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Results for January 2021

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:
January 2020 versus 2021**

Estimates at current prices	Jan 2020 1/	Jan 2021 1/	Difference in value between Jan 2020 and Jan 2021	% change between Jan 2020 and Jan 2021
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	2 623 065	3 480 813	857 748	32,7
-Dwelling-houses	1 752 327	1 967 181	214 854	12,3
-Flats and townhouses	860 489	1 498 276	637 787	74,1
-Other residential buildings	10 249	15 356	5 107	49,8
Non-residential buildings	1 422 087	413 216	-1 008 871	-70,9
Additions and alterations	1 686 359	1 515 026	-171 333	-10,2
Total	5 731 511	5 409 055	-322 456	-5,6

1/ 2020 and 2021 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total value of recorded building plans passed at current prices

The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 5,6% (-R322,5 million) in January 2021 compared with January 2020.

Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-70,9% or -R1 008,9 million) and additions and alterations (-10,2% or -R171,3 million). An increase was recorded for residential buildings (32,7% or R857,7 million) – see Table A.

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January 2020 versus January 2021**

Estimates at current prices	Jan 2020 1/	Jan 2021 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during Jan 2020	% change between Jan 2020 and Jan 2021	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan 2020 and Jan 2021 2/	Difference in value between Jan 2020 and Jan 2021
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	1 583 887	1 563 205	27,6	-1,3	-0,4	-20 682
Eastern Cape	274 331	347 611	4,8	26,7	1,3	73 280
Northern Cape	112 811	28 598	2,0	-74,6	-1,5	-84 213
Free State	281 759	150 681	4,9	-46,5	-2,3	-131 078
KwaZulu-Natal	1 258 361	985 480	22,0	-21,7	-4,8	-272 881
North West	271 294	275 614	4,7	1,6	0,1	4 320
Gauteng	1 381 248	1 850 632	24,1	34,0	8,2	469 384
Mpumalanga	413 188	133 695	7,2	-67,6	-4,9	-279 493
Limpopo	154 632	73 539	2,7	-52,4	-1,4	-81 093
Total	5 731 511	5 409 055	100,0	-5,6	-5,6	-322 456

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2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January 2020 and January 2021 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during January 2020, divided by 100.

The largest contributions to the total decrease of 5,6% (-R322,5 million) were made by Mpumalanga (contributing -4,9 percentage points or -R279,5 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -4,8 percentage points or -R272,9 million) and Free State (contributing -2,3 percentage points or -R131,1 million). Gauteng (contributing 8,2 percentage points or R469,4 million) was the largest positive contributor – see Table B.

Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices: January 2020 versus January 2021

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan 2020 1/	Jan 2021 1/	Difference in value between Jan 2020 and Jan 2021	% change between Jan 2020 and Jan 2021
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	2 111 969	2 673 435	561 466	26,6
Non-residential buildings	1 144 998	317 370	-827 628	-72,3
Additions and alterations	1 357 777	1 163 614	-194 163	-14,3
Total	4 614 744	4 154 419	-460 325	-10,0

1/ 2019 and 2020 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 10,0% (-R460,3 million) in January 2021 compared with January 2020. Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-72,3% or -R827,6 million) and additions and alterations (-14,3% or -R194,2 million). An increase was recorded for residential buildings (26,6% or R561,5 million) – see Table C.

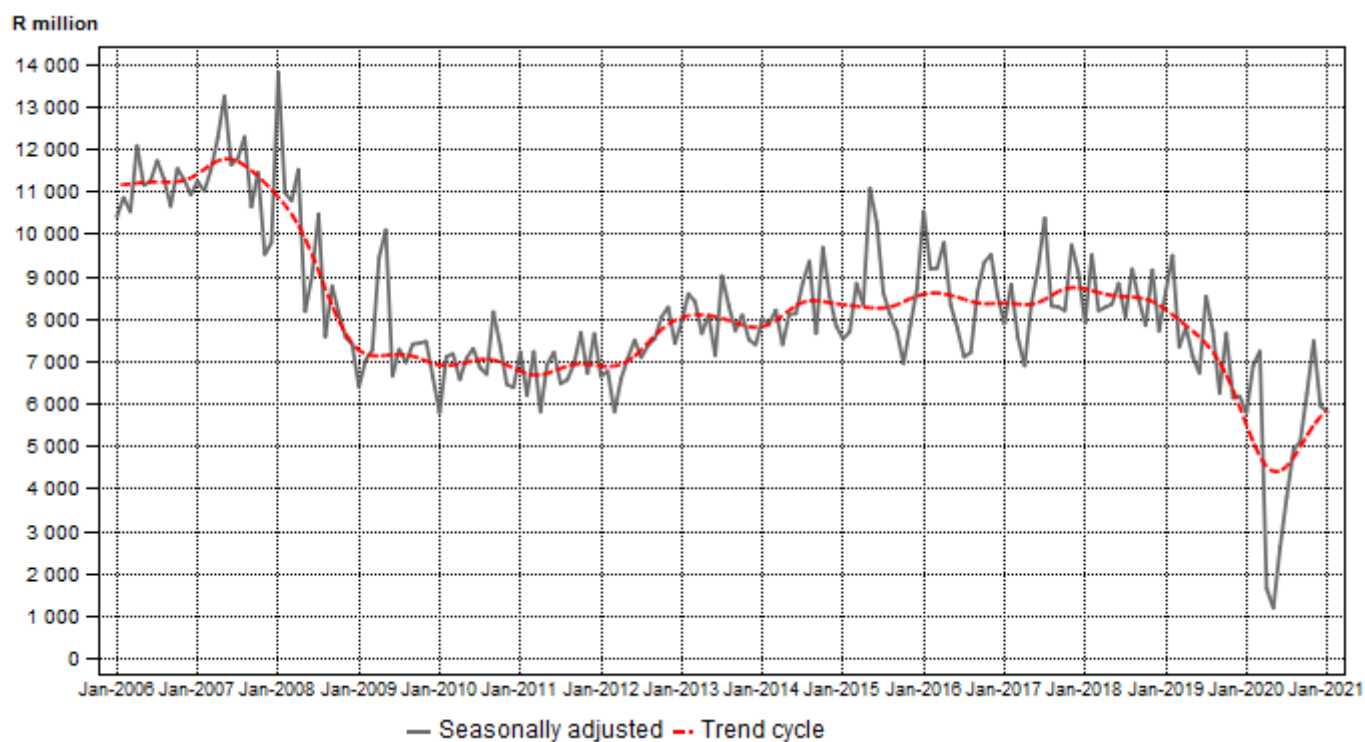
Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Aug – Oct 2020	Nov 2020 – Jan 2021	% change between Aug – Oct 2020 and Nov 2020 – Jan 2021
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 015 876	10 992 675	21,9
Non-residential buildings 1/	2 581 535	2 999 132	16,2
Additions and alterations	4 702 865	5 291 513	12,5
Total	16 300 276	19 283 320	18,3

1/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 39.

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed increased by 18,3% in the three months ended January 2021 compared with the previous three months. Increases were recorded for residential buildings (21,9%), non-residential buildings (16,2%) and additions and alterations (12,5%) – see Table D.

Figure 1 – Real value of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities**Constant 2015 prices**

**Table E – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices:
January 2020 versus January 2021**

Estimates at current prices	Jan 2020 1/	Jan 2021 1/	Difference in value between Jan 2020 and Jan 2021	% change between Jan 2020 and Jan 2021
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	2 148 619	1 572 864	-575 755	-26,8
-Dwelling-houses	1 285 188	957 010	-328 178	-25,5
-Flats and townhouses	831 737	612 807	-218 930	-26,3
-Other residential buildings	31 694	3 047	-28 647	-90,4
Non-residential buildings	1 477 291	592 555	-884 736	-59,9
Additions and alterations	1 183 302	560 679	-622 623	-52,6
Total	4 809 212	2 726 098	-2 083 114	-43,3

1/ 2020 and 2021 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total value of buildings reported as completed at current prices

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 43,3% (-R2 083,1 million) in January 2021 compared with January 2020.

Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-59,9% or -R884,7 million), additions and alterations (-52,6% or -R622,6 million) and residential buildings (-26,8% or -R575,8 million) – see Table E.

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January 2020 versus January 2021**

Estimates at current prices	Jan 2020 1/	Jan 2021 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during Jan 2020	% change between Jan 2020 and Jan 2021	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan 2020 and Jan 2021	Difference in value between Jan 2020 and Jan 2021
	R'000	R'000			2/	R'000
Western Cape	1 442 375	1 061 496	30,0	-26,4	-7,9	-380 879
Eastern Cape	676 574	111 102	14,1	-83,6	-11,8	-565 472
Northern Cape	51 891	20 579	1,1	-60,3	-0,7	-31 312
Free State	108 722	31 380	2,3	-71,1	-1,6	-77 342
KwaZulu-Natal	618 455	314 601	12,9	-49,1	-6,3	-303 854
North West	121 029	143 235	2,5	18,3	0,5	22 206
Gauteng	1 676 980	968 130	34,9	-42,3	-14,7	-708 850
Mpumalanga	71 282	60 829	1,5	-14,7	-0,2	-10 453
Limpopo	41 904	14 746	0,9	-64,8	-0,6	-27 158
Total	4 809 212	2 726 098	100,0	-43,3	-43,3	-2 083 114

1/ 2020 and 2021 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January 2020 and January 2021 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January 2020, divided by 100.

Eight provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed in 2021, of which Gauteng (contributing -14,7 percentage points or -R708,9 million), Eastern Cape (contributing -11,8 percentage points or -R565,5 million), Western Cape (contributing -7,9 percentage points or -R380,9 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -6,3 percentage points or -R303,9 million) were the largest negative contributors – see Table F.

Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices: January 2020 versus January 2021

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan 2020 1/	Jan 2021 1/	Difference in value between Jan 2020 and Jan 2021	% change between Jan 2020 and Jan 2021
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	1 729 967	1 208 037	-521 930	-30,2
Non-residential buildings	1 189 445	455 111	-734 334	-61,7
Additions and alterations	952 739	430 629	-522 110	-54,8
Total	3 872 151	2 093 777	-1 778 374	-45,9

1/ 2020 and 2019 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 45,9% (-R1 778,4 million) in January 2021 compared with January 2020. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-61,7% or -R734,3 million), additions and alterations (-54,8% or -R522,1 million) and residential buildings (-30,2% or -R521,9 million) – see Table G.

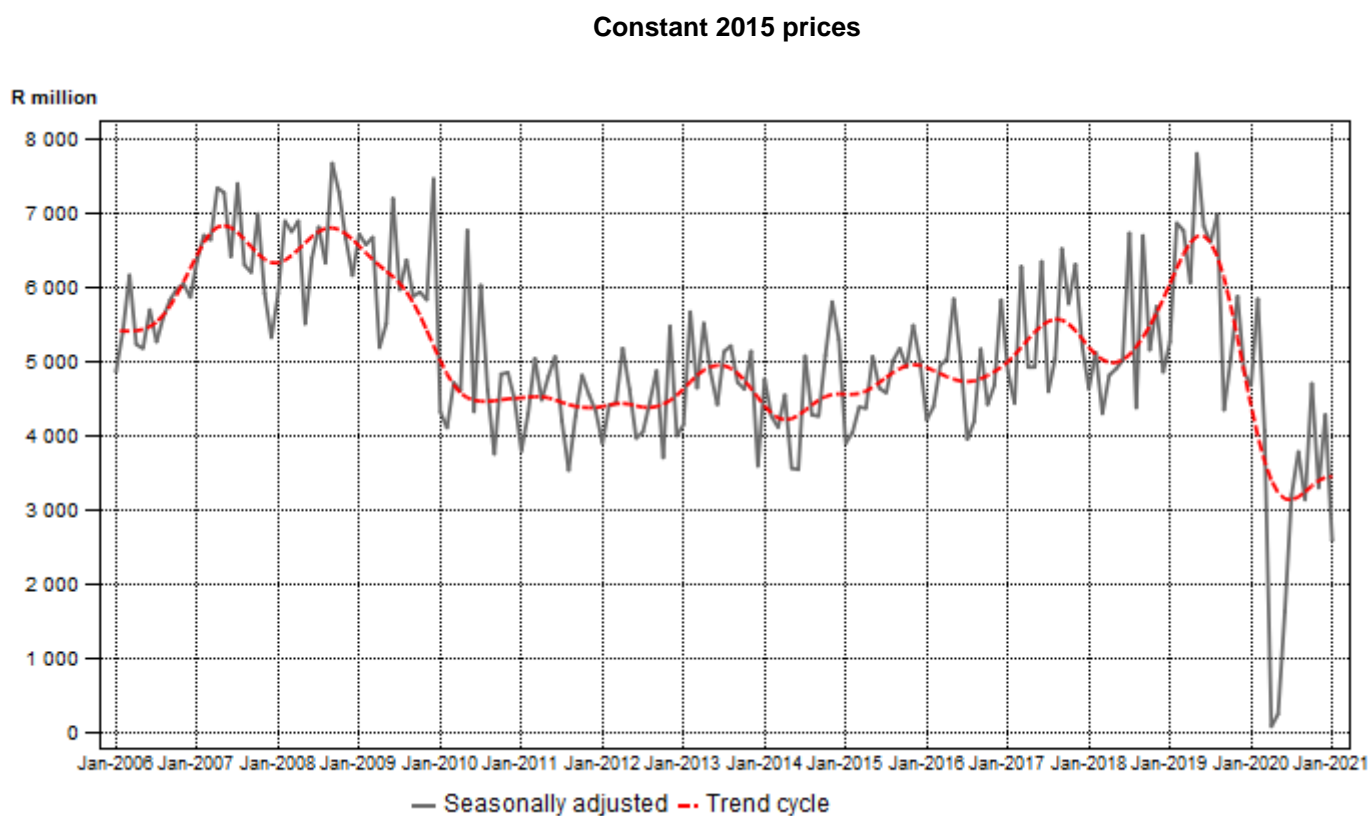
Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Aug – Oct 2020	Nov 2020 – Jan 2021	% change between Aug – Oct 2020 and Nov 2020 – Jan 2021
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 219 752	5 815 579	-6,5
Non-residential buildings 1/	2 936 532	2 220 673	-24,4
Additions and alterations	2 474 314	2 141 409	-13,5
Total	11 630 598	10 177 661	-12,5

1/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 39.

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased by 12,5% in the three months ended January 2021 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-24,4%), additions and alterations (-13,5%) and residential buildings (-6,5%) – see Table H.

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 623 065	-45,0	1 422 087	-11,7	1 686 359	-8,2	5 731 511	-30,3
	February	4 312 361	-38,3	1 840 942	-11,0	2 501 881	4,2	8 655 184	-24,5
	March	4 613 171	11,2	2 056 317	-14,8	2 487 758	7,5	9 157 246	3,2
	April	807 896	-81,1	729 784	-66,7	442 419	-82,9	1 980 099	-78,1
	May	809 776	-82,2	180 087	-89,4	436 126	-83,5	1 425 989	-84,0
	June	1 534 178	-62,4	975 652	-40,8	853 147	-66,3	3 362 977	-59,3
	July	2 853 632	-53,7	964 709	-50,4	1 466 582	-55,3	5 284 923	-53,6
	August	3 642 253	-27,6	898 911	-67,3	1 941 160	-20,9	6 482 324	-36,7
	September	3 891 983	9,6	1 005 117	-40,2	2 146 483	-20,6	7 043 583	-11,2
	October	5 099 397	-5,5	1 385 581	-47,8	2 505 796	-9,9	8 990 774	-17,0
	November	4 690 598	20,9	2 502 981	150,9	2 338 480	-15,0	9 532 059	24,9
	December	3 720 492	42,8	949 443	-52,0	1 978 329	0,8	6 648 264	1,5
	Total	38 598 802	-30,4	14 911 611	-36,9	20 784 520	-31,3	74 294 933	-32,1
2021	January	3 480 813	32,7	413 216	-70,9	1 515 026	-10,2	5 409 055	-5,6

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	3 486 205	6,0	1 422 087	-28,2	2 317 763	-4,0	7 226 055	-5,9
	February	4 184 195	20,0	1 840 942	29,5	2 642 761	14,0	8 667 898	20,0
	March	4 412 798	5,5	2 056 317	11,7	2 525 556	-4,4	8 994 671	3,8
	April	838 522	-81,0	729 784	-64,5	474 706	-81,2	2 043 012	-77,3
	May	827 373	-1,3	180 087	-75,3	459 913	-3,1	1 467 373	-28,2
	June	1 484 690	79,4	975 652	441,8	779 194	69,4	3 239 536	120,8
	July	2 556 270	72,2	964 709	-1,1	1 241 279	59,3	4 762 258	47,0
	August	3 402 642	33,1	898 911	-6,8	1 945 632	56,7	6 247 185	31,2
	September	3 606 224	6,0	1 005 117	11,8	1 856 748	-4,6	6 468 089	3,5
	October	4 435 461	23,0	1 385 581	37,9	2 207 603	18,9	8 028 645	24,1
	November	4 907 282	10,6	2 502 981	80,6	2 205 460	-0,1	9 615 723	19,8
	December	4 394 190	-10,5	949 443	-62,1	2 343 637	6,3	7 687 270	-20,1
2021	January	4 964 209	13,0	413 216	-56,5	2 266 207	-3,3	7 643 632	-0,6
	Aug – Oct 20	11 444 327		3 289 609		6 009 983		20 743 919	
	Nov 20 – Jan 21 2/	14 265 681	24,7	3 865 640	17,5	6 815 304	13,4	24 946 625	20,3

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

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

3/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 39.

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 111 969	-47,6	1 144 998	-15,8	1 357 777	-12,4	4 614 744	-33,5
	February	3 455 417	-40,9	1 475 114	-14,8	2 004 712	-0,2	6 935 243	-27,7
	March	3 720 299	8,5	1 658 320	-16,9	2 006 256	4,9	7 384 875	0,7
	April	655 228	-81,4	591 877	-67,2	358 815	-83,1	1 605 920	-78,4
	May	657 286	-82,4	146 175	-89,5	353 998	-83,7	1 157 459	-84,1
	June	1 239 239	-63,0	788 087	-41,8	689 133	-66,9	2 716 459	-60,0
	July	2 281 081	-54,8	771 150	-51,5	1 172 328	-56,3	4 224 559	-54,7
	August	2 888 385	-29,6	712 856	-68,2	1 539 381	-23,0	5 140 622	-38,4
	September	3 057 332	6,4	789 566	-41,9	1 686 161	-22,9	5 533 059	-13,8
	October	3 971 493	-9,0	1 079 113	-49,8	1 951 555	-13,2	7 002 161	-20,1
	November	3 647 432	16,0	1 946 330	140,7	1 818 414	-18,4	7 412 176	19,9
	December	2 881 868	36,9	735 432	-54,0	1 532 400	-3,3	5 149 700	-2,6
	Total	30 567 029	-32,9	11 839 018	-38,9	16 470 930	-33,5	58 876 977	-34,4
2021	January	2 673 435	26,6	317 370	-72,3	1 163 614	-14,3	4 154 419	-10,0

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 786 540	5,5	1 144 998	-28,4	1 863 695	-4,3	5 795 233	-6,3
	February	3 342 571	20,0	1 475 114	28,8	2 095 485	12,4	6 913 170	19,3
	March	3 539 906	5,9	1 658 320	12,4	2 052 759	-2,0	7 250 985	4,9
	April	680 363	-80,8	591 877	-64,3	381 416	-81,4	1 653 656	-77,2
	May	672 625	-1,1	146 175	-75,3	373 665	-2,0	1 192 465	-27,9
	June	1 197 521	78,0	788 087	439,1	634 550	69,8	2 620 158	119,7
	July	2 056 769	71,8	771 150	-2,1	992 096	56,3	3 820 015	45,8
	August	2 696 439	31,1	712 856	-7,6	1 520 698	53,3	4 929 993	29,1
	September	2 863 680	6,2	789 566	10,8	1 458 671	-4,1	5 111 917	3,7
	October	3 455 757	20,7	1 079 113	36,7	1 723 496	18,2	6 258 366	22,4
	November	3 805 125	10,1	1 946 330	80,4	1 745 304	1,3	7 496 759	19,8
	December	3 405 227	-10,5	735 432	-62,2	1 817 272	4,1	5 957 931	-20,5
2021	January	3 782 323	11,1	317 370	-56,8	1 728 937	-4,9	5 828 630	-2,2
	Aug – Oct 20	9 015 876		2 581 535		4 702 865		16 300 276	
	Nov 20 – Jan 21 2/	10 992 675	21,9	2 999 132	16,2	5 291 513	12,5	19 283 320	18,3

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

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

3/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 39.

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 148 619	-33,2	1 477 291	30,8	1 183 302	67,8	4 809 212	-4,8
	February	2 778 801	-24,1	2 973 015	-5,8	1 267 666	27,9	7 019 482	-10,1
	March	2 255 666	-58,7	1 899 216	33,7	995 404	-33,2	5 150 286	-38,5
	April	36 187	-99,2	46 153	-97,2	14 131	-98,6	96 471	-98,6
	May	112 461	-97,9	104 955	-96,6	84 515	-91,8	301 931	-96,8
	June	1 116 026	-82,4	520 306	-58,7	415 366	-52,2	2 051 698	-75,7
	July	2 767 364	-42,3	424 883	-77,7	719 931	-40,1	3 912 178	-50,5
	August	2 504 564	-50,4	1 146 262	-46,4	1 087 927	-12,3	4 738 753	-43,8
	September	2 146 712	-37,0	978 096	-22,5	1 128 749	1,8	4 253 557	-26,4
	October	3 513 106	7,5	1 616 791	-13,1	1 142 690	-15,4	6 272 587	-3,2
	November	2 931 244	-38,6	870 742	-63,0	1 160 531	-5,2	4 962 517	-40,5
	December	3 260 890	10,0	1 405 213	-29,2	867 951	-15,5	5 534 054	-7,4
	Total	25 571 640	-51,3	13 462 923	-42,0	10 068 163	-24,1	49 102 726	-44,8
2021	January	1 572 864	-26,8	592 555	-59,9	560 679	-52,6	2 726 098	-43,3

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 832 700	-1,5	1 477 291	-25,6	1 519 167	29,2	5 829 158	-3,4
	February	3 070 032	8,4	2 973 015	101,2	1 259 464	-17,1	7 302 511	25,3
	March	2 316 813	-24,5	1 899 216	-36,1	811 253	-35,6	5 027 282	-31,2
	April	37 220	-98,4	46 153	-97,6	17 091	-97,9	100 464	-98,0
	May	113 529	205,0	104 955	127,4	88 358	417,0	306 842	205,4
	June	1 088 166	858,5	520 306	395,7	401 873	354,8	2 010 345	555,2
	July	2 866 944	163,5	424 883	-18,3	712 490	77,3	4 004 317	99,2
	August	2 628 190	-8,3	1 146 262	169,8	1 003 134	40,8	4 777 586	19,3
	September	1 921 898	-26,9	978 096	-14,7	1 091 511	8,8	3 991 505	-16,5
	October	3 368 557	75,3	1 616 791	65,3	1 052 239	-3,6	6 037 587	51,3
	November	2 313 554	-31,3	870 742	-46,1	1 049 807	-0,2	4 234 103	-29,9
	December	3 157 942	36,5	1 405 213	61,4	1 004 227	-4,3	5 567 382	31,5
2021	January	2 077 944	-34,2	592 555	-57,8	716 972	-28,6	3 387 471	-39,2
	Aug – Oct 20	7 918 645		3 741 149		3 146 884		14 806 678	
	Nov 20 – Jan 21 2/	7 549 440	-4,7	2 868 510	-23,3	2 771 006	-11,9	13 188 956	-10,9

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

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

3/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 39.

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	1 729 967	-36,2	1 189 445	24,8	952 739	60,1	3 872 151	-9,1
	February	2 226 603	-27,3	2 382 224	-9,8	1 015 758	22,5	5 624 585	-13,9
	March	1 819 085	-59,7	1 531 626	30,5	802 745	-34,8	4 153 456	-40,0
	April	29 349	-99,2	37 431	-97,2	11 461	-98,6	78 241	-98,6
	May	91 283	-97,9	85 191	-96,7	68 600	-91,9	245 074	-96,8
	June	901 475	-82,6	420 279	-59,3	335 514	-52,9	1 657 268	-76,1
	July	2 212 122	-43,6	339 635	-78,2	575 484	-41,5	3 127 241	-51,6
	August	1 986 173	-51,7	909 010	-47,8	862 749	-14,7	3 757 932	-45,3
	September	1 686 341	-38,8	768 339	-24,8	886 684	-1,1	3 341 364	-28,5
	October	2 736 064	3,6	1 259 183	-16,3	889 945	-18,5	4 885 192	-6,7
	November	2 279 350	-41,1	677 093	-64,5	902 435	-9,1	3 858 878	-43,0
	December	2 525 864	5,5	1 088 469	-32,1	672 309	-19,0	4 286 642	-11,2
	Total	20 223 676	-53,0	10 687 925	-43,8	7 976 423	-26,6	38 888 024	-46,7
2021	January	1 208 037	-30,2	455 111	-61,7	430 629	-54,8	2 093 777	-45,9

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 271 191	-1,2	1 189 445	-25,8	1 218 785	28,7	4 679 421	-3,5
	February	2 455 742	8,1	2 382 224	100,3	1 007 959	-17,3	5 845 925	24,9
	March	1 878 102	-23,5	1 531 626	-35,7	654 791	-35,0	4 064 519	-30,5
	April	30 203	-98,4	37 431	-97,6	13 866	-97,9	81 500	-98,0
	May	92 244	205,4	85 191	127,6	71 849	418,2	249 284	205,9
	June	882 505	856,7	420 279	393,3	324 830	352,1	1 627 614	552,9
	July	2 290 778	159,6	339 635	-19,2	570 026	75,5	3 200 439	96,6
	August	2 082 048	-9,1	909 010	167,6	795 703	39,6	3 786 761	18,3
	September	1 510 861	-27,4	768 339	-15,5	858 956	7,9	3 138 156	-17,1
	October	2 626 843	73,9	1 259 183	63,9	819 655	-4,6	4 705 681	50,0
	November	1 806 358	-31,2	677 093	-46,2	816 653	-0,4	3 300 104	-29,9
	December	2 420 391	34,0	1 088 469	60,8	776 071	-5,0	4 284 931	29,8
2021	January	1 588 830	-34,4	455 111	-58,2	548 685	-29,3	2 592 626	-39,5
	Aug – Oct 20	6 219 752		2 936 532		2 474 314		11 630 598	
	Nov 20 – Jan 21 2/	5 815 579	-6,5	2 220 673	-24,4	2 141 409	-13,5	10 177 661	-12,5

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

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

3/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 39.

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

			Jan 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	440	574	271	-38,4
		square metres	25 200	29 602	15 342	-39,1
		R'000	170 385	191 522	107 541	-36,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	814	917	892	9,6
		square metres	208 972	254 219	242 275	15,9
		R'000	1 581 942	1 955 641	1 859 640	17,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 264	1 912	1 619	28,1
		square metres	119 986	194 234	162 663	35,6
		R'000	860 489	1 542 965	1 498 276	74,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 531	4 617	2 196	43,4
		R'000	10 249	30 364	15 356	49,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 623 065	3 720 492	3 480 813	32,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	55 027	21 436	7 892	-85,7
		R'000	415 144	170 245	61 588	-85,2
	Shopping space	square metres	59 863	17 207	9 244	-84,6
		R'000	565 823	148 275	63 130	-88,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	58 353	87 302	31 630	-45,8
		R'000	350 035	582 716	208 333	-40,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	14 669	8 238	11 768	-19,8
		R'000	91 085	48 207	80 165	-12,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 422 087	949 443	413 216	-70,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	165 689	170 308	156 793	-5,4
		R'000	1 230 872	1 259 117	1 229 637	-0,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	41 210	65 605	30 639	-25,7
		R'000	455 487	719 212	285 389	-37,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 686 359	1 978 329	1 515 026	-10,2
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	5 731 511	6 648 264	5 409 055	-5,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Jan 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	61	234	44	-27,9
		square metres	3 258	10 656	2 453	-24,7
		R'000	18 337	64 194	14 694	-19,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	206	299	314	52,4
		square metres	50 196	68 910	81 211	61,8
		R'000	335 211	482 909	567 056	69,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	300	169	404	34,7
		square metres	36 285	23 323	46 953	29,4
		R'000	281 951	166 677	362 467	28,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	450	3 437	1 339	197,6
		R'000	3 268	22 281	9 040	176,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	638 767	736 061	953 257	49,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	37 233	11 798	6 854	-81,6
		R'000	314 937	96 320	52 371	-83,4
	Shopping space	square metres	2 707	2 703	3 119	15,2
		R'000	22 383	20 625	16 160	-27,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	8 441	10 831	6 646	-21,3
		R'000	57 837	74 662	45 039	-22,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	9 277	7 388	4 954	-46,6
		R'000	53 339	40 353	35 628	-33,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	448 496	231 960	149 198	-66,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	52 478	49 417	45 852	-12,6
		R'000	334 257	315 544	332 469	-0,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	19 448	15 236	14 037	-27,8
		R'000	162 367	239 097	128 281	-21,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	496 624	554 641	460 750	-7,2
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 583 887	1 522 662	1 563 205	-1,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Jan 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	9	6	8	-11,1
		square metres	622	324	436	-29,9
		R'000	4 084	2 087	2 675	-34,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	70	85	99	41,4
		square metres	15 151	22 301	19 379	27,9
		R'000	103 326	162 379	139 866	35,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	18	226	18	0,0
		square metres	1 119	17 675	2 098	87,5
		R'000	7 506	127 791	14 749	96,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	114 916	292 257	157 290	36,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	630	0	..
		R'000	0	4 554	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	272	..
		R'000	0	0	1 475	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	8 121	12 716	7 509	-7,5
		R'000	43 954	89 044	53 708	22,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	155	..
		R'000	0	0	1 121	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	43 954	93 598	56 304	28,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 215	19 201	17 413	22,5
		R'000	94 106	137 389	122 423	30,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 401	5 712	1 496	-37,7
		R'000	21 355	41 467	11 594	-45,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	115 461	178 856	134 017	16,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	274 331	564 711	347 611	26,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Jan 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	6	0	-100,0
		square metres	43	297	0	-100,0
		R'000	378	2 603	0	-100,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	14	14	10	-28,6
		square metres	3 052	3 452	1 850	-39,4
		R'000	24 962	29 178	13 884	-44,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	90	154	0	-100,0
		square metres	8 730	18 282	0	-100,0
		R'000	76 518	160 223	0	-100,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	504	0	..
		R'000	0	4 417	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	101 858	196 421	13 884	-86,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	0	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 363	2 246	1 816	33,2
		R'000	10 553	19 425	14 077	33,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	710	45	..
		R'000	400	6 496	637	59,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	10 953	25 921	14 714	34,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	112 811	222 342	28 598	-74,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Jan 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	17	25	6	-64,7
		square metres	960	1 447	304	-68,3
		R'000	7 590	7 830	2 564	-66,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	53	38	40	-24,5
		square metres	11 683	9 056	9 168	-21,5
		R'000	87 686	67 855	67 951	-22,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	35	10	1	-97,1
		square metres	3 400	1 116	189	-94,4
		R'000	27 445	6 052	1 366	-95,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	676	857	..
		R'000	0	3 666	6 316	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	122 721	85 403	78 197	-36,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	968	..
		R'000	0	0	7 073	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	14 995	282	188	-98,7
		R'000	83 135	2 379	1 586	-98,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	91	644	..
		R'000	0	494	5 432	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	83 135	2 873	14 091	-83,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 132	7 295	7 341	-9,7
		R'000	56 198	52 120	52 065	-7,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 190	329	1 126	-48,6
		R'000	19 705	2 256	6 328	-67,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	75 903	54 376	58 393	-23,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	281 759	142 652	150 681	-46,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Jan 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	19	24	24	26,3
		square metres	1 149	1 288	1 385	20,5
		R'000	9 677	11 235	11 631	20,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	95	78	76	-20,0
		square metres	26 646	28 996	24 157	-9,3
		R'000	262 323	305 084	242 329	-7,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	275	283	206	-25,1
		square metres	18 351	38 634	29 568	61,1
		R'000	191 681	415 562	325 407	69,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	463 681	731 881	579 367	24,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	212	2 492	0	-100,0
		R'000	1 590	26 089	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	33 929	1 860	3 390	-90,0
		R'000	369 474	10 698	23 866	-93,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 720	25 325	13 459	682,5
		R'000	10 320	152 656	80 754	682,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	973	413	527	-45,8
		R'000	7 784	3 728	4 427	-43,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	389 168	193 171	109 047	-72,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	22 099	24 318	23 685	7,2
		R'000	236 468	234 513	231 735	-2,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	10 013	21 505	4 961	-50,5
		R'000	169 044	256 752	65 331	-61,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	405 512	491 265	297 066	-26,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 258 361	1 416 317	985 480	-21,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Jan 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	4	10	233,3
		square metres	207	181	563	172,0
		R'000	1 432	1 089	3 427	139,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	52	65	69	32,7
		square metres	10 367	18 765	14 203	37,0
		R'000	60 790	116 284	91 137	49,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	57	44	257	350,9
		square metres	7 302	3 431	15 335	110,0
		R'000	50 523	22 708	86 573	71,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 081	0	0	-100,0
		R'000	6 981	0	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	119 726	140 081	181 137	51,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	3 339	137	..
		R'000	0	24 141	743	..
	Shopping space	square metres	11 648	590	266	-97,7
		R'000	80 593	3 269	1 795	-97,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	904	421	..
		R'000	0	5 153	2 283	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 533	0	4 347	183,6
		R'000	8 432	0	25 649	204,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	89 025	32 563	30 470	-65,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 924	7 660	8 501	-14,3
		R'000	59 019	43 464	51 734	-12,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	295	13 017	1 767	499,0
		R'000	3 524	81 473	12 273	248,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	62 543	124 937	64 007	2,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	271 294	297 581	275 614	1,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Jan 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	287	213	160	-44,3
		square metres	16 771	11 772	9 110	-45,7
		R'000	114 830	81 572	66 457	-42,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	218	225	213	-2,3
		square metres	63 139	70 624	72 829	15,3
		R'000	529 157	590 923	613 601	16,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	474	998	687	44,9
		square metres	42 447	89 926	65 066	53,3
		R'000	212 290	633 048	686 646	223,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	856 277	1 305 543	1 366 704	59,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	924	3 177	901	-2,5
		R'000	11 458	19 141	8 474	-26,0
	Shopping space	square metres	884	11 904	1 229	39,0
		R'000	9 514	112 507	12 761	34,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	8 879	31 813	2 287	-74,2
		R'000	63 267	221 386	18 033	-71,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 615	346	1 141	-29,3
		R'000	14 483	3 632	7 908	-45,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	98 722	356 666	47 176	-52,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	42 630	44 288	44 236	3,8
		R'000	356 779	363 192	378 311	6,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	6 741	7 257	7 132	5,8
		R'000	69 470	76 440	58 441	-15,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	426 249	439 632	436 752	2,5
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 381 248	2 101 841	1 850 632	34,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Jan 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	42	30	13	-69,0
		square metres	2 139	1 637	688	-67,8
		R'000	13 746	8 845	3 665	-73,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	77	63	54	-29,9
		square metres	19 536	18 204	14 306	-26,8
		R'000	125 333	117 648	91 918	-26,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	12	8	0	-100,0
		square metres	1 798	373	0	-100,0
		R'000	9 330	2 023	0	-100,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	148 409	128 516	95 583	-35,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	16 658	0	0	-100,0
		R'000	87 159	0	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	10 695	150	0	-100,0
		R'000	83 859	1 176	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 649	2 596	0	-100,0
		R'000	19 170	20 355	0	-100,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	488	0	0	-100,0
		R'000	2 532	0	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	192 720	21 531	0	-100,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 733	10 972	6 223	-47,0
		R'000	65 640	63 736	36 108	-45,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	1 332	75	..
		R'000	6 419	10 176	2 004	-68,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	72 059	73 912	38 112	-47,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	413 188	223 959	133 695	-67,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Jan 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	32	6	500,0
		square metres	51	2 000	403	690,2
		R'000	311	12 067	2 428	680,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	29	50	17	-41,4
		square metres	9 202	13 911	5 172	-43,8
		R'000	53 154	83 381	31 898	-40,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	3	20	46	1 433,3
		square metres	554	1 474	3 454	523,5
		R'000	3 245	8 881	21 068	549,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	56 710	104 329	55 394	-2,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	12 548	2 835	1 120	-91,1
		R'000	72 352	17 081	6 930	-90,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	783	0	0	-100,0
		R'000	4 515	0	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	76 867	17 081	6 930	-91,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 115	4 911	1 726	-44,6
		R'000	17 852	29 734	10 715	-40,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	122	507	0	-100,0
		R'000	3 203	5 055	500	-84,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	21 055	34 789	11 215	-46,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	154 632	156 199	73 539	-52,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Jan 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	707	675	341	-51,8
		square metres	34 608	35 709	18 006	-48,0
		R'000	186 616	226 781	115 266	-38,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	532	627	392	-26,3
		square metres	139 889	171 543	109 369	-21,8
		R'000	1 098 572	1 312 806	841 744	-23,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	751	1 783	1 224	63,0
		square metres	98 529	189 633	79 020	-19,8
		R'000	831 737	1 683 354	612 807	-26,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	3 254	3 966	442	-86,4
		R'000	31 694	37 949	3 047	-90,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 148 619	3 260 890	1 572 864	-26,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	27 858	12 885	22 393	-19,6
		R'000	264 295	90 952	213 882	-19,1
	Shopping space	square metres	21 915	5 237	26 678	21,7
		R'000	209 733	35 553	263 887	25,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	111 295	205 383	7 878	-92,9
		R'000	748 387	1 213 362	46 652	-93,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	34 516	9 850	10 089	-70,8
		R'000	254 876	65 346	68 134	-73,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 477 291	1 405 213	592 555	-59,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	88 379	55 174	56 429	-36,2
		R'000	657 773	427 222	415 813	-36,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	38 349	47 452	9 561	-75,1
		R'000	525 529	440 729	144 866	-72,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 183 302	867 951	560 679	-52,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	4 809 212	5 534 054	2 726 098	-43,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Jan 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	90	278	127	41,1
		square metres	4 424	13 180	5 394	21,9
		R'000	24 953	77 969	31 275	25,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	154	203	110	-28,6
		square metres	44 827	57 934	26 356	-41,2
		R'000	308 989	386 481	177 820	-42,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	141	878	1 033	632,6
		square metres	24 782	78 245	62 875	153,7
		R'000	193 315	624 500	473 356	144,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	225	309	..
		R'000	0	1 602	2 086	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	527 257	1 090 552	684 537	29,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 091	4 625	5 908	182,5
		R'000	18 034	40 555	44 516	146,8
	Shopping space	square metres	5 944	1 355	2 968	-50,1
		R'000	43 665	10 537	19 400	-55,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	15 985	17 570	0	-100,0
		R'000	109 432	122 826	0	-100,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	15 927	4 130	4 298	-73,0
		R'000	112 035	27 745	24 828	-77,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	283 166	201 663	88 744	-68,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	40 127	25 847	27 523	-31,4
		R'000	284 623	185 054	181 792	-36,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	21 544	28 677	6 052	-71,9
		R'000	347 329	238 669	106 423	-69,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	631 952	423 723	288 215	-54,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 442 375	1 715 938	1 061 496	-26,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Jan 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	13	3	7	-46,2
		square metres	668	179	356	-46,7
		R'000	3 538	1 056	1 994	-43,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	36	23	26	-27,8
		square metres	8 086	5 140	5 228	-35,3
		R'000	57 554	37 977	38 341	-33,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	9	1	40	344,4
		square metres	1 024	130	2 033	98,5
		R'000	6 897	909	14 699	113,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	67 989	39 942	55 034	-19,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	1 280	..
		R'000	0	0	9 254	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	70 304	0	0	-100,0
		R'000	470 193	0	0	-100,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 786	0	966	-45,9
		R'000	9 146	0	6 751	-26,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	479 339	0	16 005	-96,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 514	3 261	5 518	-62,0
		R'000	99 224	23 811	39 709	-60,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 451	115	0	-100,0
		R'000	30 022	4 558	354	-98,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	129 246	28 369	40 063	-69,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	676 574	68 311	111 102	-83,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Jan 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	11	10	1	-90,9
		square metres	3 203	2 370	146	-95,4
		R'000	25 738	20 378	1 256	-95,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	3	..
		square metres	0	0	198	..
		R'000	0	0	1 703	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	25 738	20 378	2 959	-88,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 802	0	0	-100,0
		R'000	13 306	0	0	-100,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	504	0	0	-100,0
		R'000	4 133	0	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	17 439	0	0	-100,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 042	1 834	1 986	90,6
		R'000	8 544	15 775	17 080	99,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	170	185	540	217,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	8 714	15 960	17 620	102,2
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	51 891	36 338	20 579	-60,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Jan 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	1	10	150,0
		square metres	268	64	533	98,9
		R'000	2 164	447	4 496	107,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	16	2	17	6,3
		square metres	3 455	576	3 161	-8,5
		R'000	24 885	3 423	22 235	-10,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	133	..
		R'000	0	0	961	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	27 049	3 870	27 692	2,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 854	0	0	-100,0
		R'000	45 993	0	0	-100,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	45 993	0	0	-100,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 570	313	541	-65,5
		R'000	9 561	2 011	3 688	-61,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 905	529	0	-100,0
		R'000	26 119	3 825	0	-100,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	35 680	5 836	3 688	-89,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	108 722	9 706	31 380	-71,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Jan 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	7	6	-45,5
		square metres	731	430	331	-54,7
		R'000	6 827	3 181	2 572	-62,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	70	47	22	-68,6
		square metres	18 592	16 762	6 745	-63,7
		R'000	187 180	187 386	78 797	-57,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	132	76	9	-93,2
		square metres	17 056	8 139	2 585	-84,8
		R'000	150 049	88 522	17 867	-88,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	2 423	0	..
		R'000	0	28 834	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	344 056	307 923	99 236	-71,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	4 905	934	13 010	165,2
		R'000	34 815	6 258	143 110	311,1
	Shopping space	square metres	245	409	0	-100,0
		R'000	1 728	2 458	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	14 451	66 839	1 021	-92,9
		R'000	86 706	401 034	6 126	-92,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	5 126	0	..
		R'000	0	30 936	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	123 249	440 686	149 236	21,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 269	4 768	4 701	-64,6
		R'000	121 221	52 837	50 840	-58,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 950	15 658	1 249	-57,7
		R'000	29 929	173 558	15 289	-48,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	151 150	226 395	66 129	-56,2
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	618 455	975 004	314 601	-49,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Jan 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	8	16	6	-25,0
		square metres	515	908	427	-17,1
		R'000	2 950	6 371	2 316	-21,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	50	68	70	40,0
		square metres	7 293	15 422	16 875	131,4
		R'000	46 147	100 456	100 058	116,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	74	0	1	-98,6
		square metres	8 381	0	217	-97,4
		R'000	52 437	0	1 254	-97,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 318	0	..
		R'000	0	7 513	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	101 534	114 340	103 628	2,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	642	0	463	-27,9
		R'000	3 968	0	2 639	-33,5
	Shopping space	square metres	0	2 913	1 998	..
		R'000	0	16 831	10 951	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	337	..
		R'000	0	0	1 921	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	3 968	16 831	15 511	290,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	634	720	4 007	532,0
		R'000	3 414	4 715	22 991	573,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	51	420	94	84,3
		R'000	12 113	3 037	1 105	-90,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	15 527	7 752	24 096	55,2
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	121 029	138 923	143 235	18,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Jan 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	559	356	168	-69,9
		square metres	26 713	20 148	10 017	-62,5
		R'000	139 276	133 154	67 037	-51,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	141	227	126	-10,6
		square metres	45 294	59 309	44 938	-0,8
		R'000	393 413	483 878	383 681	-2,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	395	778	138	-65,1
		square metres	47 286	97 236	11 112	-76,5
		R'000	429 039	927 958	103 928	-75,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	3 254	0	0	-100,0
		R'000	31 694	0	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	993 422	1 544 990	554 646	-44,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	20 220	0	0	-100,0
		R'000	207 478	0	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	15 073	560	20 432	35,6
		R'000	160 575	5 727	224 282	39,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 899	120 974	6 520	124,9
		R'000	22 757	689 502	38 605	69,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	13 323	594	4 745	-64,4
		R'000	112 402	6 665	36 075	-67,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	503 212	701 894	298 962	-40,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 745	16 653	11 435	-10,3
		R'000	106 173	130 906	95 663	-9,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	6 301	1 449	2 166	-65,6
		R'000	74 173	11 258	18 859	-74,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	180 346	142 164	114 522	-36,5
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 676 980	2 389 048	968 130	-42,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Jan 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	16	9	10	-37,5
		square metres	930	488	489	-47,4
		R'000	4 838	2 705	2 811	-41,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	40	26	13	-67,5
		square metres	7 001	6 853	4 055	-42,1
		R'000	42 966	49 881	28 486	-33,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	20	0	..
		square metres	0	3 315	0	..
		R'000	0	25 993	0	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	47 804	78 579	31 297	-34,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	3 012	..
		R'000	0	0	23 617	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	23 617	..
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 184	1 498	630	-80,2
		R'000	17 804	10 507	3 619	-79,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	147	0	0	-100,0
		R'000	5 674	0	2 296	-59,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	23 478	10 507	5 915	-74,8
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	71 282	89 086	60 829	-14,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Jan 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	5	7	16,7
		square metres	359	312	459	27,9
		R'000	2 070	1 898	2 765	33,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	14	21	7	-50,0
		square metres	2 138	7 177	1 865	-12,8
		R'000	11 700	42 946	11 070	-5,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	30	0	..
		square metres	0	2 568	0	..
		R'000	0	15 472	0	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	13 770	60 316	13 835	0,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	7 326	0	..
		R'000	0	44 139	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	653	0	0	-100,0
		R'000	3 765	0	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 976	0	80	-97,3
		R'000	17 160	0	480	-97,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	20 925	44 139	480	-97,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 294	280	88	-93,2
		R'000	7 209	1 606	431	-94,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	604	0	..
		R'000	0	5 639	0	..
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	7 209	7 245	431	-94,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	41 904	111 700	14 746	-64,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
	2	In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
Purpose of the survey	3	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
Scope of the survey	4	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	5	Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> , (SIC) Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
Collection rate	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for January 2021 was 86,4%. The improved collection rate for December 2020 was 89,1%.
Statistical unit	7	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	8	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.
Constant prices	9	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2015. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: <i>Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP) Work Groups and Selected Materials Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2016=100) are converted to the base year 2015=100.

Seasonal adjustment	10	Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by US Bureau of the Census Economic Research and Analyses Division, 1968.
	11	<p>Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore, the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for building statistics is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at Click to download building statistics seasonal adjustment May 2017</p> <p>Note: Owing to the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown, additive outlier adjustments were performed. The methodology will be reviewed as more data points are added to the time series.</p>
Trend cycle	12	The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.
Revised figures	13	Revised figures are due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or to respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. Figures for the latest two years are therefore preliminary. Data are edited at municipal level.
	14	Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> is published with the revised and updated information at provincial and municipal level for the previous calendar year. Due to this comprehensive revision, the monthly statistical release P5041.1 reflects provincial revision where applicable.
Related publications	15	<p>Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P5041.3: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> issued annually; • P9101.2: <i>Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region</i> issued annually; and • <i>Building Statistics</i> (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.
Rounding-off of figures	16	Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.
Symbols and abbreviations	17	.. Changes from a zero in the preceding period cannot be calculated as a percentage.
	0	Nil or figure too small to publish.
	*	Revised.
	Stats SA	Statistics South Africa.
	SIC	Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities.
	ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities.

Glossary

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

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

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