222	-23,9	1 905 469	12,3	2 596 885	20,7	8 045 576	-5,4
	April	4 241 995	-8,1	2 658 595	24,4	2 282 122	0,5	9 182 712	1,8
	May	4 138 159	-6,8	2 040 668	-0,9	1 955 538	-33,9	8 134 365	-14,0
	June	3 769 542	-20,2	2 538 847	-47,3	2 334 452	-15,7	8 642 841	-29,8
	July	3 978 787	-7,4	2 652 065	138,7	2 835 702	15,6	9 466 554	20,4
	August	4 294 462	9,3	2 005 025	-6,1	2 578 344	1,1	8 877 831	3,1
	September	4 892 901	9,2	2 070 383	102,1	2 661 175	11,6	9 624 459	22,0
	October	4 650 594	15,7	2 891 035	162,5	2 743 048	-8,3	10 284 677	26,8
	November	4 243 490	-5,0	1 910 056	14,8	2 557 544	-8,0	8 711 090	-2,3
	December	2 945 291	10,3	1 798 704	15,0	2 256 261	24,3	7 000 256	15,7
	Total	48 327 308	-4,0	24 772 418	14,2	28 553 401	-3,8	101 653 127	-0,1
2025	January	3 186 144	20,6	1 206 164	86,6	1 871 867	34,4	6 264 175	33,8
	February	3 404 090	-31,7	2 395 437	44,7	2 505 413	6,2	8 304 940	-7,7
	March	3 635 173	2,6	1 385 314	-27,3	2 431 589	-6,4	7 452 076	-7,4
	April	3 412 504	-19,6	1 531 377	-42,4	2 341 150	2,6	7 285 031	-20,7
	May	4 284 380	3,5	1 964 424	-3,7	2 979 174	52,3	9 227 978	13,4
	June	3 864 945	2,5	1 313 123	-48,3	2 383 783	2,1	7 561 851	-12,5
	July	4 076 597	2,5	1 983 248	-25,2	2 903 987	2,4	8 963 832	-5,3
	August	4 420 934	2,9	2 593 277	29,3	2 050 939	-20,5	9 065 150	2,1
	September	4 257 328	-13,0	2 527 936	22,1	2 864 294	7,6	9 649 558	0,3

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	3 592 387	-1,2	646 429	-58,7	1 838 401	-19,8	6 077 217	-18,9
	February	4 531 602	26,1	1 655 142	156,0	2 366 140	28,7	8 552 884	40,7
	March	4 053 829	-10,5	1 905 469	15,1	2 973 769	25,7	8 933 067	4,4
	April	4 080 632	0,7	2 658 595	39,5	2 224 119	-25,2	8 963 346	0,3
	May	3 826 309	-6,2	2 040 668	-23,2	1 833 336	-17,6	7 700 313	-14,1
	June	3 656 804	-4,4	2 538 847	24,4	2 424 313	32,2	8 619 964	11,9
	July	3 573 227	-2,3	2 652 065	4,5	2 378 911	-1,9	8 604 203	-0,2
	August	3 934 718	10,1	2 005 025	-24,4	2 486 102	4,5	8 425 845	-2,1
	September	4 717 231	19,9	2 070 383	3,3	2 466 245	-0,8	9 253 859	9,8
	October	3 919 214	-16,9	2 891 035	39,6	2 370 220	-3,9	9 180 469	-0,8
	November	4 240 472	8,2	1 910 056	-33,9	2 399 845	1,2	8 550 373	-6,9
	December	3 909 833	-7,8	1 798 704	-5,8	2 730 674	13,8	8 439 211	-1,3
2025	January	4 243 957	8,5	1 206 164	-32,9	2 507 982	-8,2	7 958 103	-5,7
	February	3 589 463	-15,4	2 395 437	98,6	2 538 757	1,2	8 523 657	7,1
	March	3 727 473	3,8	1 385 314	-42,2	2 514 658	-0,9	7 627 445	-10,5
	April	3 632 367	-2,6	1 531 377	10,5	2 526 485	0,5	7 690 229	0,8
	May	4 081 337	12,4	1 964 424	28,3	2 853 569	12,9	8 899 330	15,7
	June	3 752 133	-8,1	1 313 123	-33,2	2 379 524	-16,6	7 444 780	-16,3
	July	3 518 597	-6,2	1 983 248	51,0	2 469 989	3,8	7 971 834	7,1
	August	4 172 084	18,6	2 593 277	30,8	2 091 279	-15,3	8 856 640	11,1
	September	3 964 002	-5,0	2 527 936	-2,5	2 520 674	20,5	9 012 612	1,8
	Apr – Jun 25	11 465 837		4 808 924		7 759 578		24 034 339	
	Jul – Sep 25 ²	11 654 683	1,6	7 104 461	47,7	7 081 942	-8,7	25 841 086	7,5

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

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

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	1 957 903	-9,7	479 191	-15,4	1 032 577	-31,7	3 469 671	-18,3
	February	3 686 367	-10,2	1 223 313	-5,0	1 743 817	-14,5	6 653 497	-10,5
	March	2 603 396	-27,1	1 400 051	7,7	1 908 071	15,7	5 911 518	-9,3
	April	3 098 608	-12,4	1 941 998	18,6	1 666 999	-4,2	6 707 605	-3,0
	May	3 005 199	-11,2	1 481 967	-5,7	1 420 144	-37,1	5 907 310	-18,1
	June	2 747 480	-23,9	1 850 472	-49,7	1 701 496	-19,6	6 299 448	-33,1
	July	2 883 179	-11,7	1 921 786	127,6	2 054 857	10,2	6 859 822	14,8
	August	3 118 709	4,9	1 456 082	-9,9	1 872 436	-3,0	6 447 227	-1,1
	September	3 555 887	5,5	1 504 639	95,2	1 933 993	7,8	6 994 519	17,9
	October	3 414 533	13,2	2 122 640	156,7	2 013 985	-10,3	7 551 158	24,0
	November	3 099 701	-7,2	1 395 220	12,1	1 868 184	-10,2	6 363 105	-4,5
	December	2 151 418	8,2	1 313 882	12,9	1 648 109	22,1	5 113 409	13,6
	Total	35 322 380	-7,8	18 091 241	9,6	20 864 668	-7,6	74 278 289	-4,1
2025	January	2 315 512	18,3	876 573	82,9	1 360 368	31,7	4 552 453	31,2
	February	2 447 225	-33,6	1 722 097	40,8	1 801 160	3,3	5 970 482	-10,3
	March	2 594 699	-0,3	988 804	-29,4	1 735 610	-9,0	5 319 113	-10,0
	April	2 442 737	-21,2	1 096 190	-43,6	1 675 841	0,5	5 214 768	-22,3
	May	3 084 507	2,6	1 414 272	-4,6	2 144 834	51,0	6 643 613	12,5
	June	2 782 538	1,3	945 373	-48,9	1 716 186	0,9	5 444 097	-13,6
	July	2 897 368	0,5	1 409 558	-26,7	2 063 957	0,4	6 370 883	-7,1
	August	3 142 100	0,8	1 843 125	26,6	1 457 668	-22,2	6 442 893	-0,1
	September	3 025 819	-14,9	1 796 685	19,4	2 035 746	5,3	6 858 250	-1,9

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	2 626 554	-1,4	479 191	-58,8	1 356 507	-20,0	4 462 252	-19,2
	February	3 374 081	28,5	1 223 313	155,3	1 749 465	29,0	6 346 859	42,2
	March	2 981 349	-11,6	1 400 051	14,4	2 185 204	24,9	6 566 604	3,5
	April	3 009 637	0,9	1 941 998	38,7	1 630 595	-25,4	6 582 230	0,2
	May	2 785 142	-7,5	1 481 967	-23,7	1 335 701	-18,1	5 602 810	-14,9
	June	2 659 778	-4,5	1 850 472	24,9	1 762 940	32,0	6 273 190	12,0
	July	2 603 532	-2,1	1 921 786	3,9	1 728 550	-2,0	6 253 868	-0,3
	August	2 870 042	10,2	1 456 082	-24,2	1 810 576	4,7	6 136 700	-1,9
	September	3 421 304	19,2	1 504 639	3,3	1 794 316	-0,9	6 720 259	9,5
	October	2 875 088	-16,0	2 122 640	41,1	1 737 965	-3,1	6 735 693	0,2
	November	3 071 129	6,8	1 395 220	-34,3	1 749 027	0,6	6 215 376	-7,7
	December	2 826 220	-8,0	1 313 882	-5,8	1 985 174	13,5	6 125 276	-1,4
2025	January	3 055 284	8,1	876 573	-33,3	1 815 757	-8,5	5 747 614	-6,2
	February	2 586 496	-15,3	1 722 097	96,5	1 825 058	0,5	6 133 651	6,7
	March	2 676 071	3,5	988 804	-42,6	1 797 887	-1,5	5 462 762	-10,9
	April	2 613 182	-2,4	1 096 190	10,9	1 809 420	0,6	5 518 792	1,0
	May	2 948 473	12,8	1 414 272	29,0	2 058 501	13,8	6 421 246	16,4
	June	2 709 967	-8,1	945 373	-33,2	1 711 673	-16,8	5 367 013	-16,4
	July	2 516 703	-7,1	1 409 558	49,1	1 759 499	2,8	5 685 760	5,9
	August	2 971 711	18,1	1 843 125	30,8	1 490 486	-15,3	6 305 322	10,9
	September	2 806 727	-5,6	1 796 685	-2,5	1 793 159	20,3	6 396 571	1,4
	Apr – Jun 25	8 271 622		3 455 835		5 579 594		17 307 051	
	Jul – Sep 25 ²	8 295 141	0,3	5 049 368	46,1	5 043 144	-9,6	18 387 653	6,2

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

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	1 834 865	14,6	738 235	-49,1	662 252	23,5	3 235 352	-9,9
	February	2 097 005	-13,1	464 909	-18,4	932 878	9,6	3 494 792	-8,9
	March	2 149 921	-21,9	392 388	-77,0	911 912	35,3	3 454 221	-32,7
	April	2 362 554	-6,7	1 461 297	8,4	730 773	5,4	4 554 624	-0,4
	May	2 403 328	-39,4	1 152 721	77,5	577 566	-32,4	4 133 615	-24,4
	June	2 166 878	-23,5	833 237	10,5	744 988	-4,4	3 745 103	-14,2
	July	2 995 552	12,7	818 680	-33,8	1 371 761	93,2	5 185 993	12,6
	August	2 500 529	-18,2	1 344 921	101,1	968 386	28,4	4 813 836	7,4
	September	3 089 032	-13,7	977 587	-21,4	1 044 219	34,3	5 110 838	-8,7
	October	2 825 730	-10,3	746 281	-51,5	895 522	-18,3	4 467 533	-22,8
	November	2 605 899	-26,5	2 003 154	19,3	812 265	-19,9	5 421 318	-13,1
	December	2 331 225	-29,0	1 569 481	162,8	816 420	-3,5	4 717 126	-0,2
	Total	29 362 518	-17,0	12 502 891	-7,0	10 468 942	9,2	52 334 351	-10,4
2025	January	1 276 232	-30,4	1 244 982	68,6	401 356	-39,4	2 922 570	-9,7
	February	2 263 890	8,0	884 148	90,2	550 009	-41,0	3 698 047	5,8
	March	2 505 920	16,6	569 063	45,0	772 015	-15,3	3 846 998	11,4
	April	2 799 975	18,5	481 210	-67,1	726 757	-0,5	4 007 942	-12,0
	May	2 598 855	8,1	1 228 414	6,6	1 127 334	95,2	4 954 603	19,9
	June	2 076 793	-4,2	1 096 793	31,6	617 782	-17,1	3 791 368	1,2
	July	3 384 823	13,0	1 213 265	48,2	1 262 969	-7,9	5 861 057	13,0
	August	3 022 972	20,9	559 053	-58,4	703 026	-27,4	4 285 051	-11,0
	September	2 711 580	-12,2	1 153 612	18,0	713 376	-31,7	4 578 568	-10,4

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	2 578 804	-19,6	738 235	23,6	822 707	-20,4	4 139 746	-14,4
	February	2 323 443	-9,9	464 909	-37,0	876 784	6,6	3 665 136	-11,5
	March	2 303 955	-0,8	392 388	-15,6	916 415	4,5	3 612 758	-1,4
	April	2 332 251	1,2	1 461 297	272,4	683 721	-25,4	4 477 269	23,9
	May	2 399 592	2,9	1 152 721	-21,1	543 092	-20,6	4 095 405	-8,5
	June	2 195 164	-8,5	833 237	-27,7	817 088	50,5	3 845 489	-6,1
	July	2 812 927	28,1	818 680	-1,7	1 222 965	49,7	4 854 572	26,2
	August	2 466 863	-12,3	1 344 921	64,3	909 618	-25,6	4 721 402	-2,7
	September	2 822 045	14,4	977 587	-27,3	1 040 956	14,4	4 840 588	2,5
	October	2 652 404	-6,0	746 281	-23,7	866 851	-16,7	4 265 536	-11,9
	November	2 182 087	-17,7	2 003 154	168,4	784 677	-9,5	4 969 918	16,5
	December	2 285 693	4,7	1 569 481	-21,6	945 841	20,5	4 801 015	-3,4
2025	January	1 800 016	-21,2	1 244 982	-20,7	488 314	-48,4	3 533 312	-26,4
	February	2 509 650	39,4	884 148	-29,0	536 916	10,0	3 930 714	11,2
	March	2 511 070	0,1	569 063	-35,6	700 279	30,4	3 780 412	-3,8
	April	2 955 697	17,7	481 210	-15,4	791 114	13,0	4 228 021	11,8
	May	2 592 820	-12,3	1 228 414	155,3	1 061 886	34,2	4 883 120	15,5
	June	2 103 824	-18,9	1 096 793	-10,7	648 059	-39,0	3 848 676	-21,2
	July	3 169 479	50,7	1 213 265	10,6	1 087 048	67,7	5 469 792	42,1
	August	2 977 669	-6,1	559 053	-53,9	700 212	-35,6	4 236 934	-22,5
	September	2 474 126	-16,9	1 153 612	106,4	676 783	-3,3	4 304 521	1,6
	Apr – Jun 25	7 652 341		2 806 417		2 501 059		12 959 817	
	Jul – Sep 25 ²	8 621 274	12,7	2 925 930	4,3	2 464 043	-1,5	14 011 247	8,1

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	1 360 167	8,2	547 246	-52,0	490 921	16,7	2 398 334	-14,9
	February	1 549 893	-17,0	343 613	-22,0	689 489	4,7	2 582 995	-12,9
	March	1 579 663	-25,1	288 309	-78,0	670 031	29,7	2 538 003	-35,5
	April	1 725 752	-11,1	1 067 419	3,4	533 801	0,5	3 326 972	-5,1
	May	1 745 336	-42,3	837 125	69,0	419 438	-35,6	3 001 899	-28,0
	June	1 579 357	-27,1	607 316	5,3	542 994	-8,9	2 729 667	-18,2
	July	2 170 690	7,5	593 246	-36,9	994 030	84,2	3 757 966	7,4
	August	1 815 925	-21,6	976 704	92,9	703 258	23,2	3 495 887	3,1
	September	2 244 936	-16,6	710 456	-24,1	758 880	29,7	3 714 272	-11,8
	October	2 074 692	-12,3	547 930	-52,5	657 505	-20,1	3 280 127	-24,5
	November	1 903 505	-28,2	1 463 224	16,5	593 327	-21,8	3 960 056	-15,1
	December	1 702 867	-30,3	1 146 443	158,0	596 362	-5,3	3 445 672	-2,0
	Total	21 452 783	-20,1	9 129 031	-10,8	7 650 036	5,1	38 231 850	-13,8
2025	January	927 494	-31,8	904 783	65,3	291 683	-40,6	2 123 960	-11,4
	February	1 627 527	5,0	635 620	85,0	395 405	-42,7	2 658 552	2,9
	March	1 788 665	13,2	406 183	40,9	551 046	-17,8	2 745 894	8,2
	April	2 004 277	16,1	344 460	-67,7	520 227	-2,5	2 868 964	-13,8
	May	1 871 026	7,2	884 387	5,6	811 616	93,5	3 567 029	18,8
	June	1 495 171	-5,3	789 628	30,0	444 767	-18,1	2 729 566	0,0
	July	2 405 702	10,8	862 306	45,4	897 633	-9,7	4 165 641	10,8
	August	2 148 523	18,3	397 337	-59,3	499 663	-29,0	3 045 523	-12,9
	September	1 927 207	-14,2	819 909	15,4	507 019	-33,2	3 254 135	-12,4

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

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2024	January	1 898 564	-20,3	547 246	23,1	601 092	-22,3	3 046 902	-15,4
	February	1 716 218	-9,6	343 613	-37,2	643 341	7,0	2 703 172	-11,3
	March	1 690 531	-1,5	288 309	-16,1	669 175	4,0	2 648 015	-2,0
	April	1 710 347	1,2	1 067 419	270,2	508 398	-24,0	3 286 164	24,1
	May	1 741 271	1,8	837 125	-21,6	398 163	-21,7	2 976 559	-9,4
	June	1 595 682	-8,4	607 316	-27,5	588 471	47,8	2 791 469	-6,2
	July	2 044 614	28,1	593 246	-2,3	896 316	52,3	3 534 176	26,6
	August	1 798 197	-12,1	976 704	64,6	663 650	-26,0	3 438 551	-2,7
	September	2 055 225	14,3	710 456	-27,3	758 174	14,2	3 523 855	2,5
	October	1 946 376	-5,3	547 930	-22,9	632 472	-16,6	3 126 778	-11,3
	November	1 593 119	-18,1	1 463 224	167,0	570 137	-9,9	3 626 480	16,0
	December	1 666 609	4,6	1 146 443	-21,6	691 951	21,4	3 505 003	-3,3
2025	January	1 298 926	-22,1	904 783	-21,1	350 920	-49,3	2 554 629	-27,1
	February	1 803 277	38,8	635 620	-29,7	383 572	9,3	2 822 469	10,5
	March	1 794 262	-0,5	406 183	-36,1	499 023	30,1	2 699 468	-4,4
	April	2 119 616	18,1	344 460	-15,2	570 561	14,3	3 034 637	12,4
	May	1 864 757	-12,0	884 387	156,7	771 831	35,3	3 520 975	16,0
	June	1 510 326	-19,0	789 628	-10,7	462 690	-40,1	2 762 644	-21,5
	July	2 259 532	49,6	862 306	9,2	778 609	68,3	3 900 447	41,2
	August	2 125 167	-5,9	397 337	-53,9	499 927	-35,8	3 022 431	-22,5
	September	1 762 015	-17,1	819 909	106,4	481 584	-3,7	3 063 508	1,4
	Apr – Jun 25	5 494 699		2 018 475		1 805 082		9 318 256	
	Jul – Sep 25 ²	6 146 714	11,9	2 079 552	3,0	1 760 120	-2,5	9 986 386	7,2

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

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

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

			Sep 2024	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Jan – Sep 2024	Jan – Sep 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	736	732	811	4 637	5 291	14,1
		square metres	34 717	34 822	40 045	227 972	259 442	13,8
		R'000	281 876	267 306	314 414	1 773 296	1 967 710	11,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 079	1 022	1 457	8 530	9 025	5,8
		square metres	303 171	286 098	357 500	2 463 849	2 536 291	2,9
		R'000	2 632 863	2 489 567	3 101 083	20 967 143	21 722 421	3,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2 057	1 571	605	13 201	9 794	-25,8
		square metres	195 053	166 189	75 397	1 294 743	1 008 088	-22,1
		R'000	1 951 643	1 552 583	743 939	12 843 134	9 827 171	-23,5
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	3 695	14 734	10 203	99 714	112 576	12,9
		R'000	26 519	111 478	97 892	904 360	1 024 793	13,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	4 892 901	4 420 934	4 257 328	36 487 933	34 542 095	-5,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	4 541	85 230	30 688	150 690	247 658	64,3
		R'000	46 397	1 025 378	312 522	1 491 413	2 761 395	85,2
	Shopping space	square metres	62 827	67 306	38 451	567 416	354 019	-37,6
		R'000	499 808	589 854	428 002	5 506 542	3 054 673	-44,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	190 508	102 218	205 204	1 243 956	1 184 502	-4,8
		R'000	1 327 740	713 723	1 559 469	9 069 029	8 797 524	-3,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	27 039	30 572	26 958	255 269	267 279	4,7
		R'000	196 438	264 322	227 943	2 105 639	2 286 708	8,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 070 383	2 593 277	2 527 936	18 172 623	16 900 300	-7,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	198 302	176 605	226 443	1 689 738	1 702 115	0,7
		R'000	1 741 608	1 527 572	1 983 272	14 486 458	14 902 483	2,9
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	86 839	45 632	83 027	603 141	656 899	8,9
		R'000	919 567	523 367	881 022	6 510 090	7 429 713	14,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 661 175	2 050 939	2 864 294	20 996 548	22 332 196	6,4
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	9 624 459	9 065 150	9 649 558	75 657 104	73 774 591	-2,5

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

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

			Sep 2024	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Jan – Sep 2024	Jan – Sep 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	255	206	296	1 344	1 806	34,4
		square metres	11 399	9 650	13 101	61 627	82 555	34,0
		R'000	98 007	73 980	101 544	449 277	608 662	35,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	431	426	657	3 262	4 108	25,9
		square metres	115 595	106 040	151 753	865 004	1 040 479	20,3
		R'000	897 052	852 730	1 190 966	6 722 902	7 996 915	19,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	799	783	174	5 293	4 769	-9,9
		square metres	77 448	72 033	22 379	525 982	438 324	-16,7
		R'000	681 259	639 870	194 838	4 954 298	3 978 775	-19,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	98	8 272	1 895	20 098	50 374	150,6
		R'000	800	63 359	15 748	166 399	434 679	161,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 677 118	1 629 939	1 503 096	12 292 876	13 019 031	5,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 411	13 422	25 738	38 311	95 598	149,5
		R'000	12 699	125 967	277 199	323 833	918 201	183,5
	Shopping space	square metres	5 024	35 477	4 709	102 123	126 950	24,3
		R'000	45 216	282 833	45 040	1 075 954	1 062 825	-1,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	27 395	30 423	27 410	252 557	243 902	-3,4
		R'000	213 768	237 987	232 518	1 882 699	1 863 172	-1,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	4 172	11 985	11 520	69 974	131 821	88,4
		R'000	31 334	91 566	78 836	533 378	1 047 976	96,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	303 017	738 353	633 593	3 815 864	4 892 174	28,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	76 091	76 372	89 891	598 818	694 187	15,9
		R'000	571 471	606 683	698 210	4 416 216	5 407 681	22,5
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	20 214	20 180	51 597	180 440	232 958	29,1
		R'000	274 855	263 826	522 369	2 312 017	3 068 125	32,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	846 326	870 509	1 220 579	6 728 233	8 475 806	26,0
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 826 461	3 238 801	3 357 268	22 836 973	26 387 011	15,5

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

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

			Sep 2024	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Jan – Sep 2024	Jan – Sep 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	99	193	79	317	654	106,3
		square metres	4 442	8 246	3 663	13 992	28 739	105,4
		R'000	38 013	73 261	31 839	109 853	248 157	125,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	43	62	90	496	514	3,6
		square metres	11 345	14 575	23 918	137 196	139 489	1,7
		R'000	98 096	131 428	218 897	1 153 384	1 231 490	6,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	7	16	9	192	213	10,9
		square metres	1 423	3 595	1 082	25 483	36 395	42,8
		R'000	12 194	32 405	9 378	207 302	297 935	43,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	439	0	1 660	439	-73,6
		R'000	0	3 804	0	15 256	3 804	-75,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	148 303	240 898	260 114	1 485 795	1 781 386	19,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	868	0	600	9 120	4 986	-45,3
		R'000	7 523	0	3 900	59 602	41 422	-30,5
	Shopping space	square metres	1 235	0	1 496	5 829	8 366	43,5
		R'000	7 758	0	13 593	43 880	72 793	65,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	10 017	1 045	8 011	80 193	115 628	44,2
		R'000	86 817	9 057	71 046	667 363	1 003 492	50,4
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	793	98	1 347	12 068	13 522	12,0
		R'000	6 726	849	10 723	94 908	117 406	23,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	108 824	9 906	99 262	865 753	1 235 113	42,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 768	10 967	19 868	129 834	126 860	-2,3
		R'000	82 950	95 940	172 556	1 063 894	1 086 466	2,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	8 372	5 226	9 256	78 086	63 218	-19,0
		R'000	72 382	51 931	82 441	678 372	578 350	-14,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	155 332	147 871	254 997	1 742 266	1 664 816	-4,4
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	412 459	398 675	614 373	4 093 814	4 681 315	14,4

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

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

			Sep 2024	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Jan – Sep 2024	Jan – Sep 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	112	2	2	317	72	-77,3
		square metres	4 513	101	104	12 949	3 043	-76,5
		R'000	44 625	996	1 027	124 149	29 828	-76,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	15	19	18	124	134	8,1
		square metres	3 986	5 417	2 991	25 228	28 108	11,4
		R'000	31 228	42 703	28 860	214 282	243 705	13,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	6	0	-100,0
		square metres	0	0	0	1 148	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	10 151	0	-100,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	409	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	3 850	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	75 853	43 699	29 887	352 432	273 533	-22,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 977	83	-95,8
		R'000	0	0	0	16 104	821	-94,9
	Shopping space	square metres	280	8 900	0	3 618	14 876	311,2
		R'000	2 770	57 850	0	34 181	107 415	214,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 758	2 470	1 395	26 497	5 137	-80,6
		R'000	27 285	24 436	13 801	252 372	50 821	-79,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	3 125	319	0	5 898	2 553	-56,7
		R'000	22 849	3 156	0	50 282	20 538	-59,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	52 904	85 442	13 801	352 939	179 595	-49,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 715	1 605	2 859	17 635	16 884	-4,3
		R'000	16 698	15 470	30 151	159 728	161 823	1,3
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	1 525	499	540	4 692	8 305	77,0
		R'000	15 236	5 935	27 044	46 835	114 366	144,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	31 934	21 405	57 195	206 563	276 189	33,7
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	160 691	150 546	100 883	911 934	729 317	-20,0

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

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

			Sep 2024	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Jan – Sep 2024	Jan – Sep 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	33	24	45	247	380	53,8
		square metres	1 312	1 153	1 810	10 773	16 429	52,5
		R'000	11 056	8 668	10 927	66 396	107 026	61,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	29	40	42	317	343	8,2
		square metres	7 638	12 487	12 426	81 156	86 139	6,1
		R'000	66 187	109 991	109 128	699 308	742 248	6,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	56	3	3	144	113	-21,5
		square metres	5 273	164	415	15 503	12 324	-20,5
		R'000	53 321	1 658	4 196	151 744	118 291	-22,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	98	1 807	827	1 190	10 220	758,8
		R'000	644	12 876	8 363	10 425	91 653	779,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	131 208	133 193	132 614	927 873	1 059 218	14,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	241	0	2 024	990	-51,1
		R'000	0	2 437	0	16 767	8 325	-50,3
	Shopping space	square metres	0	523	0	16 684	9 327	-44,1
		R'000	0	4 382	0	106 447	77 957	-26,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	2 251	15 065	11 922	33 562	181,5
		R'000	0	18 861	107 546	92 265	241 479	161,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	254	3 034	12 367	8 369	-32,3
		R'000	0	2 568	28 394	90 153	82 341	-8,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	28 248	135 940	305 632	410 102	34,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 448	3 837	6 583	51 136	47 831	-6,5
		R'000	47 356	34 065	57 763	437 699	420 141	-4,0
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	1 075	1 647	4 111	16 148	20 661	27,9
		R'000	10 324	13 432	42 468	138 716	193 715	39,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	57 680	47 497	100 231	576 415	613 856	6,5
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	188 888	208 938	368 785	1 809 920	2 083 176	15,1

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

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

			Sep 2024	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Jan – Sep 2024	Jan – Sep 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	28	13	9	143	102	-28,7
		square metres	1 293	599	455	6 808	5 957	-12,5
		R'000	9 542	5 629	3 578	54 933	48 696	-11,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	71	90	106	724	714	-1,4
		square metres	23 879	31 268	26 431	233 983	267 061	14,1
		R'000	263 093	337 851	289 427	2 438 732	2 845 569	16,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	215	219	115	2 084	1 390	-33,3
		square metres	28 629	27 263	20 819	239 449	174 528	-27,1
		R'000	326 545	322 808	240 317	2 413 287	1 856 209	-23,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 554	518	5 887	33 161	31 753	-4,2
		R'000	12 432	4 144	63 420	397 136	348 548	-12,2
	Total residential buildings		R'000	611 612	670 432	596 742	5 304 088	5 099 022
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	8 847	1 098	24 668	15 987	-35,2
		R'000	0	97 317	9 396	241 913	169 100	-30,1
	Shopping space	square metres	4 321	1 163	7 684	115 292	25 216	-78,1
		R'000	33 180	12 793	71 965	1 197 828	234 113	-80,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	29 298	28 125	52 074	130 228	231 418	77,7
		R'000	189 551	167 275	332 127	845 424	1 490 885	76,3
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 710	7 825	5 815	39 839	35 003	-12,1
		R'000	19 205	86 075	58 340	428 400	369 007	-13,9
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	241 936	363 460	471 828	2 713 565	2 263 105
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	21 709	18 799	25 329	212 383	213 731	0,6
		R'000	233 843	193 003	264 699	2 275 056	2 309 495	1,5
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	13 688	5 472	5 342	90 079	93 188	3,5
		R'000	198 259	75 003	77 779	1 176 509	1 171 416	-0,4
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	432 102	268 006	342 478	3 451 565	3 480 911
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 285 650	1 301 898	1 411 048	11 469 218	10 843 038	-5,5

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

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

			Sep 2024	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Jan – Sep 2024	Jan – Sep 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	3	4	57	37	-35,1
		square metres	321	177	221	3 127	2 176	-30,4
		R'000	2 125	1 196	1 531	21 772	14 700	-32,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	51	39	48	460	398	-13,5
		square metres	11 396	10 707	12 769	126 638	106 363	-16,0
		R'000	74 682	72 359	93 183	922 148	784 256	-15,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	16	125	57	182	378	107,7
		square metres	2 910	18 286	4 599	13 523	48 810	260,9
		R'000	29 100	142 128	31 829	106 144	373 021	251,4
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	418	29 467	782	-97,3
		R'000	0	0	2 717	210 138	5 083	-97,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	105 907	215 683	129 260	1 260 202	1 177 060	-6,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	400	954	470	2 174	2 857	31,4
		R'000	3 520	5 304	3 055	15 266	18 090	18,5
	Shopping space	square metres	3 166	2 036	841	86 822	19 624	-77,4
		R'000	20 688	13 598	5 561	703 842	132 942	-81,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	228	577	550	24 743	33 987	37,4
		R'000	1 432	3 751	3 575	186 310	226 384	21,5
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	593	367	884	12 661	2 686	-78,8
		R'000	4 000	2 386	5 746	100 898	17 463	-82,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	29 640	25 039	17 937	1 006 316	394 879	-60,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 837	8 080	7 386	68 784	56 116	-18,4
		R'000	47 214	53 245	49 776	480 280	380 665	-20,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	795	3 631	862	15 001	32 427	116,2
		R'000	13 648	37 142	12 783	191 603	477 436	149,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	60 862	90 387	62 559	671 883	858 101	27,7
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	196 409	331 109	209 756	2 938 401	2 430 040	-17,3

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

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

			Sep 2024	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Jan – Sep 2024	Jan – Sep 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	196	273	343	2 090	2 090	0,0
		square metres	11 032	13 813	18 706	111 031	111 521	0,4
		R'000	75 548	94 900	147 631	888 197	835 530	-5,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	328	220	367	2 165	1 962	-9,4
		square metres	87 127	61 412	84 004	642 405	567 547	-11,7
		R'000	883 107	607 642	843 878	6 265 893	5 575 429	-11,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	936	311	202	4 944	2 596	-47,5
		square metres	75 545	26 104	20 587	438 990	248 383	-43,4
		R'000	823 106	279 670	227 126	4 755 037	2 850 477	-40,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	1 518	0	4 794	8 497	77,2
		R'000	0	12 928	0	43 134	68 622	59,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 781 761	995 140	1 218 635	11 952 261	9 330 058	-21,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 537	61 498	0	54 373	120 430	121,5
		R'000	20 496	792 340	0	696 335	1 558 166	123,8
	Shopping space	square metres	46 628	18 282	21 879	187 258	72 905	-61,1
		R'000	373 061	212 385	275 861	1 990 953	839 969	-57,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	116 954	31 887	100 044	586 547	428 101	-27,0
		R'000	777 674	211 710	793 380	4 263 987	3 228 448	-24,3
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	9 138	5 049	3 302	70 983	29 449	-58,5
		R'000	63 463	41 883	36 549	598 473	296 692	-50,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 234 694	1 258 318	1 105 790	7 549 748	5 923 275	-21,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	58 434	40 208	57 876	468 340	404 774	-13,6
		R'000	606 109	410 366	595 277	4 655 500	4 116 715	-11,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	19 266	4 180	7 090	164 213	132 865	-19,1
		R'000	160 325	43 348	79 235	1 506 345	1 262 266	-16,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	766 434	453 714	674 512	6 161 845	5 378 981	-12,7
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 782 889	2 707 172	2 998 937	25 663 854	20 632 314	-19,6

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

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

			Sep 2024	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Jan – Sep 2024	Jan – Sep 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	5	15	28	100	118	18,0
		square metres	286	852	1 609	6 295	6 961	10,6
		R'000	2 087	7 007	13 621	49 452	59 946	21,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	74	83	83	663	557	-16,0
		square metres	29 594	27 241	28 643	232 672	194 712	-16,3
		R'000	228 603	208 763	218 785	1 700 117	1 519 129	-10,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	21	6	45	212	181	-14,6
		square metres	2 426	1 488	5 516	17 043	25 959	52,3
		R'000	16 013	9 404	36 255	118 496	186 873	57,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 945	2 180	1 176	8 197	8 627	5,2
		R'000	12 643	14 367	7 644	53 225	59 769	12,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	259 346	239 541	276 305	1 921 290	1 825 717	-5,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	325	0	1 552	7 964	4 470	-43,9
		R'000	2 159	0	10 088	52 244	30 891	-40,9
	Shopping space	square metres	2 173	925	1 842	38 522	64 382	67,1
		R'000	17 135	6 013	15 982	272 320	436 069	60,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 858	0	655	116 394	69 238	-40,5
		R'000	31 213	0	5 476	776 129	521 365	-32,8
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	7 508	0	1 056	16 972	16 205	-4,5
		R'000	48 861	0	9 355	112 429	137 378	22,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	99 368	6 013	40 901	1 213 122	1 125 703	-7,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 806	15 577	10 892	115 997	118 392	2,1
		R'000	102 824	110 231	72 084	807 192	850 783	5,4
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	21 215	4 664	3 581	42 763	54 865	28,3
		R'000	169 061	31 789	29 181	360 634	417 282	15,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	271 885	142 020	101 265	1 167 826	1 268 065	8,6
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	630 599	387 574	418 471	4 302 238	4 219 485	-1,9

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

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

			Sep 2024	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Jan – Sep 2024	Jan – Sep 2025	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	3	5	22	32	45,5	
		square metres	119	231	376	1 370	2 061	50,4	
		R'000	873	1 669	2 716	9 267	15 165	63,6	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	37	43	46	319	295	-7,5	
		square metres	12 611	16 951	14 565	119 567	106 393	-11,0	
		R'000	90 815	126 100	107 959	850 377	783 680	-7,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	7	108	0	144	154	6,9	
		square metres	1 399	17 256	0	17 622	23 365	32,6	
		R'000	10 105	124 640	0	126 675	165 590	30,7	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	738	1 884	155,3	
		R'000	0	0	0	4 797	12 635	163,4	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	101 793	252 409	110 675	991 116	977 070	-1,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	268	1 230	10 079	2 257	-77,6	
		R'000	0	2 013	8 884	69 349	16 379	-76,4	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	11 268	12 373	9,8	
		R'000	0	0	0	81 137	90 590	11,7	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	5 440	0	14 875	23 529	58,2	
		R'000	0	40 646	0	102 480	171 478	67,3	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	4 675	0	14 507	27 671	90,7	
		R'000	0	35 839	0	96 718	197 907	104,6	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	0	78 498	8 884	349 684	476 354	36,2
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 494	1 160	5 759	26 811	23 340	-12,9
R'000			33 143	8 569	42 756	190 893	168 714	-11,6	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	689	133	648	11 719	18 412	57,1	
		R'000	5 477	961	7 722	99 059	146 757	48,2	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	38 620	9 530	50 478	289 952	315 471	8,8	
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	140 413	340 437	170 037	1 630 752	1 768 895	8,5	

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

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

			Sep 2024	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Jan – Sep 2024	Jan – Sep 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	337	641	536	3 611	3 807	5,4
		square metres	17 578	29 830	26 519	187 833	185 509	-1,2
		R'000	136 581	208 352	198 615	1 362 117	1 361 186	-0,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	610	607	495	5 498	4 778	-13,1
		square metres	173 165	180 094	132 377	1 443 551	1 291 376	-10,5
		R'000	1 570 924	1 586 038	1 170 691	12 561 446	11 406 567	-9,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 543	1 093	1 529	8 364	9 943	18,9
		square metres	133 136	123 063	125 448	772 352	954 009	23,5
		R'000	1 361 479	1 226 801	1 312 541	7 440 652	9 242 463	24,2
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	2 939	262	2 662	30 263	69 137	128,5
		R'000	20 048	1 781	29 733	235 449	630 824	167,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	3 089 032	3 022 972	2 711 580	21 599 664	22 641 040	4,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 894	1 439	5 800	81 361	92 218	13,3
		R'000	24 402	13 587	46 334	839 694	958 931	14,2
	Shopping space	square metres	32 848	9 082	26 236	229 180	248 505	8,4
		R'000	255 071	69 687	268 204	2 298 708	2 130 711	-7,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	92 373	65 221	104 525	606 688	662 272	9,2
		R'000	682 393	464 271	788 467	4 488 398	4 688 228	4,5
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 947	1 394	6 647	71 673	80 017	11,6
		R'000	15 721	11 508	50 607	557 175	652 670	17,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	977 587	559 053	1 153 612	8 183 975	8 430 540	3,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	62 841	47 312	57 102	531 102	454 109	-14,5
		R'000	573 740	403 559	509 851	4 588 304	4 000 840	-12,8
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	42 599	22 419	16 758	308 247	244 716	-20,6
		R'000	470 479	299 467	203 525	3 356 431	2 873 784	-14,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 044 219	703 026	713 376	7 944 735	6 874 624	-13,5
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	5 110 838	4 285 051	4 578 568	37 728 374	37 946 204	0,6

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

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

			Sep 2024	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Jan – Sep 2024	Jan – Sep 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	167	206	177	1 243	935	-24,8
		square metres	7 689	9 149	7 289	56 550	42 153	-25,5
		R'000	51 503	70 140	62 032	368 558	309 092	-16,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	180	252	213	2 012	1 851	-8,0
		square metres	51 550	78 364	51 400	511 348	494 045	-3,4
		R'000	393 305	586 621	386 617	3 817 533	3 769 264	-1,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	972	357	642	3 186	4 492	41,0
		square metres	66 421	44 198	57 500	309 907	453 976	46,5
		R'000	580 149	382 554	482 776	2 665 277	3 929 914	47,4
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	2 563	76	404	21 286	45 736	114,9
		R'000	17 444	572	3 212	147 195	394 155	167,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 042 401	1 039 887	934 637	6 998 563	8 402 425	20,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	1 881	12 021	17 224	43,3
		R'000	0	0	18 007	109 603	132 144	20,6
	Shopping space	square metres	24 876	3 145	9 800	44 903	50 643	12,8
		R'000	175 881	26 760	103 464	330 667	468 935	41,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	14 793	18 980	12 801	125 697	134 099	6,7
		R'000	116 026	149 433	96 315	932 126	993 992	6,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 571	794	4 389	46 097	31 604	-31,4
		R'000	11 585	7 193	31 475	301 453	236 248	-21,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	303 492	183 386	249 261	1 673 849	1 831 319	9,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	16 119	20 360	21 612	151 956	143 693	-5,4
		R'000	121 067	151 014	158 601	1 113 431	1 073 611	-3,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	21 585	7 780	7 214	120 899	79 911	-33,9
		R'000	233 730	108 820	87 582	1 208 650	1 027 838	-15,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	354 797	259 834	246 183	2 322 081	2 101 449	-9,5
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 700 690	1 483 107	1 430 081	10 994 493	12 335 193	12,2

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

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

			Sep 2024	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Jan – Sep 2024	Jan – Sep 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	24	1	224	293	30,8
		square metres	531	1 220	37	11 365	12 060	6,1
		R'000	4 065	10 573	211	93 705	94 302	0,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	19	23	23	337	226	-32,9
		square metres	3 901	4 824	6 926	83 043	58 029	-30,1
		R'000	33 768	46 877	66 129	695 366	516 202	-25,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	17	23	4	392	136	-65,3
		square metres	1 879	2 984	659	25 632	12 611	-50,8
		R'000	16 285	26 694	5 712	207 511	111 927	-46,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	139	0	5 268	..
		R'000	0	0	1 305	0	46 480	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	54 118	84 144	73 357	996 582	768 911	-22,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 554	1 670	7,5
		R'000	0	0	0	12 816	14 408	12,4
	Shopping space	square metres	2 994	0	0	11 026	13 028	18,2
		R'000	24 869	0	0	92 327	109 207	18,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 008	0	9 894	13 575	14 685	8,2
		R'000	42 430	0	85 751	114 192	127 274	11,5
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	2 654	3 582	35,0
		R'000	0	0	0	21 132	32 764	55,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	67 299	0	85 751	240 467	283 653	18,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 696	7 845	6 867	102 490	94 540	-7,8
		R'000	91 684	69 210	61 984	855 906	813 993	-4,9
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	5 687	1 284	0	42 589	38 743	-9,0
		R'000	50 797	15 139	1 465	401 519	370 697	-7,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	142 481	84 349	63 449	1 257 425	1 184 690	-5,8
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	263 898	168 493	222 557	2 494 474	2 237 254	-10,3

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

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

			Sep 2024	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Jan – Sep 2024	Jan – Sep 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	0	5	2	-60,0
		square metres	0	0	0	278	123	-55,8
		R'000	0	0	0	2 670	1 217	-54,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	7	3	3	39	23	-41,0
		square metres	1 649	495	515	7 462	4 271	-42,8
		R'000	14 705	4 897	4 313	67 823	41 471	-38,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	0	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	1 164	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	10 957	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	14 705	4 897	4 313	81 450	42 688	-47,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	584	0	1 074	584	-45,6
		R'000	0	5 778	0	10 109	5 778	-42,8
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	578	0	3 585	869	-75,8
		R'000	0	5 718	0	33 746	8 597	-74,5
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	193	59	-69,4
		R'000	0	0	0	1 817	584	-67,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	11 496	0	45 672	14 959	-67,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 934	522	1 847	12 877	8 052	-37,5
		R'000	19 133	5 164	18 272	124 054	78 449	-36,8
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	68	0	2 785	2 615	-6,1
		R'000	100	743	330	28 022	26 950	-3,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	19 233	5 907	18 602	152 076	105 399	-30,7
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	33 938	22 300	22 915	279 198	163 046	-41,6

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

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

			Sep 2024	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Jan – Sep 2024	Jan – Sep 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	7	2	6	16	166,7
		square metres	0	382	143	392	953	143,1
		R'000	0	3 863	1 446	3 884	9 637	148,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	8	6	4	75	55	-26,7
		square metres	1 345	1 101	927	16 604	12 259	-26,2
		R'000	11 364	9 659	8 488	139 086	112 782	-18,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	4	43	54	25,6
		square metres	0	0	572	7 178	6 412	-10,7
		R'000	0	0	5 784	72 605	64 838	-10,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	991	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	7 654	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	11 364	13 522	15 718	223 229	187 257	-16,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	277	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	2 665	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	1 017	361	-64,5
		R'000	0	0	0	9 287	2 347	-74,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	107	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	1 082	0	-100,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	0	13 034	2 347	-82,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	702	511	102	11 191	1 701	-84,8
		R'000	5 009	3 493	848	79 122	12 072	-84,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	0	0	276	233	-15,6
		R'000	0	0	0	8 085	1 450	-82,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	5 009	3 493	848	87 207	13 522	-84,5
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	16 373	17 015	16 566	323 470	203 126	-37,2

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

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

			Sep 2024	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Jan – Sep 2024	Jan – Sep 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	18	6	9	115	110	-4,3
		square metres	1 178	348	520	6 725	6 019	-10,5
		R'000	15 347	3 911	5 239	73 199	62 987	-14,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	66	61	50	464	497	7,1
		square metres	20 434	18 225	14 432	139 352	157 654	13,1
		R'000	238 167	209 862	160 107	1 544 471	1 811 843	17,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	54	62	17	627	664	5,9
		square metres	8 878	6 574	4 066	74 391	90 039	21,0
		R'000	101 496	67 451	30 752	763 944	984 909	28,9
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	2 119	381	3 327	773,2
		R'000	0	0	25 216	3 050	40 099	1 214,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	355 010	281 224	221 314	2 384 664	2 899 838	21,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	378	3 420	1 732	20 732	1 097,0
		R'000	0	4 158	23 940	15 260	214 372	1 304,8
	Shopping space	square metres	3 543	3 143	3 805	71 363	70 253	-1,6
		R'000	38 973	24 602	25 403	773 414	718 789	-7,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 644	11 032	51 497	76 916	124 145	61,4
		R'000	27 137	82 774	338 811	526 173	824 964	56,8
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	376	0	359	8 263	8 262	0,0
		R'000	4 136	0	4 847	85 002	73 686	-13,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	70 246	111 534	393 001	1 399 849	1 831 811	30,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 510	6 090	7 883	71 472	66 478	-7,0
		R'000	111 827	65 295	91 035	812 449	748 122	-7,9
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	4 029	1 305	3 138	49 144	30 123	-38,7
		R'000	51 151	22 168	44 673	762 134	363 181	-52,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	162 978	87 463	135 708	1 574 583	1 111 303	-29,4
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	588 234	480 221	750 023	5 359 096	5 842 952	9,0

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

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

			Sep 2024	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Jan – Sep 2024	Jan – Sep 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	17	18	143	133	-7,0
		square metres	220	966	1 008	8 144	7 623	-6,4
		R'000	1 444	5 673	5 852	57 305	44 886	-21,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	58	46	46	423	440	4,0
		square metres	13 782	8 837	7 141	96 047	91 479	-4,8
		R'000	97 330	63 133	50 887	691 923	652 439	-5,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	14	7	6	125	89	-28,8
		square metres	1 488	795	815	11 649	9 189	-21,1
		R'000	10 079	5 222	4 710	77 287	58 546	-24,2
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	376	186	0	2 477	1 618	-34,7
		R'000	2 604	1 209	0	17 731	10 698	-39,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	111 457	75 237	61 449	844 246	766 569	-9,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	340	3 099	3 039	-1,9
		R'000	0	0	2 210	20 016	19 472	-2,7
	Shopping space	square metres	0	2 794	415	5 210	63 777	1 124,1
		R'000	0	18 325	3 043	37 458	420 471	1 022,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 274	0	0	12 652	8 088	-36,1
		R'000	13 234	0	0	86 106	53 666	-37,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	376	813	284	14 221	4 907,4
		R'000	0	2 444	5 285	1 757	108 852	6 095,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	13 234	20 769	10 538	145 337	602 461	314,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 934	2 824	4 082	41 288	35 159	-14,8
		R'000	25 585	18 400	26 664	264 475	229 419	-13,3
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	275	286	98	12 349	8 416	-31,8
		R'000	2 327	2 784	2 682	156 847	153 054	-2,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	27 912	21 184	29 346	421 322	382 473	-9,2
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	152 603	117 190	101 333	1 410 905	1 751 503	24,1

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

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

			Sep 2024	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Jan – Sep 2024	Jan – Sep 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	132	379	324	1 831	2 279	24,5
		square metres	7 650	17 635	17 171	101 607	113 975	12,2
		R'000	61 830	112 970	120 823	743 627	818 900	10,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	224	186	128	1 783	1 398	-21,6
		square metres	66 765	56 989	43 325	493 179	379 614	-23,0
		R'000	670 640	576 163	434 105	4 886 269	3 770 513	-22,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	464	611	821	3 768	3 852	2,2
		square metres	52 910	64 734	56 509	323 574	339 248	4,8
		R'000	643 105	710 522	747 049	3 519 401	3 782 387	7,5
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	3 964	11 990	202,5
		R'000	0	0	0	48 862	131 605	169,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 375 575	1 399 655	1 301 977	9 198 159	8 503 405	-7,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 894	477	159	42 263	47 628	12,7
		R'000	24 402	3 651	2 177	517 594	562 310	8,6
	Shopping space	square metres	1 435	0	12 216	90 927	40 363	-55,6
		R'000	15 348	0	136 294	1 022 091	337 823	-66,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	64 571	31 852	28 733	341 701	368 746	7,9
		R'000	469 010	206 273	256 033	2 553 962	2 593 868	1,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	224	1 025	11 157	22 228	99,2
		R'000	0	1 871	8 560	126 751	200 096	57,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	508 760	211 795	403 064	4 220 398	3 694 097	-12,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	18 102	7 290	13 614	116 056	87 674	-24,5
		R'000	184 223	76 786	144 058	1 165 410	913 962	-21,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	11 023	11 696	6 284	77 539	80 490	3,8
		R'000	123 098	143 934	56 647	733 958	857 389	16,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	307 321	220 720	200 705	1 899 368	1 771 351	-6,7
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 191 656	1 832 170	1 905 746	15 317 925	13 968 853	-8,8

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

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

			Sep 2024	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Jan – Sep 2024	Jan – Sep 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	2	3	13	26	100,0
		square metres	70	130	209	827	1 722	108,2
		R'000	658	1 222	1 964	5 780	13 706	137,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	29	13	14	205	132	-35,6
		square metres	10 044	3 139	2 942	53 625	35 680	-33,5
		R'000	84 616	29 505	25 516	417 293	314 229	-24,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	22	33	32	176	74	-58,0
		square metres	1 560	3 778	4 783	15 811	11 382	-28,0
		R'000	10 365	34 358	31 778	105 166	84 880	-19,3
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	1 198	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	7 787	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	95 639	65 085	59 258	528 239	420 602	-20,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	9 748	350	-96,4
		R'000	0	0	0	84 480	3 289	-96,1
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	2 030	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	13 942	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	845	0	0	22 477	1 822	-91,9
		R'000	5 614	0	0	173 873	17 125	-90,2
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	3 025	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	19 263	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	5 614	0	0	277 616	34 356	-87,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 844	1 688	1 095	18 729	14 392	-23,2
		R'000	15 212	12 882	8 389	138 949	113 734	-18,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	0	24	1 419	3 491	146,0
		R'000	8 516	5 724	10 146	40 667	63 739	56,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	23 728	18 606	18 535	179 616	177 473	-1,2
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	124 981	83 691	77 793	985 471	632 431	-35,8

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

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

			Sep 2024	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Jan – Sep 2024	Jan – Sep 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	0	2	31	13	-58,1
		square metres	240	0	142	1 945	881	-54,7
		R'000	1 734	0	1 048	13 389	6 459	-51,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	19	17	14	160	156	-2,5
		square metres	3 695	8 120	4 769	42 891	58 345	36,0
		R'000	27 029	59 321	34 529	301 682	417 824	38,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	3	47	582	1 138,3
		square metres	0	0	544	4 210	31 152	640,0
		R'000	0	0	3 980	29 461	225 062	663,9
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	28 763	59 321	39 557	344 532	649 345	88,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	9 593	991	-89,7
		R'000	0	0	0	67 151	7 158	-89,3
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	4 734	8 050	70,0
		R'000	0	0	0	33 464	59 197	76,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 238	2 779	1 600	9 978	9 818	-1,6
		R'000	8 942	20 073	11 557	67 138	68 742	2,4
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	61	0	61	..
		R'000	0	0	440	0	440	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	8 942	20 073	11 997	167 753	135 537	-19,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	0	182	0	5 043	2 420	-52,0
		R'000	0	1 315	0	34 508	17 478	-49,4
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	0	0	1 247	694	-44,3
		R'000	760	155	0	16 549	9 486	-42,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	760	1 470	0	51 057	26 964	-47,2
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	38 465	80 864	51 554	563 342	811 846	44,1

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

Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
Purpose of the survey	2	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
Scope of the survey	3	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	4	Building activities are classified in division five according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
Collection rate	5	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for September 2025 was 87,3%. The revised collection rate for August 2025 was 93,6%.
Statistical unit	6	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	7	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85% of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by email and telephone.
Constant prices	8	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2019. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151.1: <i>Construction Materials Price Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2023=100) are converted to the base year 2019=100.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Glossary

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

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