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Results for January to August 2017

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:
January to August 2016 versus January to August 2017**

Estimates at current prices	January to August 2016	January to August 2017	Difference in value between January to August 2016 and January to August 2017	% change between January to August 2016 and January to August 2017
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	35 073 526	34 789 575	-283 951	-0,8
-Dwelling-houses	21 762 685	21 984 645	221 960	1,0
-Flats and townhouses	11 309 901	12 314 863	1 004 962	8,9
-Other residential buildings	2 000 940	490 067	-1 510 873	-75,5
Non-residential buildings	19 350 784	16 581 263	-2 769 521	-14,3
Additions and alterations	17 501 884	18 796 304	1 294 420	7,4
Total	71 926 194	70 167 142	-1 759 052	-2,4

1/ 2016 and 2017 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 2,4% (-R1 759,1 million) during January to August 2017 compared with January to August 2016.

Non-residential buildings fell by 14,3% (-R2 769,5 million) and additions and alterations rose by 7,4% (R1 294,4 million) – see Table A.

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to August 2016 versus January to August 2017**

Estimates at current prices	January to August 2016	January to August 2017	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to August 2016	% change between January to August 2016 and January to August 2017	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January to August 2016 and January to August 2017	Difference in value between January to August 2016 and January to August 2017
	1/	1/				
	R'000	R'000			2/	R'000
Western Cape	18 061 495	19 807 572	25,1	9,7	2,4	1 746 077
Eastern Cape	2 821 451	4 330 916	3,9	53,5	2,1	1 509 465
Northern Cape	794 571	503 212	1,1	-36,7	-0,4	-291 359
Free State	2 280 593	2 224 130	3,2	-2,5	-0,1	-56 463
KwaZulu-Natal	15 094 316	13 878 347	21,0	-8,1	-1,7	-1 215 969
North West	1 985 548	2 457 845	2,8	23,8	0,7	472 297
Gauteng	27 007 655	23 569 134	37,5	-12,7	-4,8	-3 438 521
Mpumalanga	2 732 211	2 022 294	3,8	-26,0	-1,0	-709 917
Limpopo	1 148 354	1 373 692	1,6	19,6	0,3	225 338
Total	71 926 194	70 167 142	100,0	-2,4	-2,4	-1 759 052

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2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January to August 2016 and January to August 2017 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during January to August 2016, divided by 100.

The largest negative contribution to the total decrease of 2,4% (-R1 759,1 million) was made by Gauteng (contributing -4,8 percentage points or -R3 438,5 million), and the largest positive contribution was made by Western Cape (contributing 2,4 percentage points or R1 746,1 million) – see Table B.

Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices: January to August 2016 versus January to August 2017

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to August 2016	January to August 2017	Difference in value between January to August 2016 and January to August 2017	% change between January to August 2016 and January to August 2017
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	33 243 375	31 181 511	-2 061 864	-6,2
Non-residential buildings	18 465 951	14 858 381	-3 607 570	-19,5
Additions and alterations	16 573 788	16 840 781	266 993	1,6
Total	68 283 114	62 880 673	-5 402 441	-7,9

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Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 7,9% (-R5 402,4 million) year-on-year during January to August 2017. The largest percentage decrease was recorded for non-residential buildings (-19,5% or -R3 607,6 million), followed by residential buildings (-6,2% or -R2 061,9 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	March to May 2017	June to August 2017	% change between March to May 2017 and June to August 2017
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	11 203 827	12 197 859	8,9
Non-residential buildings 1/	4 145 122	6 935 694	67,3
Additions and alterations	6 172 175	6 735 859	9,1
Total	21 521 124	25 869 414	20,2

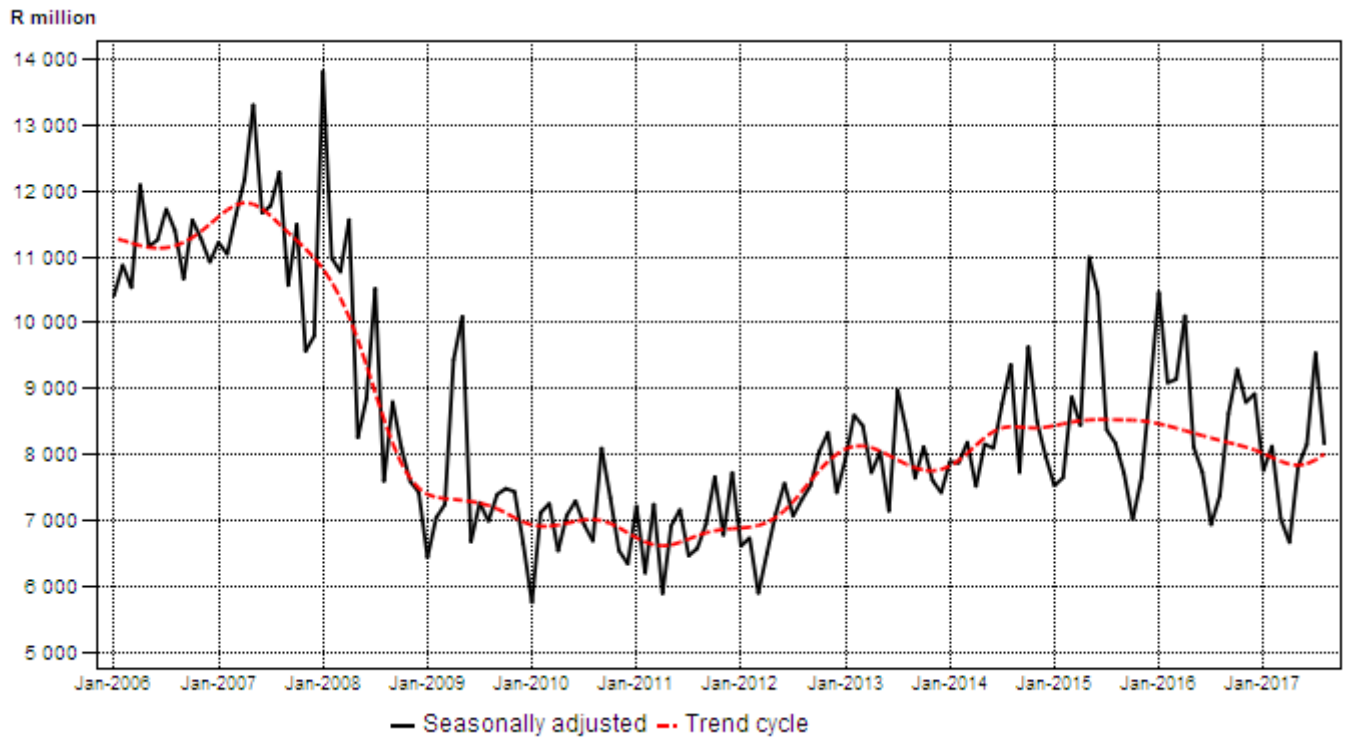
1/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed increased by 20,2% in the three months ended August 2017 compared with the previous three months. Increases were recorded for non-residential buildings (67,3%), additions and alterations (9,1%) and residential buildings (8,9%) – 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 to August 2016 versus January to August 2017**

Estimates at current prices	January to August 2016	January to August 2017	Difference in value between January to August 2016 and January to August 2017	% change between January to August 2016 and January to August 2017
	1/	1/	R'000	
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	20 739 064	24 544 813	3 805 749	18,4
-Dwelling-houses	14 665 030	14 928 299	263 269	1,8
-Flats and townhouses	5 901 153	7 487 943	1 586 790	26,9
-Other residential buildings	172 881	2 128 571	1 955 690	1 131,2
Non-residential buildings	11 033 506	12 646 850	1 613 344	14,6
Additions and alterations	6 562 766	7 437 824	875 058	13,3
Total	38 335 336	44 629 487	6 294 151	16,4

1/ 2016 and 2017 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) increased by 16,4% (R6 294,2 million) during January to August 2017 compared with January to August 2016.

The largest increase was recorded for residential buildings (18,4% or R3 805,7 million), followed by non-residential buildings (14,6% or R1 613,3 million) and additions and alterations (13,3% or R875,1 million) – see Table E.

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to August 2016 versus January to August 2017**

Estimates at current prices	January to August 2016	January to August 2017	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to August 2016	% change between January to August 2016 and January to August 2017	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January to August 2016 and January to August 2017	Difference in value between January to August 2016 and January to August 2017
	1/	1/				
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	10 262 017	13 071 034	26,8	27,4	7,3	2 809 017
Eastern Cape	844 540	1 226 905	2,2	45,3	1,0	382 365
Northern Cape	343 005	358 510	0,9	4,5	0,0	15 505
Free State	1 173 588	648 391	3,1	-44,8	-1,4	-525 197
KwaZulu-Natal	6 582 131	7 993 553	17,2	21,4	3,7	1 411 422
North West	1 492 107	1 087 047	3,9	-27,1	-1,1	-405 060
Gauteng	15 919 383	18 856 308	41,5	18,4	7,7	2 936 925
Mpumalanga	1 282 972	816 466	3,3	-36,4	-1,2	-466 506
Limpopo	435 593	571 273	1,1	31,1	0,4	135 680
Total	38 335 336	44 629 487	100,0	16,4	16,4	6 294 151

1/ 2016 and 2017 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 to August 2016 and January to August 2017 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January to August 2016, divided by 100.

Six provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to August 2017. The largest contributions were recorded for Gauteng (contributing 7,7 percentage points or R2 936,9 million), Western Cape (contributing 7,3 percentage points or R2 809,0 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 3,7 percentage points or R1 411,4 million) – see Table F.

Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices: January to August 2016 versus January to August 2017

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to August 2016	January to August 2017	Difference in value between January to August 2016 and January to August 2017	% change between January to August 2016 and January to August 2017
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	19 662 378	22 010 619	2 348 241	11,9
Non-residential buildings	10 450 935	11 334 999	884 064	8,5
Additions and alterations	6 223 690	6 666 415	442 725	7,1
Total	36 337 003	40 012 033	3 675 030	10,1

1/ 2016 and 2017 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) increased by 10,1% (R3 675,0 million) year-on-year during January to August 2017. The largest increase was recorded for residential buildings (11,9% or R2 348,2 million), followed by non-residential buildings (8,5% or R884,1 million) and additions and alterations (7,1% or R442,7 million) – see Table G.

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

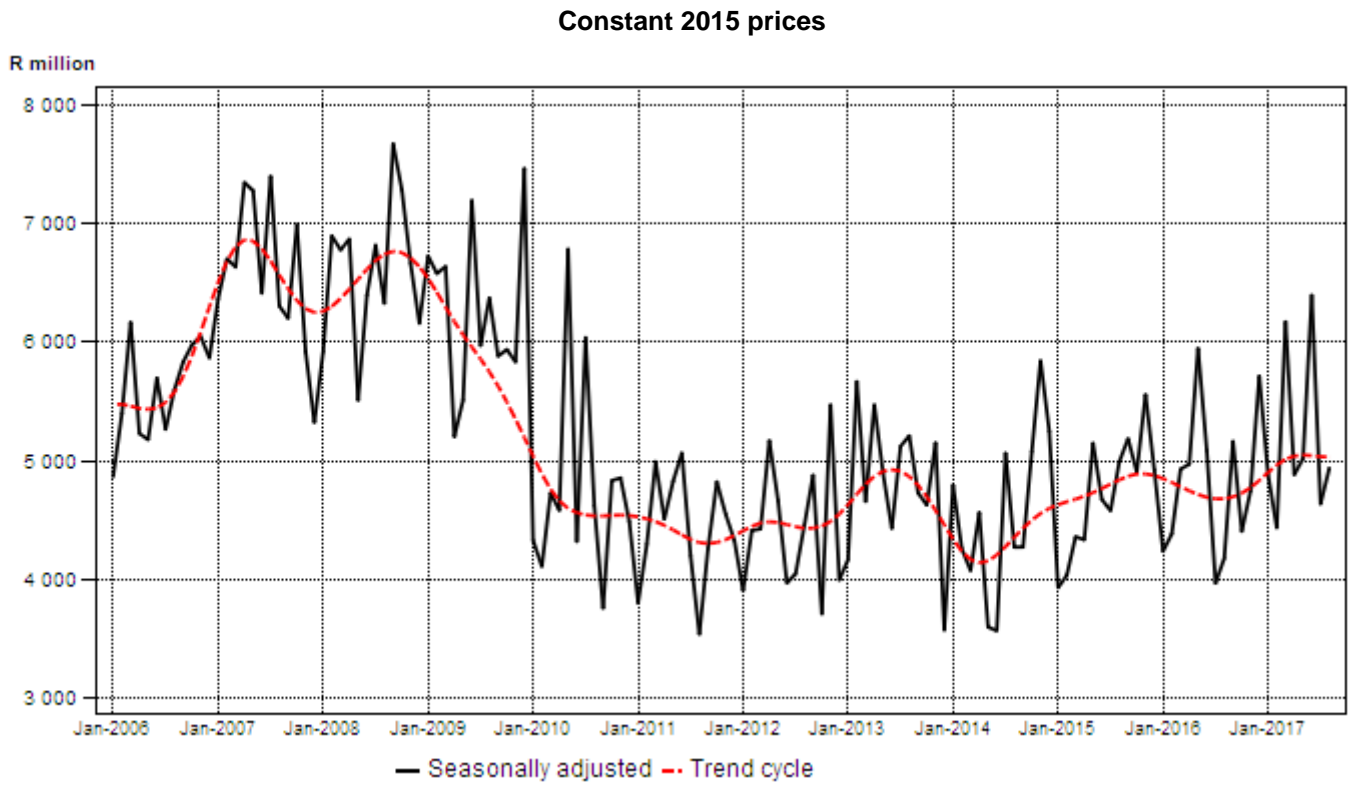
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	March to May 2017	June to August 2017	% change between March to May 2017 and June to August 2017
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 458 223	8 126 132	-14,1
Non-residential buildings 1/	4 272 558	5 142 317	20,4
Additions and alterations	2 336 810	2 693 468	15,3
Total	16 067 591	15 961 917	-0,7

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased by 0,7% in the three months ended August 2017 compared with the previous three months. A decrease was recorded for residential buildings (-14,1%). Increases were recorded for non-residential buildings (20,4%) and additions and alterations (15,3%) – 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/
2016	January	2 976 023	-12,8	4 542 292	560,9	1 451 533	-13,0	8 969 848	55,5
	February	4 592 411	20,1	2 663 172	103,2	2 125 304	-8,7	9 380 887	25,7
	March	4 600 728	8,1	2 515 020	17,0	2 056 047	-8,8	9 171 795	5,9
	April	5 484 971	29,6	2 837 576	46,3	2 388 049	20,6	10 710 596	31,4
	May	4 208 361	-0,2	2 167 660	-51,6	2 241 429	3,0	8 617 450	-20,7
	June	5 025 125	11,3	1 445 606	-63,9	2 415 528	9,1	8 886 259	-17,2
	July	3 762 166	-16,1	1 383 115	-33,4	2 532 825	-4,6	7 678 106	-16,7
	August	4 423 741	4,0	1 796 343	-7,2	2 291 169	-0,1	8 511 253	0,3
	September	4 802 689	2,1	2 513 194	66,5	2 707 391	20,4	10 023 274	18,5
	October	5 420 582	21,5	2 588 628	125,0	2 717 674	17,8	10 726 884	35,5
	November	4 827 911	10,5	2 823 103	100,5	2 458 564	15,0	10 109 578	27,7
	December	4 736 194	25,9	1 462 921	-27,1	1 954 313	-10,4	8 153 428	2,6
	Total	54 860 902	8,6	28 738 630	16,6	27 339 826	3,4	110 939 358	9,2
2017	January	3 161 447	6,2	1 894 083	-58,3	1 703 058	17,3	6 758 588	-24,7
	February	4 539 426	-1,2	2 277 683	-14,5	2 161 104	1,7	8 978 213	-4,3
	March	4 237 489	-7,9	1 675 826	-33,4	2 277 738	10,8	8 191 053	-10,7
	April	3 657 581	-33,3	969 046	-65,8	1 983 859	-16,9	6 610 486	-38,3
	May	4 647 680	10,4	1 983 293	-8,5	2 442 934	9,0	9 073 907	5,3
	June	4 775 996	-5,0	2 192 921	51,7	2 642 793	9,4	9 611 710	8,2
	July	5 620 477	49,4	2 714 249	96,2	2 626 367	3,7	10 961 093	42,8
	August	4 149 479	-6,2	2 874 162	60,0	2 958 451	29,1	9 982 092	17,3

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/
2016	January	4 072 005	-10,8	4 542 292	126,4	2 096 544	-17,0	10 710 841	17,7
	February	4 669 221	14,7	2 663 172	-41,4	2 149 225	2,5	9 481 617	-11,5
	March	4 835 208	3,6	2 515 020	-5,6	2 295 055	6,8	9 645 283	1,7
	April	5 410 682	11,9	2 837 576	12,8	2 365 296	3,1	10 613 554	10,0
	May	4 137 559	-23,5	2 167 660	-23,6	2 252 119	-4,8	8 557 338	-19,4
	June	4 422 950	6,9	1 445 606	-33,3	2 333 016	3,6	8 201 571	-4,2
	July	3 700 619	-16,3	1 383 115	-4,3	2 349 394	0,7	7 433 128	-9,4
	August	4 135 215	11,7	1 796 343	29,9	1 990 072	-15,3	7 921 631	6,6
	September	4 439 455	7,4	2 513 194	39,9	2 294 142	15,3	9 246 791	16,7
	October	4 836 846	9,0	2 588 628	3,0	2 606 361	13,6	10 031 835	8,5
	November	4 510 103	-6,8	2 823 103	9,1	2 224 068	-14,7	9 557 274	-4,7
	December	5 964 284	32,2	1 462 921	-48,2	2 390 604	7,5	9 817 809	2,7
2017	January	4 333 980	-27,3	1 894 083	29,5	2 336 093	-2,3	8 564 156	-12,8
	February	4 507 277	4,0	2 277 683	20,3	2 212 015	-5,3	8 996 976	5,1
	March	3 898 192	-13,5	1 675 826	-26,4	2 237 273	1,1	7 811 291	-13,2
	April	4 151 578	6,5	969 046	-42,2	2 320 176	3,7	7 440 800	-4,7
	May	4 409 130	6,2	1 983 293	104,7	2 380 862	2,6	8 773 285	17,9
	June	4 335 597	-1,7	2 192 921	10,6	2 557 760	7,4	9 086 279	3,6
	July	5 573 093	28,5	2 714 249	23,8	2 415 972	-5,5	10 703 314	17,8
	August	3 778 102	-32,2	2 874 162	5,9	2 530 109	4,7	9 182 374	-14,2
	Mar. – May 17	12 458 900		4 628 165		6 938 311		24 025 376	
	Jun. – Aug. 17 2/	13 686 792	9,9	7 781 332	68,1	7 503 841	8,2	28 971 967	20,6

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 38.

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/
2016	January	2 911 960	-15,8	4 444 513	537,6	1 420 287	-16,1	8 776 760	50,0
	February	4 403 079	13,3	2 553 377	91,7	2 037 684	-13,9	8 994 140	18,6
	March	4 398 402	2,3	2 404 417	10,7	1 965 628	-13,7	8 768 447	0,2
	April	5 203 957	22,6	2 692 197	38,4	2 265 701	14,1	10 161 855	24,3
	May	3 981 420	-5,7	2 050 766	-54,3	2 120 557	-2,6	8 152 743	-25,1
	June	4 705 173	4,5	1 353 564	-66,1	2 261 730	2,5	8 320 467	-22,2
	July	3 512 760	-21,2	1 291 424	-37,4	2 364 916	-10,3	7 169 100	-21,7
	August	4 126 624	-2,7	1 675 693	-13,2	2 137 285	-6,5	7 939 602	-6,1
	September	4 467 618	-4,8	2 337 855	55,1	2 518 503	12,2	9 323 976	10,4
	October	5 028 369	13,7	2 401 325	110,6	2 521 033	10,3	9 950 727	26,8
	November	4 441 500	2,7	2 597 151	86,3	2 261 788	6,8	9 300 439	18,7
	December	4 321 345	16,0	1 334 782	-32,8	1 783 132	-17,4	7 439 259	-5,5
	Total	51 502 207	2,0	27 137 064	10,2	25 658 244	-2,9	104 297 515	2,7
2017	January	2 874 043	-1,3	1 721 894	-61,3	1 548 235	9,0	6 144 172	-30,0
	February	4 096 955	-7,0	2 055 671	-19,5	1 950 455	-4,3	8 103 081	-9,9
	March	3 814 122	-13,3	1 508 394	-37,3	2 050 169	4,3	7 372 685	-15,9
	April	3 286 236	-36,9	870 661	-67,7	1 782 443	-21,3	5 939 340	-41,6
	May	4 138 629	3,9	1 766 067	-13,9	2 175 364	2,6	8 080 060	-0,9
	June	4 268 093	-9,3	1 959 715	44,8	2 361 745	4,4	8 589 553	3,2
	July	5 018 283	42,9	2 423 437	87,7	2 344 971	-0,8	9 786 691	36,5
	August	3 685 150	-10,7	2 552 542	52,3	2 627 399	22,9	8 865 091	11,7

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/
2016	January	3 973 106	-11,6	4 444 513	123,8	2 040 870	-18,8	10 458 489	16,3
	February	4 478 974	12,7	2 553 377	-42,5	2 059 456	0,9	9 091 807	-13,1
	March	4 631 934	3,4	2 404 417	-5,8	2 106 546	2,3	9 142 898	0,6
	April	5 164 475	11,5	2 692 197	12,0	2 246 524	6,6	10 103 197	10,5
	May	3 924 035	-24,0	2 050 766	-23,8	2 143 342	-4,6	8 118 143	-19,6
	June	4 153 314	5,8	1 353 564	-34,0	2 224 888	3,8	7 731 766	-4,8
	July	3 448 054	-17,0	1 291 424	-4,6	2 199 075	-1,2	6 938 553	-10,3
	August	3 859 093	11,9	1 675 693	29,8	1 841 342	-16,3	7 376 128	6,3
	September	4 126 500	6,9	2 337 855	39,5	2 156 818	17,1	8 621 173	16,9
	October	4 477 841	8,5	2 401 325	2,7	2 415 894	12,0	9 295 060	7,8
	November	4 143 420	-7,5	2 597 151	8,2	2 053 187	-15,0	8 793 758	-5,4
	December	5 403 339	30,4	1 334 782	-48,6	2 184 915	6,4	8 923 036	1,5
2017	January	3 926 012	-27,3	1 721 894	29,0	2 110 553	-3,4	7 758 459	-13,1
	February	4 077 546	3,9	2 055 671	19,4	1 994 234	-5,5	8 127 451	4,8
	March	3 521 230	-13,6	1 508 394	-26,6	1 998 841	0,2	7 028 465	-13,5
	April	3 742 815	6,3	870 661	-42,3	2 056 635	2,9	6 670 111	-5,1
	May	3 939 782	5,3	1 766 067	102,8	2 116 699	2,9	7 822 548	17,3
	June	3 887 924	-1,3	1 959 715	11,0	2 309 162	9,1	8 156 802	4,3
	July	4 950 816	27,3	2 423 437	23,7	2 169 336	-6,1	9 543 590	17,0
	August	3 359 119	-32,2	2 552 542	5,3	2 257 361	4,1	8 169 022	-14,4
	Mar. – May 17	11 203 827		4 145 122		6 172 175		21 521 124	
	Jun. – Aug. 17 2/	12 197 859	8,9	6 935 694	67,3	6 735 859	9,1	25 869 414	20,2

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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 38.

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2016	January	2 208 305	21,4	578 503	-26,4	651 330	29,8	3 438 138	10,7
	February	2 459 034	17,8	1 029 861	1,0	869 860	28,7	4 358 755	15,2
	March	2 523 781	-1,7	1 810 745	110,9	878 230	-14,4	5 212 756	17,1
	April	2 316 846	-11,2	2 113 528	189,3	822 389	-8,9	5 252 763	23,8
	May	3 275 280	5,0	1 819 266	87,9	913 420	14,6	6 007 966	23,0
	June	3 105 362	19,4	1 325 164	25,4	930 103	-5,5	5 360 629	15,5
	July	2 339 251	-11,2	1 150 587	5,0	705 601	-17,2	4 195 439	-8,5
	August	2 511 205	-11,3	1 205 852	-15,1	791 833	-2,8	4 508 890	-11,0
	September	3 647 566	21,5	1 326 114	-19,5	983 917	16,6	5 957 597	8,5
	October	3 050 481	13,5	928 259	-45,2	1 022 162	33,4	5 000 902	-2,9
	November	3 026 831	-11,9	1 682 124	-14,7	1 040 884	19,4	5 749 839	-8,4
	December	4 515 140	61,4	985 304	-32,0	873 119	14,2	6 373 563	27,2
	Total	34 979 082	8,7	15 955 307	8,6	10 482 848	7,0	61 417 237	8,3
2017	January	2 359 273	6,8	1 324 149	128,9	755 314	16,0	4 438 736	29,1
	February	2 987 483	21,5	793 718	-22,9	839 781	-3,5	4 620 982	6,0
	March	3 590 701	42,3	2 469 283	36,4	1 096 654	24,9	7 156 638	37,3
	April	3 722 887	60,7	835 924	-60,4	688 546	-16,3	5 247 357	-0,1
	May	2 997 231	-8,5	1 458 694	-19,8	938 447	2,7	5 394 372	-10,2
	June	3 184 349	2,5	2 807 943	111,9	1 119 285	20,3	7 111 577	32,7
	July	2 791 841	19,3	1 418 931	23,3	878 502	24,5	5 089 274	21,3
	August	2 911 048	15,9	1 538 208	27,6	1 121 295	41,6	5 570 551	23,5

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/
2016	January	2 927 473	10,5	578 503	-60,1	835 015	-7,1	4 340 991	-13,1
	February	2 694 087	-8,0	1 029 861	78,0	839 914	0,6	4 563 862	5,1
	March	2 480 680	-7,9	1 810 745	75,8	852 659	1,5	5 144 083	12,7
	April	2 353 358	-5,1	2 113 528	16,7	758 384	-11,1	5 225 269	1,6
	May	3 527 101	49,9	1 819 266	-13,9	925 804	22,1	6 272 171	20,0
	June	3 228 191	-8,5	1 325 164	-27,2	872 814	-5,7	5 426 168	-13,5
	July	2 356 576	-27,0	1 150 587	-13,2	732 344	-16,1	4 239 507	-21,9
	August	2 523 190	7,1	1 205 852	4,8	743 311	1,5	4 472 353	5,5
	September	3 284 264	30,2	1 326 114	10,0	944 965	27,1	5 555 342	24,2
	October	2 852 553	-13,1	928 259	-30,0	972 825	2,9	4 753 638	-14,4
	November	2 484 606	-12,9	1 682 124	81,2	1 004 243	3,2	5 170 973	8,8
	December	4 295 951	72,9	985 304	-41,4	1 016 173	1,2	6 297 428	21,8
2017	January	3 099 080	-27,9	1 324 149	34,4	961 789	-5,4	5 385 018	-14,5
	February	3 289 632	6,1	793 718	-40,1	820 633	-14,7	4 903 983	-8,9
	March	3 547 858	7,8	2 469 283	211,1	821 314	0,1	6 838 455	39,4
	April	3 740 507	5,4	835 924	-66,1	840 625	2,4	5 417 057	-20,8
	May	3 220 731	-13,9	1 458 694	74,5	939 987	11,8	5 619 411	3,7
	June	3 295 258	2,3	2 807 943	92,5	1 046 569	11,3	7 149 770	27,2
	July	2 847 903	-13,6	1 418 931	-49,5	914 283	-12,6	5 181 117	-27,5
	August	2 957 045	3,8	1 538 208	8,4	1 054 868	15,4	5 550 121	7,1
	Mar. – May 17	10 509 096		4 763 901		2 601 926		17 874 923	
	Jun. – Aug. 17 2/	9 100 206	-13,4	5 765 082	21,0	3 015 720	15,9	17 881 008	0,0

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2/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities for the latest three months compared with the 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 38.

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/
2016	January	2 160 768	17,1	566 050	-29,0	637 309	25,3	3 364 127	6,8
	February	2 357 655	11,1	987 403	-4,7	833 998	21,4	4 179 056	8,7
	March	2 412 793	-7,0	1 731 114	99,6	839 608	-19,0	4 983 515	10,8
	April	2 198 146	-16,0	2 005 245	173,6	780 255	-13,9	4 983 646	17,1
	May	3 098 657	-0,8	1 721 160	77,6	864 163	8,3	5 683 980	16,2
	June	2 907 642	12,2	1 240 790	17,7	870 883	-11,2	5 019 315	8,5
	July	2 184 175	-16,5	1 074 311	-1,3	658 824	-22,2	3 917 310	-13,9
	August	2 342 542	-17,0	1 124 862	-20,6	738 650	-9,0	4 206 054	-16,7
	September	3 393 085	13,3	1 233 594	-24,9	915 272	8,7	5 541 951	1,1
	October	2 829 760	6,2	861 094	-48,7	948 202	24,9	4 639 056	-9,1
	November	2 784 573	-18,2	1 547 492	-20,7	957 575	11,0	5 289 640	-14,9
	December	4 119 653	48,8	899 000	-37,3	796 641	5,2	5 815 294	17,2
	Total	32 789 449	1,9	14 992 115	2,2	9 841 380	0,5	57 622 944	1,8
2017	January	2 144 794	-0,7	1 203 772	112,7	686 649	7,7	4 035 215	19,9
	February	2 696 284	14,4	716 352	-27,5	757 925	-9,1	4 170 561	-0,2
	March	3 231 954	34,0	2 222 577	28,4	987 087	17,6	6 441 618	29,3
	April	3 344 912	52,2	751 055	-62,5	618 640	-20,7	4 714 607	-5,4
	May	2 668 950	-13,9	1 298 926	-24,5	835 661	-3,3	4 803 537	-15,5
	June	2 845 710	-2,1	2 509 332	102,2	1 000 255	14,9	6 355 297	26,6
	July	2 492 715	14,1	1 266 903	17,9	784 377	19,1	4 543 995	16,0
	August	2 585 300	10,4	1 366 082	21,4	995 821	34,8	4 947 203	17,6

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/
2016	January	2 856 064	9,7	566 050	-60,5	813 221	-8,1	4 235 335	-14,0
	February	2 587 279	-9,4	987 403	74,4	807 263	-0,7	4 381 945	3,5
	March	2 380 573	-8,0	1 731 114	75,3	815 351	1,0	4 927 037	12,4
	April	2 242 085	-5,8	2 005 245	15,8	722 886	-11,3	4 970 216	0,9
	May	3 347 623	49,3	1 721 160	-14,2	877 504	21,4	5 946 287	19,6
	June	3 023 225	-9,7	1 240 790	-27,9	820 605	-6,5	5 084 620	-14,5
	July	2 207 214	-27,0	1 074 311	-13,4	684 879	-16,5	3 966 404	-22,0
	August	2 358 053	6,8	1 124 862	4,7	693 931	1,3	4 176 845	5,3
	September	3 051 715	29,4	1 233 594	9,7	877 838	26,5	5 163 146	23,6
	October	2 642 466	-13,4	861 094	-30,2	900 555	2,6	4 404 116	-14,7
	November	2 276 658	-13,8	1 547 492	79,7	919 845	2,1	4 743 995	7,7
	December	3 890 781	70,9	899 000	-41,9	922 065	0,2	5 711 846	20,4
2017	January	2 809 307	-27,8	1 203 772	33,9	870 543	-5,6	4 883 623	-14,5
	February	2 974 489	5,9	716 352	-40,5	743 015	-14,6	4 433 857	-9,2
	March	3 204 898	7,7	2 222 577	210,3	742 491	-0,1	6 169 967	39,2
	April	3 374 715	5,3	751 055	-66,2	755 508	1,8	4 881 277	-20,9
	May	2 878 610	-14,7	1 298 926	72,9	838 811	11,0	5 016 347	2,8
	June	2 945 615	2,3	2 509 332	93,2	938 917	11,9	6 393 864	27,5
	July	2 550 242	-13,4	1 266 903	-49,5	817 150	-13,0	4 634 295	-27,5
	August	2 630 275	3,1	1 366 082	7,8	937 401	14,7	4 933 758	6,5
	Mar. – May 17	9 458 223		4 272 558		2 336 810		16 067 591	
	Jun. – Aug. 17 2/	8 126 132	-14,1	5 142 317	20,4	2 693 468	15,3	15 961 917	-0,7

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2/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities for the latest three months compared with the 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 38.

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

			Aug. 2016	Jul. 2017	Aug. 2017	Jan. - Aug. 2016	Jan. - Aug. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 506	1 646	1 205	12 004	12 879	7,3
		square metres	71 373	79 056	59 369	576 256	613 628	6,5
		R'000	373 275	400 061	284 299	2 677 722	2 986 869	11,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 229	1 402	1 426	10 562	10 100	-4,4
		square metres	345 516	382 928	388 149	2 861 222	2 738 124	-4,3
		R'000	2 397 263	2 751 667	2 732 034	19 084 963	18 997 776	-0,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 820	2 521	961	14 252	13 490	-5,3
		square metres	184 844	262 148	120 657	1 413 242	1 545 394	9,4
		R'000	1 583 822	2 445 470	943 480	11 309 901	12 314 863	8,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	10 346	3 972	23 244	213 778	65 522	-69,4
		R'000	69 381	23 279	189 666	2 000 940	490 067	-75,5
Total residential buildings	R'000	4 423 741	5 620 477	4 149 479	35 073 526	34 789 575	-0,8	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	43 933	11 737	24 514	376 987	347 851	-7,7
		R'000	413 518	98 999	261 157	3 265 695	3 214 498	-1,6
	Shopping space	square metres	42 680	89 399	64 998	942 019	429 957	-54,4
		R'000	312 390	853 246	486 631	7 628 177	3 604 374	-52,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	166 255	186 114	296 792	1 025 886	1 260 573	22,9
		R'000	878 240	1 062 766	1 810 877	5 595 527	7 406 121	32,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	31 030	93 227	47 931	419 586	334 666	-20,2
		R'000	192 195	699 238	315 497	2 861 385	2 356 270	-17,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 796 343	2 714 249	2 874 162	19 350 784	16 581 263	-14,3
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	258 513	262 253	275 605	1 961 261	1 952 448
R'000			1 741 643	1 905 598	1 992 378	12 787 032	13 651 561	6,8
Other buildings 4/		square metres	54 284	67 506	94 025	519 901	523 325	0,7
		R'000	549 526	720 769	966 073	4 714 852	5 144 743	9,1
Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 291 169	2 626 367	2 958 451	17 501 884	18 796 304	7,4	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	8 511 253	10 961 093	9 982 092	71 926 194	70 167 142	-2,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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

			Aug. 2016	Jul. 2017	Aug. 2017	Jan. - Aug. 2016	Jan. - Aug. 2017	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	565	672	268	4 735	4 645	-1,9	
		square metres	26 345	31 113	11 277	214 624	214 574	0,0	
		R'000	159 326	177 442	72 030	1 191 510	1 290 801	8,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	368	429	499	3 013	3 394	12,6	
		square metres	90 239	110 254	119 687	744 712	812 906	9,2	
		R'000	590 268	764 950	799 133	4 900 705	5 462 035	11,5	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	177	1 095	195	3 205	4 655	45,2	
		square metres	28 382	89 892	32 359	379 499	490 829	29,3	
		R'000	209 995	686 824	254 800	2 868 625	3 728 715	30,0	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 411	696	15 491	42 190	23 991	-43,1	
		R'000	6 624	4 678	133 472	319 404	190 390	-40,4	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	966 213	1 633 894	1 259 435	9 280 244	10 671 941	15,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 658	210	2 567	54 276	108 639	100,2	
		R'000	23 383	1 844	19 273	455 956	955 052	109,5	
	Shopping space	square metres	1 332	1 117	1 391	112 029	57 769	-48,4	
		R'000	8 586	9 890	9 042	913 975	468 584	-48,7	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	22 120	27 977	31 655	219 810	187 461	-14,7	
		R'000	134 610	198 497	214 700	1 454 022	1 313 959	-9,6	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	8 529	59 907	14 403	95 414	113 876	19,3	
		R'000	59 705	395 386	94 259	635 489	751 124	18,2	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	226 284	605 617	337 274	3 459 442	3 488 719	0,8	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	74 290	80 715	83 712	566 155	566 477	0,1	
		R'000	480 421	539 651	549 107	3 591 197	3 708 555	3,3	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	20 040	28 056	39 887	167 002	179 544	7,5	
		R'000	216 275	340 298	358 648	1 730 612	1 938 357	12,0	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	696 696	879 949	907 755	5 321 809	5 646 912	6,1	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices		R'000	1 889 193	3 119 460	2 504 464	18 061 495	19 807 572	9,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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

			Aug. 2016	Jul. 2017	Aug. 2017	Jan. - Aug. 2016	Jan. - Aug. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	13	194	189	587	1 456	148,0
		square metres	844	9 998	8 331	29 092	66 964	130,2
		R'000	5 135	62 139	31 181	129 044	325 890	152,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	60	176	186	687	869	26,5
		square metres	13 061	59 161	42 967	153 961	211 226	37,2
		R'000	75 230	375 648	275 931	884 091	1 296 507	46,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	80	54	20	654	279	-57,3
		square metres	8 252	6 100	3 841	48 407	34 349	-29,0
		R'000	46 964	39 699	24 383	267 411	201 461	-24,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	144	0	2 064	6 210	200,9
		R'000	0	914	0	8 626	36 924	328,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	127 329	478 400	331 495	1 289 172	1 860 782	44,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	619	0	1 109	1 163	9 568	722,7
		R'000	2 786	0	7 339	5 287	54 222	925,6
	Shopping space	square metres	1 642	2 107	0	3 578	15 684	338,3
		R'000	9 274	13 777	0	18 307	87 501	378,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	352	14 880	23 198	70 766	124 055	75,3
		R'000	1 699	94 258	158 158	334 963	740 102	121,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	12 123	1 521	3 950	28 650	18 642	-34,9
		R'000	66 209	7 934	25 102	139 522	103 701	-25,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	79 968	115 969	190 599	498 079	985 526	97,9
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	20 394	25 182	27 852	158 219	194 022
R'000			109 127	163 496	174 163	823 990	1 179 113	43,1
Other buildings 4/		square metres	3 099	2 549	14 487	48 401	45 464	-6,1
		R'000	14 451	23 956	104 497	210 210	305 495	45,3
Total additions and alterations	R'000	123 578	187 452	278 660	1 034 200	1 484 608	43,6	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	330 875	781 821	800 754	2 821 451	4 330 916	53,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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

			Aug. 2016	Jul. 2017	Aug. 2017	Jan. - Aug. 2016	Jan. - Aug. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	3	2	21	22	4,8
		square metres	403	138	137	1 454	1 274	-12,4
		R'000	2 348	380	1 023	8 687	6 745	-22,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	24	21	16	140	115	-17,9
		square metres	4 019	4 184	4 908	25 590	25 991	1,6
		R'000	25 039	30 266	35 793	163 749	180 017	9,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	51	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	5 856	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	35 623	0	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	822	0	0	822	780	-5,1
		R'000	5 343	0	0	5 343	5 070	-5,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	32 730	30 646	36 816	213 402	191 832	-10,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	600	9 203	1 017	-88,9
		R'000	0	0	2 857	55 150	4 734	-91,4
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	5 891	4 856	-17,6
		R'000	0	0	0	37 404	31 564	-15,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	605	2 198	0	9 981	10 510	5,3
		R'000	3 933	11 242	0	58 185	71 988	23,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	245	1 289	17 959	2 192	-87,8
		R'000	0	1 166	9 023	141 258	14 467	-89,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	3 933	12 408	11 880	291 997	122 753	-58,0
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 180	3 580	3 185	35 943	23 930
R'000			36 813	26 161	23 980	253 511	167 907	-33,8
Other buildings 4/		square metres	0	103	70	2 437	2 382	-2,3
		R'000	410	3 890	1 553	35 661	20 720	-41,9
Total additions and alterations	R'000	37 223	30 051	25 533	289 172	188 627	-34,8	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	73 886	73 105	74 229	794 571	503 212	-36,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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

			Aug. 2016	Jul. 2017	Aug. 2017	Jan. - Aug. 2016	Jan. - Aug. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	89	15	7	643	77	-88,0
		square metres	4 716	1 081	409	33 954	4 564	-86,6
		R'000	17 117	7 660	2 455	120 155	27 550	-77,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	58	56	58	555	457	-17,7
		square metres	13 030	11 521	15 600	127 224	99 138	-22,1
		R'000	70 267	73 146	101 715	689 435	566 339	-17,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	5	38	4	348	579	66,4
		square metres	730	2 565	470	41 208	69 498	68,7
		R'000	3 285	15 800	2 984	270 660	475 376	75,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	3 830	0	0	8 491	1 377	-83,8
		R'000	19 604	0	0	50 703	7 362	-85,5
Total residential buildings	R'000	110 273	96 606	107 154	1 130 953	1 076 627	-4,8	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	280	0	0	13 111	4 862	-62,9
		R'000	1 260	0	0	102 964	38 896	-62,2
	Shopping space	square metres	3 285	0	0	10 298	5 893	-42,8
		R'000	26 280	0	0	71 616	32 010	-55,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	10 975	3 046	7 476	44 941	33 399	-25,7
		R'000	49 388	16 170	48 158	210 791	176 996	-16,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 500	0	1 880	11 575	10 114	-12,6
		R'000	11 098	0	13 877	84 579	66 817	-21,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	88 026	16 170	62 035	469 950	314 719	-33,0
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 987	11 480	11 024	96 721	89 519
R'000			65 154	76 136	66 901	504 960	496 697	-1,6
Other buildings 4/		square metres	515	684	6 538	13 907	22 684	63,1
		R'000	24 954	24 326	135 960	174 730	336 087	92,3
Total additions and alterations	R'000	90 108	100 462	202 861	679 690	832 784	22,5	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	288 407	213 238	372 050	2 280 593	2 224 130	-2,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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

			Aug. 2016	Jul. 2017	Aug. 2017	Jan. - Aug. 2016	Jan. - Aug. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	26	15	15	256	734	186,7
		square metres	1 412	801	832	13 153	31 532	139,7
		R'000	12 564	5 728	6 214	94 510	125 586	32,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	118	93	121	929	849	-8,6
		square metres	34 841	33 229	32 035	286 543	258 856	-9,7
		R'000	313 275	317 535	293 136	2 465 391	2 415 531	-2,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	245	523	154	2 365	2 004	-15,3
		square metres	33 259	92 957	23 707	237 301	299 294	26,1
		R'000	312 592	1 020 977	194 513	2 186 183	2 953 295	35,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 353	2 100	4 695	17 363	19 410	11,8
		R'000	26 589	12 572	38 030	174 402	177 829	2,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	665 020	1 356 812	531 893	4 920 486	5 672 241	15,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 193	3 917	1 452	93 718	73 633	-21,4
		R'000	9 705	32 027	15 967	903 694	679 079	-24,9
	Shopping space	square metres	9 564	5 981	49 564	502 911	168 362	-66,5
		R'000	78 000	52 777	400 015	4 452 596	1 552 039	-65,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	34 817	52 276	97 857	161 154	263 071	63,2
		R'000	198 911	314 386	588 970	885 269	1 564 507	76,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 217	18 986	412	75 044	43 451	-42,1
		R'000	23 954	196 269	2 055	512 867	377 932	-26,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	310 570	595 459	1 007 007	6 754 426	4 173 557	-38,2
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	32 510	35 524	36 079	235 323	266 434
R'000			293 175	346 217	378 022	2 054 572	2 582 509	25,7
Other buildings 4/		square metres	13 306	18 312	15 630	144 049	128 247	-11,0
		R'000	148 880	190 515	217 300	1 364 832	1 450 040	6,2
Total additions and alterations	R'000	442 055	536 732	595 322	3 419 404	4 032 549	17,9	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 417 645	2 489 003	2 134 222	15 094 316	13 878 347	-8,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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

			Aug. 2016	Jul. 2017	Aug. 2017	Jan. - Aug. 2016	Jan. - Aug. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	11	6	95	920	868,4
		square metres	562	631	418	5 751	42 319	635,9
		R'000	2 565	3 229	1 991	26 395	93 641	254,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	74	52	80	606	517	-14,7
		square metres	17 306	13 731	21 227	149 997	134 109	-10,6
		R'000	87 859	76 399	115 617	770 060	716 351	-7,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	86	90	712	1 514	112,6
		square metres	0	3 998	7 636	52 586	158 271	201,0
		R'000	0	27 601	49 973	283 387	951 580	235,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 032	561	1 325	1 593	20,2
		R'000	0	5 115	2 800	7 954	7 915	-0,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	90 424	112 344	170 381	1 087 796	1 769 487	62,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	6 597	1 597	-75,8
		R'000	0	0	0	38 204	10 173	-73,4
	Shopping space	square metres	788	0	4 442	29 220	16 929	-42,1
		R'000	3 477	0	24 866	161 419	90 303	-44,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	9 551	0	895	25 852	8 447	-67,3
		R'000	42 980	0	4 937	124 999	40 046	-68,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 747	229	2 219	9 300	3 531	-62,0
		R'000	10 482	969	10 979	50 711	16 744	-67,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	56 939	969	40 782	375 333	157 266	-58,1
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 329	11 742	13 994	95 752	87 791
R'000			69 559	62 689	74 077	455 647	446 783	-1,9
Other buildings 4/		square metres	1 324	1 549	2 305	10 322	11 996	16,2
		R'000	7 242	8 125	14 281	66 772	84 309	26,3
Total additions and alterations	R'000	76 801	70 814	88 358	522 419	531 092	1,7	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	224 164	184 127	299 521	1 985 548	2 457 845	23,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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

			Aug. 2016	Jul. 2017	Aug. 2017	Jan. - Aug. 2016	Jan. - Aug. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	774	694	649	4 704	4 266	-9,3
		square metres	35 910	32 932	33 980	226 462	212 586	-6,1
		R'000	169 224	131 994	148 732	903 997	930 612	2,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	380	449	345	3 298	2 863	-13,2
		square metres	127 395	115 082	114 459	1 043 099	907 374	-13,0
		R'000	987 146	917 737	906 689	7 535 461	6 848 040	-9,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 304	700	476	6 613	4 162	-37,1
		square metres	113 142	64 153	49 810	617 002	456 236	-26,1
		R'000	1 005 917	642 500	403 540	5 230 221	3 807 990	-27,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 262	0	2 497	133 999	7 143	-94,7
		R'000	8 145	0	15 364	1 399 441	41 331	-97,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 170 432	1 692 231	1 474 325	15 069 120	11 627 973	-22,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	39 095	3 459	18 786	166 470	128 595	-22,8
		R'000	375 988	36 463	215 721	1 530 729	1 367 913	-10,6
	Shopping space	square metres	13 525	78 364	1 109	220 684	124 047	-43,8
		R'000	124 597	764 464	7 752	1 677 730	1 130 941	-32,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	65 899	78 513	129 170	418 475	591 207	41,3
		R'000	345 498	396 040	758 801	2 172 025	3 282 065	51,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 412	10 718	21 299	155 511	111 364	-28,4
		R'000	13 951	89 989	147 866	1 167 998	850 702	-27,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	860 034	1 286 956	1 130 140	6 548 482	6 631 621	1,3
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	83 053	77 200	81 921	622 661	601 774
R'000			609 504	605 608	630 054	4 395 377	4 466 739	1,6
Other buildings 4/		square metres	13 723	14 623	11 364	115 997	117 839	1,6
		R'000	120 475	109 406	97 951	994 676	842 801	-15,3
Total additions and alterations	R'000	729 979	715 014	728 005	5 390 053	5 309 540	-1,5	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 760 445	3 694 201	3 332 470	27 007 655	23 569 134	-12,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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

			Aug. 2016	Jul. 2017	Aug. 2017	Jan. - Aug. 2016	Jan. - Aug. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	21	25	44	847	602	-28,9
		square metres	1 045	1 328	2 332	44 809	29 858	-33,4
		R'000	4 316	6 319	11 817	169 225	128 316	-24,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	87	77	71	917	659	-28,1
		square metres	25 474	19 452	22 138	209 766	177 855	-15,2
		R'000	150 615	110 257	128 381	1 086 362	950 105	-12,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	8	11	229	95	-58,5
		square metres	0	1 455	2 430	18 316	9 526	-48,0
		R'000	0	6 929	11 567	100 987	44 015	-56,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	529	0	0	6 083	2 239	-63,2
		R'000	2 381	0	0	27 602	10 077	-63,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	157 312	123 505	151 765	1 384 176	1 132 513	-18,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	88	4 151	0	27 353	8 745	-68,0
		R'000	396	28 665	0	149 371	49 453	-66,9
	Shopping space	square metres	7 477	420	145	48 269	19 197	-60,2
		R'000	36 841	2 000	800	249 972	119 331	-52,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	20 616	1 513	1 505	56 805	22 585	-60,2
		R'000	94 357	7 203	10 827	265 999	121 378	-54,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 502	1 237	1 459	19 529	12 451	-36,2
		R'000	6 796	5 890	6 940	90 786	57 164	-37,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	138 390	43 758	18 567	756 128	347 326	-54,1
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 305	12 663	11 861	107 834	84 167
R'000			50 624	63 673	64 336	498 844	409 969	-17,8
Other buildings 4/		square metres	2 161	1 558	3 227	11 461	11 289	-1,5
		R'000	12 259	19 357	29 148	93 063	132 486	42,4
Total additions and alterations	R'000	62 883	83 030	93 484	591 907	542 455	-8,4	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	358 585	250 293	263 816	2 732 211	2 022 294	-26,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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

			Aug. 2016	Jul. 2017	Aug. 2017	Jan. - Aug. 2016	Jan. - Aug. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	17	25	116	157	35,3
		square metres	136	1 034	1 653	6 957	9 957	43,1
		R'000	680	5 170	8 856	34 199	57 728	68,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	60	49	50	417	377	-9,6
		square metres	20 151	16 314	15 128	120 330	110 669	-8,0
		R'000	97 564	85 729	75 639	589 709	562 851	-4,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	9	17	11	75	202	169,3
		square metres	1 079	1 028	404	13 067	27 391	109,6
		R'000	5 069	5 140	1 720	66 804	152 431	128,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	139	0	0	1 441	2 779	92,9
		R'000	695	0	0	7 465	13 169	76,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	104 008	96 039	86 215	698 177	786 179	12,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	5 096	11 195	119,7
		R'000	0	0	0	24 340	54 976	125,9
	Shopping space	square metres	5 067	1 410	8 347	9 139	17 220	88,4
		R'000	25 335	10 338	44 156	45 158	92 101	104,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 320	5 711	5 036	18 102	19 838	9,6
		R'000	6 864	24 970	26 326	89 274	95 080	6,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	384	1 020	6 604	19 045	188,4
		R'000	0	1 635	5 396	38 175	117 619	208,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	32 199	36 943	75 878	196 947	359 776	82,7
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 465	4 167	5 977	42 653	38 334
R'000			27 266	21 967	31 738	208 934	193 289	-7,5
Other buildings 4/		square metres	116	72	517	6 325	3 880	-38,7
		R'000	4 580	896	6 735	44 296	34 448	-22,2
Total additions and alterations	R'000	31 846	22 863	38 473	253 230	227 737	-10,1	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	168 053	155 845	200 566	1 148 354	1 373 692	19,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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

			Aug. 2016	Jul. 2017	Aug. 2017	Jan. - Aug. 2016	Jan. - Aug. 2017	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 143	865	1 300	9 312	10 298	10,6	
		square metres	59 387	47 444	62 158	457 220	496 443	8,6	
		R'000	274 994	248 164	312 863	1 943 885	2 334 006	20,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	960	848	912	7 932	6 582	-17,0	
		square metres	242 528	214 358	230 016	1 940 990	1 765 850	-9,0	
		R'000	1 636 921	1 536 472	1 677 184	12 721 145	12 594 293	-1,0	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	866	977	778	8 360	9 009	7,8	
		square metres	75 530	111 069	108 616	788 318	923 310	17,1	
		R'000	583 422	974 374	881 851	5 901 153	7 487 943	26,9	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	3 214	5 348	4 120	26 034	223 516	758,6	
		R'000	15 868	32 831	39 150	172 881	2 128 571	1 131,2	
Total residential buildings		R'000	2 511 205	2 791 841	2 911 048	20 739 064	24 544 813	18,4	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	29 067	7 146	18 416	386 271	354 134	-8,3	
		R'000	189 507	60 400	166 877	3 176 374	3 226 906	1,6	
	Shopping space	square metres	38 302	21 536	46 711	333 360	484 152	45,2	
		R'000	241 320	157 694	383 642	2 760 931	3 821 009	38,4	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	111 740	183 224	101 395	725 752	772 396	6,4	
		R'000	679 944	981 265	790 129	3 906 481	4 494 635	15,1	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	15 536	28 277	27 084	188 335	146 770	-22,1	
		R'000	95 081	219 572	197 560	1 189 720	1 104 300	-7,2	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 205 852	1 418 931	1 538 208	11 033 506	12 646 850	14,6
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	92 734	98 492	113 111	779 368	782 188	0,4
R'000			570 554	657 268	818 009	4 599 388	5 020 835	9,2	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	27 432	25 473	31 638	235 714	243 681	3,4	
		R'000	221 279	221 234	303 286	1 963 378	2 416 989	23,1	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	791 833	878 502	1 121 295	6 562 766	7 437 824	13,3	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	4 508 890	5 089 274	5 570 551	38 335 336	44 629 487	16,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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

			Aug. 2016	Jul. 2017	Aug. 2017	Jan. - Aug. 2016	Jan. - Aug. 2017	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	266	325	406	2 267	3 813	68,2	
		square metres	12 051	16 085	19 115	102 796	174 878	70,1	
		R'000	59 444	90 920	113 338	521 817	967 532	85,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	310	326	356	2 185	2 289	4,8	
		square metres	78 065	77 208	81 626	512 439	535 442	4,5	
		R'000	488 842	503 506	531 996	3 196 226	3 503 586	9,6	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	221	308	127	2 405	1 839	-23,5	
		square metres	25 863	34 525	24 915	238 818	230 487	-3,5	
		R'000	196 321	277 905	193 301	1 823 855	1 758 324	-3,6	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	768	3 450	638	5 879	67 316	1 045,0	
		R'000	5 219	24 219	4 262	47 297	537 221	1 035,8	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	749 826	896 550	842 897	5 589 195	6 766 663	21,1
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	17 422	3 812	6 448	83 308	116 296	39,6
R'000			107 644	32 889	63 190	517 271	879 854	70,1	
Shopping space		square metres	16 032	11 579	16 203	30 901	42 658	38,0	
		R'000	91 493	92 606	124 364	205 873	320 209	55,5	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	34 740	26 594	70 557	150 496	231 466	53,8	
		R'000	262 832	184 676	614 074	964 814	1 681 648	74,3	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	12 413	2 584	12 920	69 244	41 149	-40,6	
		R'000	78 257	18 707	78 123	465 847	264 972	-43,1	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	540 226	328 878	879 751	2 153 805	3 146 683	46,1	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	43 655	47 426	51 191	320 478	372 336	16,2
	R'000		238 678	269 985	303 476	1 673 464	2 100 431	25,5	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	8 546	17 739	12 931	86 716	102 520	18,2	
		R'000	92 311	158 376	142 142	845 553	1 057 257	25,0	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	330 989	428 361	445 618	2 519 017	3 157 688	25,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	1 621 041	1 653 789	2 168 266	10 262 017	13 071 034	27,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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

			Aug. 2016	Jul. 2017	Aug. 2017	Jan. - Aug. 2016	Jan. - Aug. 2017	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	29	19	83	456	283	-37,9	
		square metres	1 402	1 004	3 714	22 633	14 530	-35,8	
		R'000	5 429	4 387	14 017	84 325	69 736	-17,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	40	44	75	273	418	53,1	
		square metres	8 016	9 362	14 603	57 083	84 164	47,4	
		R'000	40 850	61 321	93 719	309 490	481 793	55,7	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2	2	1	267	71	-73,4	
		square metres	497	233	204	27 561	6 588	-76,1	
		R'000	2 582	1 479	1 374	148 245	38 293	-74,2	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 071	0	0	3 130	4 056	29,6	
		R'000	8 672	0	0	15 556	23 020	48,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	57 533	67 187	109 110	557 616	612 842	9,9
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	252	0	0	3 449	3 361	-2,6
R'000			1 134	0	0	19 986	15 173	-24,1	
Shopping space		square metres	0	0	0	2 402	1 892	-21,2	
		R'000	0	0	0	12 406	9 025	-27,3	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	3 078	4 500	124	6 801	18 467	171,5	
		R'000	14 624	22 500	787	30 388	92 846	205,5	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	3 739	0	373	4 902	1 214,2	
		R'000	0	18 695	0	1 706	24 861	1 357,3	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	15 758	41 195	787	64 486	141 905	120,1	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 891	6 523	8 129	35 097	64 076	82,6
	R'000		22 686	40 649	50 915	158 303	325 814	105,8	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	613	1 702	2 784	13 356	20 298	52,0	
		R'000	3 529	14 410	17 876	64 135	146 344	128,2	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	26 215	55 059	68 791	222 438	472 158	112,3	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	99 506	163 441	178 688	844 540	1 226 905	45,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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

			Aug. 2016	Jul. 2017	Aug. 2017	Jan. - Aug. 2016	Jan. - Aug. 2017	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	0	0	1	1	0,0	
		square metres	70	0	0	70	76	8,6	
		R'000	315	0	0	315	456	44,8	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	11	3	2	61	36	-41,0	
		square metres	2 685	413	384	11 983	7 747	-35,4	
		R'000	19 371	2 891	3 088	79 506	53 787	-32,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	2	0	1	17	1 600,0	
		square metres	0	595	0	149	1 928	1 194,0	
		R'000	0	4 784	0	1 028	13 449	1 208,3	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	158	935	491,8	
		R'000	0	0	0	948	5 512	481,4	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	19 686	7 675	3 088	81 797	73 204	-10,5
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	615	325	3 439	958,2
R'000			0	0	3 998	1 463	19 157	1 209,4	
Shopping space		square metres	0	0	1 306	275	1 426	418,5	
		R'000	0	0	10 502	1 238	11 222	806,5	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	0	0	0	0	374	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	2 842	..	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	16 448	0	0	16 448	..	
		R'000	0	132 258	0	0	132 258	..	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	0	132 258	14 500	2 701	165 479	6 026,6	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 021	2 701	1 982	30 317	12 826	-57,7
	R'000		29 837	20 791	15 011	220 010	95 867	-56,4	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	810	0	78	3 910	3 156	-19,3	
		R'000	6 548	530	671	38 497	23 960	-37,8	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	36 385	21 321	15 682	258 507	119 827	-53,6	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	56 071	161 254	33 270	343 005	358 510	4,5	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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

			Aug. 2016	Jul. 2017	Aug. 2017	Jan. - Aug. 2016	Jan. - Aug. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	7	18	8	204	103	-49,5
		square metres	410	838	415	11 288	5 646	-50,0
		R'000	2 242	1 592	2 896	29 569	23 935	-19,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	28	19	14	224	112	-50,0
		square metres	6 228	4 469	2 114	43 107	21 008	-51,3
		R'000	35 440	22 884	14 234	224 667	116 133	-48,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	137	11	0	1 293	407	-68,5
		square metres	11 298	1 695	0	69 924	31 973	-54,3
		R'000	79 086	10 267	0	394 252	216 731	-45,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	203	0	0	308	168	-45,5
		R'000	1 117	0	0	1 642	756	-54,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	117 885	34 743	17 130	650 130	357 555	-45,0
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	506	0	0	6 572	2 573
R'000			4 048	0	0	46 510	17 649	-62,1
Shopping space		square metres	0	0	64	18 668	983	-94,7
		R'000	0	0	474	139 582	5 129	-96,3
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	0	0	0	40 159	1 340	-96,7
		R'000	0	0	0	197 716	7 315	-96,3
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	0	4 520	0	4 520	..
		R'000	0	0	36 216	0	36 216	..
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	4 048	0	36 690	383 808	66 309	-82,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 621	9 588	4 170	20 954	27 259	30,1
		R'000	7 745	46 345	24 762	96 391	132 380	37,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	25	487	6 127	1 319	-78,5
		R'000	2 006	583	2 744	43 259	92 147	113,0
Total additions and alterations	R'000	9 751	46 928	27 506	139 650	224 527	60,8	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	131 684	81 671	81 326	1 173 588	648 391	-44,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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

			Aug. 2016	Jul. 2017	Aug. 2017	Jan. - Aug. 2016	Jan. - Aug. 2017	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	25	8	28	178	90	-49,4	
		square metres	1 515	443	1 636	10 513	5 129	-51,2	
		R'000	13 861	4 005	14 894	88 749	46 039	-48,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	77	69	85	497	554	11,5	
		square metres	19 695	16 720	26 547	132 269	169 229	27,9	
		R'000	155 256	151 548	271 582	1 078 834	1 593 249	47,7	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	28	147	56	453	927	104,6	
		square metres	6 567	21 016	12 339	81 081	119 282	47,1	
		R'000	51 726	213 930	112 968	711 190	1 133 148	59,3	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	2 697	8 796	14 792	68,2	
		R'000	0	0	30 237	48 677	165 085	239,1	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	220 843	369 483	429 681	1 927 450	2 937 521	52,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	4 646	0	0	94 254	48 345	-48,7	
		R'000	26 727	0	0	807 723	497 211	-38,4	
	Shopping space	square metres	5 398	4 697	6 335	169 673	274 725	61,9	
		R'000	56 680	24 484	69 809	1 609 517	2 267 303	40,9	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	49 960	30 766	22 549	184 734	121 245	-34,4	
		R'000	284 770	182 040	130 172	988 472	696 630	-29,5	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	722	0	164	5 074	16 442	224,0	
		R'000	3 247	0	1 607	35 627	153 161	329,9	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	371 424	206 524	201 588	3 441 339	3 614 305	5,0
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 926	14 383	17 862	96 010	89 516	-6,8
R'000			101 105	146 262	196 403	861 588	910 784	5,7	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	7 710	3 802	7 391	50 300	49 993	-0,6	
		R'000	56 507	26 114	72 076	351 754	530 943	50,9	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	157 612	172 376	268 479	1 213 342	1 441 727	18,8	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	749 879	748 383	899 748	6 582 131	7 993 553	21,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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

			Aug. 2016	Jul. 2017	Aug. 2017	Jan. - Aug. 2016	Jan. - Aug. 2017	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	10	11	339	275	-18,9	
		square metres	747	580	647	20 806	16 023	-23,0	
		R'000	3 241	2 560	2 880	77 334	71 025	-8,2	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	54	37	25	957	395	-58,7	
		square metres	11 878	9 132	5 784	155 229	82 528	-46,8	
		R'000	55 848	53 296	30 787	717 644	434 869	-39,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	111	19	73	488	242	-50,4	
		square metres	3 179	2 120	6 191	38 108	21 402	-43,8	
		R'000	21 872	13 021	30 155	190 951	119 851	-37,2	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	785	0	785	..	
		R'000	0	0	4 651	0	4 651	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	80 961	68 877	68 473	985 929	630 396	-36,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	7 032	6 983	-0,7	
		R'000	0	0	0	36 804	39 978	8,6	
	Shopping space	square metres	10 122	0	9 323	22 071	27 555	24,8	
		R'000	47 465	0	55 888	110 971	149 937	35,1	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	6 188	254	2 940	14 292	386,1	
		R'000	0	30 009	1 075	16 110	69 248	329,8	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	6 172	1 191	-80,7	
		R'000	0	0	0	29 492	5 955	-79,8	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	47 465	30 009	56 963	193 377	265 118	37,1
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 884	498	344	65 687	27 289	-58,5
R'000			14 446	2 889	1 828	281 896	127 753	-54,7	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	1 109	993	480	6 633	10 368	56,3	
		R'000	5 011	5 578	3 225	30 905	63 780	106,4	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	19 457	8 467	5 053	312 801	191 533	-38,8	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	147 883	107 353	130 489	1 492 107	1 087 047	-27,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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

			Aug. 2016	Jul. 2017	Aug. 2017	Jan. - Aug. 2016	Jan. - Aug. 2017	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	703	409	701	5 023	4 687	-6,7	
		square metres	38 154	23 613	33 969	246 467	231 742	-6,0	
		R'000	171 518	118 045	151 771	969 647	995 230	2,6	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	367	272	289	2 979	2 326	-21,9	
		square metres	99 547	82 967	82 259	853 975	758 921	-11,1	
		R'000	768 098	666 608	645 966	6 307 280	5 878 514	-6,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	346	478	495	3 131	5 172	65,2	
		square metres	25 622	49 699	61 473	306 129	475 129	55,2	
		R'000	219 478	446 714	527 418	2 503 299	4 034 755	61,2	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	847	0	6 418	128 661	1 904,7	
		R'000	0	4 138	0	52 536	1 359 092	2 487,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 159 094	1 235 505	1 325 155	9 832 762	12 267 591	24,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	5 871	3 334	8 713	180 778	168 850	-6,6	
		R'000	48 104	27 511	87 120	1 690 831	1 737 138	2,7	
	Shopping space	square metres	3 711	2 715	13 305	78 060	117 255	50,2	
		R'000	34 133	26 808	121 772	618 569	972 872	57,3	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	21 562	95 143	7 695	311 346	347 218	11,5	
		R'000	106 145	462 693	42 467	1 562 126	1 756 568	12,4	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 531	5 506	7 833	100 132	56 687	-43,4	
		R'000	10 083	49 912	72 441	624 739	458 781	-26,6	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	198 465	566 924	323 800	4 496 265	4 925 359	9,5	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	18 992	16 089	26 983	155 384	164 281	5,7	
		R'000	131 476	123 465	213 293	1 070 346	1 215 441	13,6	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	8 584	1 212	4 529	57 491	48 996	-14,8	
		R'000	53 289	15 643	43 974	520 010	447 917	-13,9	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	184 765	139 108	257 267	1 590 356	1 663 358	4,6	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	1 542 324	1 941 537	1 906 222	15 919 383	18 856 308	18,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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

			Aug. 2016	Jul. 2017	Aug. 2017	Jan. - Aug. 2016	Jan. - Aug. 2017	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	91	56	51	732	467	-36,2	
		square metres	4 368	3 596	1 922	35 872	22 126	-38,3	
		R'000	15 594	19 937	9 152	138 347	93 654	-32,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	52	51	43	566	283	-50,0	
		square metres	10 451	8 731	9 840	126 447	62 522	-50,6	
		R'000	44 417	45 736	50 192	575 199	308 201	-46,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	8	0	26	148	218	47,3	
		square metres	331	0	3 494	9 886	23 685	139,6	
		R'000	1 492	0	16 635	44 340	110 494	149,2	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	1 001	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	4 505	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	61 503	65 673	75 979	762 391	512 349	-32,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	2 640	8 655	2 965	-65,7	
		R'000	0	0	12 569	46 340	14 032	-69,7	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 225	175	8 271	16 180	95,6	
		R'000	0	6 533	833	51 226	77 259	50,8	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	431	0	216	23 419	12 180	-48,0	
		R'000	1 728	0	1 554	117 800	59 461	-49,5	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	856	0	242	6 482	2 587	-60,1	
		R'000	3 424	0	1 741	27 979	13 469	-51,9	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	5 152	6 533	16 697	243 345	164 221	-32,5
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 287	1 212	2 009	50 905	22 245	-56,3
R'000			22 454	6 548	9 988	215 714	100 957	-53,2	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	0	0	2 958	10 645	4 658	-56,2	
		R'000	1 778	0	20 078	61 522	38 939	-36,7	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	24 232	6 548	30 066	277 236	139 896	-49,5	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	90 887	78 754	122 742	1 282 972	816 466	-36,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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

			Aug. 2016	Jul. 2017	Aug. 2017	Jan. - Aug. 2016	Jan. - Aug. 2017	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	20	12	112	579	417,0	
		square metres	670	1 285	740	6 775	26 293	288,1	
		R'000	3 350	6 718	3 915	33 782	66 399	96,6	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	21	27	23	190	169	-11,1	
		square metres	5 963	5 356	6 859	48 458	44 289	-8,6	
		R'000	28 799	28 682	35 620	232 299	224 161	-3,5	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	13	10	0	174	116	-33,3	
		square metres	2 173	1 186	0	16 662	12 836	-23,0	
		R'000	10 865	6 274	0	83 993	62 898	-25,1	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	172	1 051	0	344	6 803	1 877,6	
		R'000	860	4 474	0	1 720	33 234	1 832,2	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	43 874	46 148	39 535	351 794	386 692	9,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	370	0	0	1 898	1 322	-30,3	
		R'000	1 850	0	0	9 446	6 714	-28,9	
	Shopping space	square metres	3 039	1 320	0	3 039	1 478	-51,4	
		R'000	11 549	7 263	0	11 549	8 053	-30,3	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 969	20 033	0	5 857	25 814	340,7	
		R'000	9 845	99 347	0	29 055	128 077	340,8	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	14	0	1 405	858	2 844	231,5	
		R'000	70	0	7 432	4 330	14 627	237,8	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	23 314	106 610	7 432	54 380	157 471	189,6
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	457	72	441	4 536	2 360	-48,0
R'000			2 127	334	2 333	21 676	11 408	-47,4	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	60	0	0	536	2 373	342,7	
		R'000	300	0	500	7 743	15 702	102,8	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	2 427	334	2 833	29 419	27 110	-7,8	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	69 615	153 092	49 800	435 593	571 273	31,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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

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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 August 2017 was 95,5%. The improved collection rate for July 2017 was 95,5%.
Statistical unit	7	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	8	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85 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 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](#)
- 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: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* is published with the revised and updated information at provincial and municipal level for the previous calendar year. Due to this comprehensive revision, the monthly statistical release P5041.1 reflects provincial revision where applicable.
- Related publications** 15 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:
- P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* issued annually.
 - P9101.2: *Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region* issued annually.
 - *Building Statistics* (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	..	no meaningful percentage change between two specified periods available since either one or both of the totals are nil
	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	Include – <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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