# **BUILDING STATISTICS SURVEY**

Questionnaire for the month of ......



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#### Purpose of the survey

The Building Statistics Survey is a monthly survey covering a sample of local government institutions in South Africa. The results of the survey are used to estimate building activities financed by the private sector. These estimates are in turn used to compile estimates of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), and to monitor the subsidised housing projects of the Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP). The results will be published monthly in Statistical Release P5041.1: Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions, and annually in Statistical Release P5041.3: Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions.

#### **Collection authority**

The information required is collected under Section 16 of the Statistics Act, 1999 (Act No. 6 of 1999). Your cooperation 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 and return it in the business reply service envelope or fax it to Stats SA

not later than **ten days after the end of the month concerned.** 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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Name	Telephone number ( )
Position or title	Fax number ( )
Signature	Email address
Date	

<sup>\*</sup> This questionnaire is also available in Afrikaans

# Please note

## For this survey

- The questionnaire must cover a period of one month. Particulars must be submitted for the month concerned and should therefore not contain cumulative monthly figures.
- 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 own accounts is not expressed in thousands, round the value off to the nearest thousand rand.
- Value added tax (VAT) must be excluded.

- Information regarding preliminary building plans must be reflected in the questionnaire as building plans passed soon as building operations in respect of these plans have commenced. In order to prevent duplication, information regarding these plans must not be shown again as building plans passed when the building plans are finally approved.
- The value of building plans passed/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

Dwelling-house plans passed			
Owned by the <i>Private Sector</i> (including R subsidised by PHP or PLS)	DP housing e.g	g. government low-	cost housing
	Dwelling- houses	Total construction area of houses (outside measurements)	Estimated cost of houses (excluding land value)
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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			
Dwelling-houses with a floor area equal to, or larger than 80 sq metres			
Total			
Plans passed for RDP housing e.g. low-cos above)	t housing subsi	idised by PHP or P	LS (already includ
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	Dwelling- houses	area of houses (outside measurements)	value)
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Dwelling-houses with a floor area smaller	houses	(outside measurements)	value)
Dwelling-houses with a floor area smaller than, or equal to 30 sq metres	houses	(outside measurements)	value)

#### Residential building plans (excluding dwelling-house plans)

#### **Townhouses**

#### Definition

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

#### Include

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- 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 and alterations' 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 people's 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

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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 Question 3 only.

#### Residential building plans (excluding dwelling-house plans) passed 3. Owned by the Private Sector Residential **Total construction Estimated cost building plans** (excluding land area (outside measurements) value) **Number of** buildings/units R'000 $m^2$ Townhouses units ...... Blocks of flats units ...... Tourism accommodation and casinos ..... bldgs Other residential buildings ..... bldgs Part 2 - Non-residential building plans passed 4. Owned by the Private Sector Non-residential **Total construction Estimated cost** Type of building/space **Buildings** area (outside (excluding land predominantly measurements) value) intended for -Number of buildings $m^2$ R'000 Office and banking space ..... Shopping space ...... Industrial and warehouse space and workshops ...... Churches, sports and clubs recreation Schools, crèches, hospitals and libraries ..... All other space (specify) ...... Total ..... 5. Owned by the Public Sector Hospitals and clinics Schools, crèches, universities, technikons libraries .....

All other space (specify)

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	Total			
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## Plans for addition 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

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# Part $\bf 3$ - Plans for additions and alterations passed

# 6. Owned by the *Private Sector*

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

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#### **Dwelling-houses**

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#### **Abbreviations**

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- **PLS** Project Linked Subsidies

# Part 4 - Residential buildings completed during this month

## 7. Dwelling-houses completed

Owned by the  $Private\ Sector\ (including\ RDP\ housing\ e.g.\ government\ low-cost\ housing\ subsidised\ by\ PHP\ or\ PLS)$ 

	Dwelling- houses	Total construction area of houses (outside measurements)	Estimated cost of houses (excluding land value)
	Number	$m^2$	R'000
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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			

# 8. RDP housing completed e.g. low-cost housing subsidised by PHP and PLS (already included above)

	Dwelling- houses	Total construction area of houses (outside measurements)	Estimated cost of houses (excluding land value)
	Number	m <sup>2</sup>	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 completed (excluding dwelling-houses)

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#### Definition

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#### Definition

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#### Notes

- A flat built onto an existing building is regarded as an addition and should be included in Part 6.
- 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

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# Residential buildings completed (excluding dwelling-houses)

# 9. Owned by the *Private Sector*

	Residential buildings	Total construction area (outside measurements)	Estimated cost (excluding land value)
	Number of buildings/units	m <sup>2</sup>	R'000
Townhouses	units		
Blocks of flats	units		
Tourism accommodation and casinos	bldgs		
Other residential buildings	bldgs		

# Part 5 - Non-residential buildings completed 10. Owned by the *Private Sector*

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
Office and banking space			
Shopping space			
Industrial and warehouse space and workshops			
Churches, sports and recreation clubs			
Schools, crèches, hospitals and libraries			
All other space (specify)			
Total			
11. Owned by the <i>Public</i> S	Sector		
Hospitals and clinics			
Schools, crèches, universities, technikons and libraries			
All other space (specify)			
Total			

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#### **Additions and alterations**

#### Notes

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#### Include

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#### Exclude

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

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# Part 6 - Additions and alterations completed

# 12. Owned by the *Private Sector*

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

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