BUILDING STATISTICS SURVEY

Buildings completed, 2005

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Purpose of the survey

The Building Statistics Survey: Buildings completed is an annual survey covering a sample of local governments in South Africa. The results of the survey are used to estimate building activities financed by the private sector, and these estimates are used to compile estimates of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). These statistics are also used by the government to monitor the subsidised low-cost housing programme in South Africa. The results will be published annually in Report 50-11-01 – *Building statistics*

Collection authority

The information required is collected under Section 16 of the Statistics Act, 1999 (Act No. 6 of 1999). Your co-operation is sought in completing and returning this questionnaire by the due date. The provision of the information sought is compulsory.

Due date

Please complete this questionnaire for the 2005 calendar year and return it in the business reply service envelope or fax it to Stats SA not later than **31 March 2006**. Stats SA recommends that you retain a copy to consult in the event of a query.

Help available

If you have problems in completing this questionnaire, or find that it will be difficult for you to meet the due date, please contact us at:

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Person whom Stats SA should contact if any queries arise regarding this questionnaire

Name	Telephone number ()
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^{*} This questionnaire is also available in Afrikaans

Please note

For this survey

- Stats SA must be notified of any significant changes in the area that falls under the jurisdiction of the local government institutions and that may influence the scope of the information provided by the local government institutions.
- Report all monetary values in **thousands of** rands (R'000). Where the value of your accounts is not expressed in thousands, round the value off to the nearest thousand rand.
- Value-added tax (VAT) must be excluded.

- The value of buildings completed must reflect the value of building costs at the time the plans were passed.
- The items listed under Include and Exclude are examples and should not be taken as a complete list of items to be included or excluded.
- If exact figures are not available, please provide careful estimates.

Dwelling-houses

Definition

- A free-standing, complete, self-contained dwelling-unit on a separate premises is regarded as a dwelling-house.
- A free-standing, complete, self-contained granny flat on the same premises as an existing residence is also regarded as a dwelling-house.

Notes

- Report the number of dwelling-houses and not the number of plans passed in respect of such dwelling-houses, since one plan may comprise more than one dwelling-house.
- Duets are regarded as two units.

Low-cost housing

Definitions

- The **People's Housing Process** allows people or beneficiaries to build or organise the building of their homes.
- Houses subsidised by the Project Linked Subsidies are built by contractors employed by the province or municipalities.

Abbreviations

- **RDP** Reconstruction and Development Programme
- **PHP** People's Housing Process
- PLS Project Linked Subsidies

Part 1 - Residential buildings completed during 2005

1. Dwelling-houses completed Owned by the *Private Sector* (including subsidised low-cost housing e.g. housing subsidised by RDP, PHP or PLS)

	Number of houses	Total construction area of houses (outside measurements) m²	Estimated cost of houses (excluding land value)
Dwelling-houses with a floor area smaller than, or equal to 30 sq metres			
Dwelling-houses with a floor area larger than 30 sq metres, but smaller than or equal to 80 sq metres			
Dwelling-houses with a floor area equal to, or larger than 80 sq metres			
Total			

2. Low-cost housing completed e.g. housing subsidised by RDP, PHP or PLS (already included above)

	Dwelling- houses	Total construction area of houses (outside measurements)	Estimated cost of houses (excluding land value)
	Number	m ²	R'000
Dwelling-houses with a floor area smaller than, or equal to 30 sq metres			
Dwelling-houses with a floor area larger than 30 sq metres, but smaller or equal to 80 sq metres			
Total			

Residential buildings (excluding dwelling-houses) completed

Townhouses

Definition

• Townhouses are multiple, medium-density dwelling units, usually grouped together

Include

- Cluster housing
- Group housing
- Simplexes
- Duplexes
- Triplexes

Blocks of flats

Definition

• Blocks of flats are high-density housing consisting of a number of self-contained dwelling-units (including at least one living-room together with a kitchen and bathroom), conjoined to similar units in one building. A building consisting of flats conjoined to offices and/or shops in the same building is considered a block of flats if the total area occupied by the flats is more than 50 per cent of the total area of the building. (If not, it is considered a non-residential building.)

Notes

- A flat built onto an existing building is regarded as an addition and should be included under additions in Part 3.
- Retirement villages must, where applicable, be shown either against
 'Townhouses' or against 'Blocks of flats'.

Tourism accommodation and casinos

Include

- Hotels/Motels
- Guest houses
- Holiday chalets
- Entertainment centres
- Bed and breakfast accommodation
- Casinos

Other residential buildings

Include

- Institutions for the disabled
- Boarding houses
- Old peoples' homes
- Hostels

Non-residential buildings

Definition

A building consisting of offices and/or shops conjoined to flats in the same building is regarded as a non-residential building if the total area occupied by the offices and/or shops is more than 50 per cent of the total area of the building. (If not, it must be regarded as a block of flats.)

Note

If, for example, a building is predominantly intended for office space but includes shopping space and/or flats, the construction area and estimated cost of the complete building must be shown against 'Office and banking space' in Part 2 only.

Residential buildings (excluding dwelling-houses) completed during 2005

3. Owned by the *Private Sector*

	Residential buildings	Total construction area (outside measurements)	Estimated cost (excluding land value)
	Number of buildings/units	m²	R'000
1. Townhouses	units		
2. Blocks of flats	units		
3. Tourism accommodation and casinos	bldgs		
4. Other residential buildings	bldgs		

Part 2 - Non-residential buildings completed during 2005

4. Owned by the *Private Sector*

4. Total

Type of building/space predominantly	Non-residential Buildings	Total construction area (outside measurements)	Estimated cost (excluding land value)	
intended for	Number of buildings	m²	R'000	
1. Office and banking space				
2. Shopping space				
3. Industrial and ware- house space and work- shops				
4. Churches, sports and recreation clubs				
5. Schools, crèches, hospitals and libraries				
6. All other space (specify)				
Total				
5. Owned by the <i>Public Sector</i>				
1. Hospitals and clinics				
2. Schools, crèches, universities, technikons and libraries				
3. All other space (specify)				

Additions and alterations

Notes

- If additions and alterations qualify as 'minor building work', as defined in the National Building Regulations and Building Standards Act, this data should not be included in the questionnaire.
- Where development takes place in phases, as in the case of townhouses, succeeding plans and buildings are not to be considered as additions.

Include

- Only extentions to existing buildings.
- Flats built onto existing houses or onto existing outbuildings of houses, must be shown here.

Exclude

- The construction of swimming-pools
- Paths (paving)
- Patios
- Advertising signs
- Wendy houses
- Prefabricated walls
- Garden walls
- Sewerage connections
- Carports
- Re-roofing
- Pergolas
- Cages for birds

Part $\bf 3$ - Additions and alterations completed during $\bf 2005$

6. Owned by the *Private Sector*

Type of building	Additions and alterations	Total construction area of houses and outbuildings (outside measurements)	Estimated cost (excluding land value)
	Number of plans	m²	R'000
1. Dwelling-houses			
2. Townhouses, blocks of flats and other residential buildings			
3. Non-residential buildings			
4. Internal alterations to buildings (excluding 'minor building work')	Value only	Value only	
Total			

Part 4 - Comments

Fax

Internet

- 7. To minimize queries from Stats SA regarding the data provided, please provide comments on:
 - Any unusual circumstances affecting the data provided.
 - Changes in local government institutions (e.g. amalgamation or split-up of local government institutions).
 - Questions where only estimates could be provided.
 - Any other difficulties with the questionnaire.

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Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

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