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Results for January to June 2018

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:
January to June 2017 versus January to June 2018**

Estimates at current prices	January to June 2017 1/	January to June 2018 1/	Difference in value between January to June 2017 and January to June 2018	% change between January to June 2017 and January to June 2018
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	25 035 990	27 071 004	2 035 014	8,1
-Dwelling-houses	15 816 584	16 087 220	270 636	1,7
-Flats and townhouses	8 942 284	9 638 382	696 098	7,8
-Other residential buildings	277 122	1 345 402	1 068 280	385,5
Non-residential buildings	11 059 452	11 551 502	492 050	4,4
Additions and alterations	13 211 486	14 215 427	1 003 941	7,6
Total	49 306 928	52 837 933	3 531 005	7,2

1/ 2017 and 2018 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) increased by 7,2% (R3 531,0 million) during January to June 2018 compared with January to June 2017.

Increases were recorded for residential buildings (8,1% or R2 035,0 million), additions and alterations (7,6% or R1 003,9 million) and non-residential buildings (4,4% or R492,1 million) – see Table A.

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to June 2017 versus January to June 2018**

Estimates at current prices	January to June 2017 1/	January to June 2018 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to June 2017	% change between January to June 2017 and January to June 2018	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January to June 2017 and January to June 2018 2/	Difference in value between January to June 2017 and January to June 2018
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	14 183 648	17 210 694	28,8	21,3	6,1	3 027 046
Eastern Cape	2 748 341	3 574 018	5,6	30,0	1,7	825 677
Northern Cape	355 878	511 386	0,7	43,7	0,3	155 508
Free State	1 638 842	2 011 368	3,3	22,7	0,8	372 526
KwaZulu-Natal	9 255 122	9 459 686	18,8	2,2	0,4	204 564
North West	1 990 568	1 517 399	4,0	-23,8	-1,0	-473 169
Gauteng	16 609 063	15 958 834	33,7	-3,9	-1,3	-650 229
Mpumalanga	1 508 185	1 771 772	3,1	17,5	0,5	263 587
Limpopo	1 017 281	822 776	2,1	-19,1	-0,4	-194 505
Total	49 306 928	52 837 933	100,0	7,2	7,2	3 531 005

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2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January to June 2017 and January to June 2018 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during January to June 2017, divided by 100.

The largest positive contributions to the total increase of 7,2% (R3 531,0 million) were made by Western Cape (contributing 6,1 percentage points or R3 027,0 million) and Eastern Cape (1,7 percentage points or R825,7 million). Gauteng (contributing -1,3 percentage points or -R650,2 million) and North West (contributing -1,0 percentage point or -R473,2 million) were the largest negative contributors – see Table B.

**Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices:
January to June 2017 versus January to June 2018**

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to June 2017 1/	January to June 2018 1/	Difference in value between January to June 2017 and January to June 2018	% change between January to June 2017 and January to June 2018
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	22 492 787	23 551 303	1 058 516	4,7
Non-residential buildings	9 942 374	10 053 693	111 319	1,1
Additions and alterations	11 868 411	12 368 236	499 825	4,2
Total	44 303 572	45 973 232	1 669 660	3,8

1/ 2017 and 2018 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) increased by 3,8% (R1 669,7 million) year-on-year during January to June 2018. Increases were recorded for residential buildings (4,7% or R1 058,5 million), additions and alterations (4,2% or R499,8 million) and non-residential buildings (1,1% or R111,3 million) – see Table C.

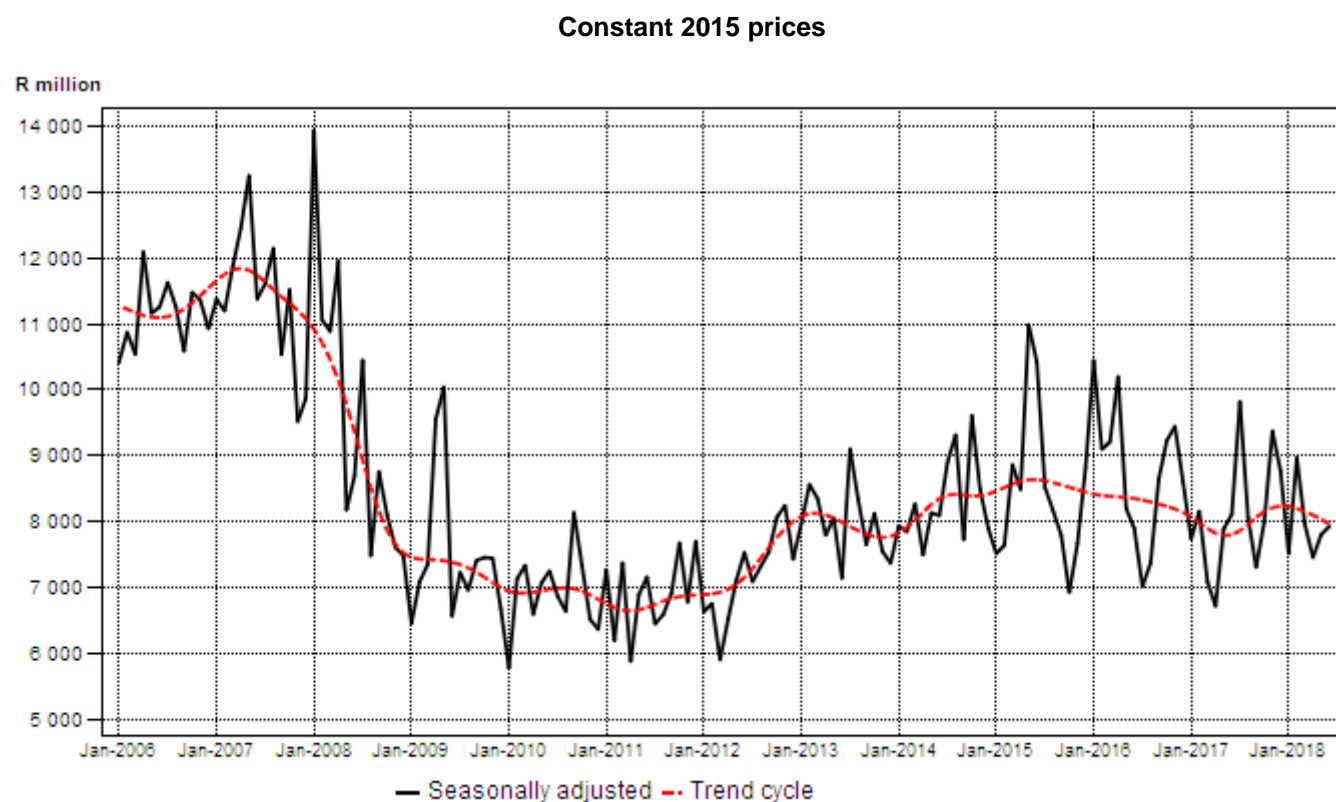
Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to March 2018	April to June 2018	% change between January to March 2018 and April to June 2018
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	12 204 936	12 145 295	-0,5
Non-residential buildings 1/	5 276 823	4 776 870	-9,5
Additions and alterations	6 962 292	6 268 124	-10,0
Total	24 444 051	23 190 289	-5,1

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 decreased by 5,1% in the second quarter of 2018 compared with the previous quarter. Decreases were recorded for additions and alterations (-10,0%), non-residential buildings (-9,5%) and residential buildings (-0,5%) – see Table D.

Figure 1 – Real value of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities

**Table E – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices:
January to June 2017 versus January to June 2018**

Estimates at current prices	January to June 2017 1/	January to June 2018 1/	Difference in value between January to June 2017 and January to June 2018	% change between January to June 2017 and January to June 2018
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	18 841 924	16 500 540	-2 341 384	-12,4
-Dwelling-houses	11 153 616	10 322 999	-830 617	-7,4
-Flats and townhouses	5 631 718	5 915 579	283 861	5,0
-Other residential buildings	2 056 590	261 962	-1 794 628	-87,3
Non-residential buildings	9 689 711	7 086 690	-2 603 021	-26,9
Additions and alterations	5 438 027	5 672 291	234 264	4,3
Total	33 969 662	29 259 521	-4 710 141	-13,9

1/ 2017 and 2018 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 13,9% (-R4 710,1 million) during January to June 2018 compared with January to June 2017.

Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-26,9% or -R2 603,0 million) and residential buildings (-12,4% or -R2 341,4 million). An increase was recorded for additions and alterations (4,3% or R234,3 million) – see Table E.

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to June 2017 versus January to June 2018**

Estimates at current prices	January to June 2017 1/	January to June 2018 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to June 2017	% change between January to June 2017 and January to June 2018	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January to June 2017 and January to June 2018	Difference in value between January to June 2017 and January to June 2018
	R'000	R'000			2/	R'000
Western Cape	9 248 979	9 176 525	27,2	-0,8	-0,2	-72 454
Eastern Cape	884 776	990 431	2,6	11,9	0,3	105 655
Northern Cape	163 986	214 441	0,5	30,8	0,1	50 455
Free State	485 394	543 010	1,4	11,9	0,2	57 616
KwaZulu-Natal	6 345 422	4 124 823	18,7	-35,0	-6,5	-2 220 599
North West	849 205	1 194 264	2,5	40,6	1,0	345 059
Gauteng	15 008 549	11 687 996	44,2	-22,1	-9,8	-3 320 553
Mpumalanga	614 970	848 993	1,8	38,1	0,7	234 023
Limpopo	368 381	479 038	1,1	30,0	0,3	110 657
Total	33 969 662	29 259 521	100,0	-13,9	-13,9	-4 710 141

1/ 2017 and 2018 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 June 2017 and January to June 2018 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January to June 2017, divided by 100.

Three provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed during January to June 2018. The largest contributions were recorded for Gauteng (contributing -9,8 percentage points or -R3 320,6 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -6,5 percentage points or -R2 220,6 million) – see Table F.

**Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices:
January to June 2017 versus January to June 2018**

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to June 2017 1/	January to June 2018 1/	Difference in value between January to June 2017 and January to June 2018	% change between January to June 2017 and January to June 2018
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	16 932 604	14 355 972	-2 576 632	-15,2
Non-residential buildings	8 702 014	6 167 394	-2 534 620	-29,1
Additions and alterations	4 886 217	4 936 306	50 089	1,0
Total	30 520 835	25 459 672	-5 061 163	-16,6

1/ 2017 and 2018 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 16,6% (-R5 061,2 million) year-on-year during January to June 2018. Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-29,1% or -R2 534,6 million) and residential buildings (-15,2% or -R2 576,6 million) – see Table G.

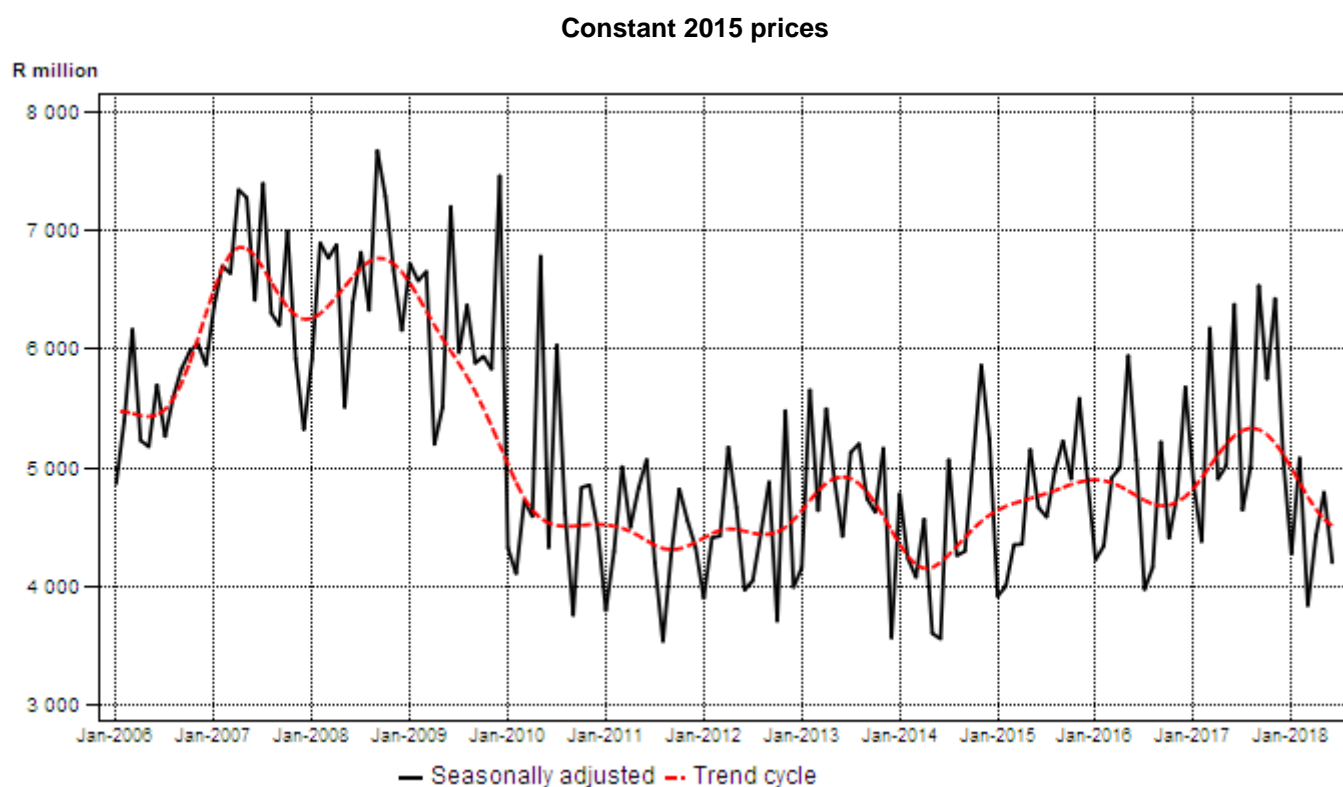
Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to March 2018	April to June 2018	% change between January to March 2018 and April to June 2018
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	7 565 105	7 834 482	3,6
Non-residential buildings 1/	2 944 413	3 222 981	9,5
Additions and alterations	2 679 096	2 363 968	-11,8
Total	13 188 614	13 421 431	1,8

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 increased by 1,8% in the second quarter of 2018 compared with the previous quarter. Increases were recorded for non-residential buildings (9,5%) and residential buildings (3,6%). A decrease was recorded for additions and alterations (-11,8%) – 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/
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	2 310 636	-13,2	2 161 104	1,7	9 011 166	-3,9
	March	4 237 489	-7,9	1 675 826	-36,7	2 277 738	10,8	8 191 053	-12,0
	April	3 673 952	-33,0	1 002 693	-64,7	1 983 859	-16,9	6 660 504	-37,8
	May	4 647 680	10,4	1 983 293	-12,0	2 442 934	9,0	9 073 907	4,3
	June	4 775 996	-5,0	2 192 921	40,6	2 642 793	9,4	9 611 710	6,8
	July	5 658 090	50,4	2 811 554	103,3	2 626 367	3,7	11 096 011	44,5
	August	4 041 399	-8,6	2 874 162	60,0	2 958 451	29,1	9 874 012	16,0
	September	4 486 618	-6,6	1 498 229	-40,4	2 705 724	-0,1	8 690 571	-13,3
	October	5 302 305	-2,2	1 903 123	-26,5	2 993 633	10,2	10 199 061	-4,9
	November	4 585 400	-5,0	3 903 092	14,0	2 785 284	13,3	11 273 776	5,2
	December	4 230 596	-10,7	2 535 273	66,5	1 982 402	1,4	8 748 271	6,5
	Total	53 340 398	-2,8	26 584 885	-10,6	29 263 347	7,0	109 188 630	-2,5
2018	January	3 423 823	8,3	1 326 388	-30,0	2 048 834	20,3	6 799 045	0,6
	February	4 728 955	4,2	3 173 522	37,3	2 360 140	9,2	10 262 617	13,9
	March	4 324 029	2,0	1 544 746	-7,8	2 547 968	11,9	8 416 743	2,8
	April	4 593 385	25,0	1 718 431	71,4	2 162 953	9,0	8 474 769	27,2
	May	5 131 820	10,4	1 828 552	-7,8	2 500 202	2,3	9 460 574	4,3
	June	4 868 992	1,9	1 959 863	-10,6	2 595 330	-1,8	9 424 185	-2,0

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 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/
2017	January	4 342 532	-22,8	1 894 083	24,4	2 302 584	-3,3	8 539 199	-10,4
	February	4 472 055	3,0	2 310 636	22,0	2 238 184	-2,8	9 020 875	5,6
	March	3 885 091	-13,1	1 675 826	-27,5	2 267 394	1,3	7 828 311	-13,2
	April	4 186 925	7,8	1 002 693	-40,2	2 341 642	3,3	7 531 260	-3,8
	May	4 457 348	6,5	1 983 293	97,8	2 396 732	2,4	8 837 373	17,3
	June	4 362 211	-2,1	2 192 921	10,6	2 527 290	5,4	9 082 422	2,8
	July	5 785 223	32,6	2 811 554	28,2	2 419 332	-4,3	11 016 109	21,3
	August	3 651 904	-36,9	2 874 162	2,2	2 534 629	4,8	9 060 695	-17,8
	September	4 342 197	18,9	1 498 229	-47,9	2 434 678	-3,9	8 275 104	-8,7
	October	4 604 746	6,0	1 903 123	27,0	2 636 656	8,3	9 144 525	10,5
	November	4 288 291	-6,9	3 903 092	105,1	2 568 197	-2,6	10 759 580	17,7
	December	5 073 809	18,3	2 535 273	-35,0	2 505 998	-2,4	10 115 080	-6,0
2018	January	4 613 300	-9,1	1 326 388	-47,7	2 667 366	6,4	8 607 054	-14,9
	February	4 622 663	0,2	3 173 522	139,3	2 465 108	-7,6	10 261 293	19,2
	March	4 741 160	2,6	1 544 746	-51,3	2 927 297	18,7	9 213 203	-10,2
	April	4 598 708	-3,0	1 718 431	11,2	2 237 521	-23,6	8 554 660	-7,1
	May	4 702 221	2,3	1 828 552	6,4	2 441 779	9,1	8 972 552	4,9
	June	4 626 557	-1,6	1 959 863	7,2	2 573 445	5,4	9 159 865	2,1
	Jan. – Mar. 18	13 977 123		6 044 656		8 059 771		28 081 550	
	Apr. – Jun. 18 2/	13 927 486	-0,4	5 506 846	-8,9	7 252 745	-10,0	26 687 077	-5,0

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/
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	2 085 412	-18,3	1 950 455	-4,3	8 132 822	-9,6
	March	3 814 122	-13,3	1 508 394	-40,4	2 050 169	4,3	7 372 685	-17,1
	April	3 300 945	-36,6	900 892	-66,5	1 782 443	-21,3	5 984 280	-41,1
	May	4 138 629	3,9	1 766 067	-17,1	2 175 364	2,6	8 080 060	-1,9
	June	4 268 093	-9,3	1 959 715	34,2	2 361 745	4,4	8 589 553	1,9
	July	5 051 866	43,8	2 510 316	94,4	2 344 971	-0,8	9 907 153	38,2
	August	3 589 164	-13,0	2 552 542	52,3	2 627 399	22,9	8 769 105	10,4
	September	3 956 453	-11,4	1 321 190	-43,5	2 386 000	-5,3	7 663 643	-17,8
	October	4 642 999	-7,7	1 666 482	-30,6	2 621 395	4,0	8 930 876	-10,2
	November	3 990 775	-10,1	3 396 947	7,8	2 424 094	7,2	9 811 816	-0,4
	December	3 678 779	-14,9	2 204 585	58,7	1 723 828	-3,3	7 607 192	1,5
	Total	47 402 823	-8,0	23 594 436	-15,9	25 996 098	1,3	96 993 357	-7,8
2018	January	2 990 238	4,0	1 158 417	-32,7	1 789 375	15,6	5 938 030	-3,4
	February	4 130 092	0,8	2 771 635	32,9	2 061 258	5,7	8 962 985	10,2
	March	3 769 860	-1,2	1 346 771	-10,7	2 221 419	8,4	7 338 050	-0,5
	April	3 994 248	21,0	1 494 288	65,9	1 880 829	5,5	7 369 365	23,1
	May	4 458 575	7,7	1 588 664	-10,0	2 172 200	-0,1	8 219 439	1,7
	June	4 208 290	-1,4	1 693 918	-13,6	2 243 155	-5,0	8 145 363	-5,2

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/
2017	January	3 930 570	-21,8	1 721 894	24,0	2 089 004	-4,5	7 741 468	-10,0
	February	4 048 120	3,0	2 085 412	21,1	2 025 015	-3,1	8 158 547	5,4
	March	3 547 985	-12,4	1 508 394	-27,7	2 033 570	0,4	7 089 949	-13,1
	April	3 765 705	6,1	900 892	-40,3	2 054 564	1,0	6 721 161	-5,2
	May	3 994 380	6,1	1 766 067	96,0	2 129 314	3,6	7 889 761	17,4
	June	3 882 355	-2,8	1 959 715	11,0	2 269 839	6,6	8 111 909	2,8
	July	5 135 270	32,3	2 510 316	28,1	2 172 671	-4,3	9 818 257	21,0
	August	3 247 911	-36,8	2 552 542	1,7	2 262 002	4,1	8 062 455	-17,9
	September	3 833 549	18,0	1 321 190	-48,2	2 155 190	-4,7	7 309 929	-9,3
	October	4 021 858	4,9	1 666 482	26,1	2 308 538	7,1	7 996 878	9,4
	November	3 723 717	-7,4	3 396 947	103,8	2 254 167	-2,4	9 374 831	17,2
	December	4 369 477	17,3	2 204 585	-35,1	2 192 860	-2,7	8 766 922	-6,5
2018	January	4 041 164	-7,5	1 158 417	-47,5	2 316 712	5,6	7 516 293	-14,3
	February	4 049 899	0,2	2 771 635	139,3	2 150 831	-7,2	8 972 365	19,4
	March	4 113 873	1,6	1 346 771	-51,4	2 494 749	16,0	7 955 393	-11,3
	April	4 028 975	-2,1	1 494 288	11,0	1 935 079	-22,4	7 458 342	-6,2
	May	4 089 479	1,5	1 588 664	6,3	2 125 505	9,8	7 803 648	4,6
	June	4 026 841	-1,5	1 693 918	6,6	2 207 540	3,9	7 928 299	1,6
	Jan. – Mar. 18	12 204 936		5 276 823		6 962 292		24 444 051	
	Apr. – Jun. 18 2/	12 145 295	-0,5	4 776 870	-9,5	6 268 124	-10,0	23 190 289	-5,1

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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/
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	3 021 402	20,3	1 538 208	27,6	1 121 295	41,6	5 680 905	26,0
	September	3 017 108	-17,3	3 501 830	164,1	1 234 363	25,5	7 753 301	30,1
	October	3 332 642	9,2	2 668 765	187,5	831 585	-18,6	6 832 992	36,6
	November	3 663 759	21,0	3 257 545	93,7	1 141 897	9,7	8 063 201	40,2
	December	4 159 930	-7,9	863 246	-12,4	958 305	9,8	5 981 481	-6,2
	Total	38 828 606	11,0	22 938 236	43,8	11 603 974	10,7	73 370 816	19,5
2018	January	2 357 400	-0,1	807 034	-39,1	792 693	4,9	3 957 127	-10,9
	February	2 996 399	0,3	1 521 419	91,7	1 053 541	25,5	5 571 359	20,6
	March	2 351 240	-34,5	1 044 722	-57,7	1 068 288	-2,6	4 464 250	-37,6
	April	2 961 916	-20,4	1 205 988	44,3	890 508	29,3	5 058 412	-3,6
	May	2 816 722	-6,0	1 560 318	7,0	946 119	0,8	5 323 159	-1,3
	June	3 016 863	-5,3	947 209	-66,3	921 142	-17,7	4 885 214	-31,3

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/
2017	January	3 085 583	-27,9	1 324 149	34,4	961 604	-3,4	5 371 336	-14,2
	February	3 236 511	4,9	793 718	-40,1	813 545	-15,4	4 843 774	-9,8
	March	3 554 833	9,8	2 469 283	211,1	824 489	1,3	6 848 605	41,4
	April	3 756 404	5,7	835 924	-66,1	855 745	3,8	5 448 073	-20,4
	May	3 221 961	-14,2	1 458 694	74,5	948 673	10,9	5 629 328	3,3
	June	3 243 046	0,7	2 807 943	92,5	1 082 058	14,1	7 133 047	26,7
	July	2 851 087	-12,1	1 418 931	-49,5	921 968	-14,8	5 191 986	-27,2
	August	3 032 047	6,3	1 538 208	8,4	1 065 392	15,6	5 635 647	8,5
	September	2 773 156	-8,5	3 501 830	127,7	1 133 825	6,4	7 408 811	31,5
	October	3 100 136	11,8	2 668 765	-23,8	797 367	-29,7	6 566 268	-11,4
	November	3 051 228	-1,6	3 257 545	22,1	1 074 025	34,7	7 382 798	12,4
	December	3 924 679	28,6	863 246	-73,5	1 072 322	-0,2	5 860 247	-20,6
2018	January	3 081 963	-21,5	807 034	-6,5	1 011 613	-5,7	4 900 610	-16,4
	February	3 255 496	5,6	1 521 419	88,5	1 037 690	2,6	5 814 605	18,7
	March	2 328 094	-28,5	1 044 722	-31,3	1 021 636	-1,5	4 394 452	-24,4
	April	2 989 322	28,4	1 205 988	15,4	887 545	-13,1	5 082 855	15,7
	May	2 999 870	0,4	1 560 318	29,4	951 448	7,2	5 511 636	8,4
	June	3 032 156	1,1	947 209	-39,3	879 561	-7,6	4 858 926	-11,8
	Jan. – Mar. 18	8 665 553		3 373 175		3 070 939		15 109 667	
	Apr. – Jun. 18 2/	9 021 348	4,1	3 713 515	10,1	2 718 554	-11,5	15 453 417	2,3

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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/
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	2 683 306	14,5	1 366 082	21,4	995 821	34,8	5 045 209	20,0
	September	2 660 589	-21,6	3 088 034	150,3	1 088 504	18,9	6 837 127	23,4
	October	2 918 250	3,1	2 336 922	171,4	728 183	-23,2	5 983 355	29,0
	November	3 188 650	14,5	2 835 113	83,2	993 818	3,8	7 017 581	32,7
	December	3 617 330	-12,2	750 649	-16,5	833 309	4,6	5 201 288	-10,6
	Total	34 493 444	5,2	20 345 717	35,7	10 310 229	4,8	65 149 390	13,1
2018	January	2 058 865	-4,0	704 833	-41,4	692 308	0,8	3 456 006	-14,4
	February	2 616 942	-2,9	1 328 750	85,5	920 123	21,4	4 865 815	16,7
	March	2 049 904	-36,6	910 830	-59,0	931 376	-5,6	3 892 110	-39,6
	April	2 575 579	-23,0	1 048 685	39,6	774 355	25,2	4 398 619	-6,7
	May	2 447 195	-8,3	1 355 619	4,4	821 997	-1,6	4 624 811	-3,7
	June	2 607 487	-8,4	818 677	-67,4	796 147	-20,4	4 222 311	-33,6

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/
2017	January	2 797 811	-27,8	1 203 772	33,9	871 310	-3,8	4 872 893	-14,2
	February	2 922 974	4,5	716 352	-40,5	736 077	-15,5	4 375 403	-10,2
	March	3 209 593	9,8	2 222 577	210,3	743 825	1,1	6 175 995	41,2
	April	3 384 142	5,4	751 055	-66,2	768 319	3,3	4 903 516	-20,6
	May	2 870 850	-15,2	1 298 926	72,9	845 940	10,1	5 015 716	2,3
	June	2 897 470	0,9	2 509 332	93,2	969 543	14,6	6 376 345	27,1
	July	2 550 597	-12,0	1 266 903	-49,5	824 238	-15,0	4 641 738	-27,2
	August	2 694 803	5,7	1 366 082	7,8	947 304	14,9	5 008 189	7,9
	September	2 447 819	-9,2	3 088 034	126,1	999 828	5,5	6 535 681	30,5
	October	2 714 883	10,9	2 336 922	-24,3	694 247	-30,6	5 746 052	-12,1
	November	2 654 268	-2,2	2 835 113	21,3	934 071	34,5	6 423 452	11,8
	December	3 388 643	27,7	750 649	-73,5	931 064	-0,3	5 070 356	-21,1
2018	January	2 684 928	-20,8	704 833	-6,1	880 892	-5,4	4 270 653	-15,8
	February	2 844 919	6,0	1 328 750	88,5	908 860	3,2	5 082 529	19,0
	March	2 035 258	-28,5	910 830	-31,5	889 344	-2,1	3 835 432	-24,5
	April	2 605 787	28,0	1 048 685	15,1	774 102	-13,0	4 428 574	15,5
	May	2 608 355	0,1	1 355 619	29,3	827 953	7,0	4 791 927	8,2
	June	2 620 340	0,5	818 677	-39,6	761 913	-8,0	4 200 930	-12,3
	Jan. – Mar. 18	7 565 105		2 944 413		2 679 096		13 188 614	
	Apr. – Jun. 18 2/	7 834 482	3,6	3 222 981	9,5	2 363 968	-11,8	13 421 431	1,8

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 38.

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

			Jun. 2017	May 2018	Jun. 2018	Jan. - Jun. 2017	Jan. - Jun. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2 988	2 213	980	10 028	9 845	-1,8	
		square metres	137 925	100 077	52 415	475 203	460 407	-3,1	
		R'000	524 026	544 969	323 728	2 302 509	2 468 903	7,2	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 430	1 317	1 332	7 272	7 264	-0,1	
		square metres	379 420	355 226	333 968	1 967 047	1 901 359	-3,3	
		R'000	2 698 633	2 497 507	2 382 770	13 514 075	13 618 317	0,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 368	1 904	2 614	10 027	12 757	27,2	
		square metres	180 987	216 619	260 561	1 165 168	1 247 203	7,0	
		R'000	1 420 197	1 738 882	2 091 795	8 942 284	9 638 382	7,8	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	14 331	35 003	9 168	38 306	130 845	241,6	
		R'000	133 140	350 462	70 699	277 122	1 345 402	385,5	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	4 775 996	5 131 820	4 868 992	25 035 990	27 071 004	8,1
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	101 832	28 452	39 696	311 600	276 195	-11,4
R'000			950 251	257 499	300 984	2 854 342	2 581 905	-9,5	
Shopping space		square metres	39 433	45 423	37 530	280 311	282 645	0,8	
		R'000	316 696	376 068	272 145	2 298 144	2 239 668	-2,5	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	111 032	169 836	192 907	770 962	859 488	11,5	
		R'000	648 332	1 013 189	1 127 098	4 484 959	5 156 639	15,0	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	40 365	26 352	37 178	205 601	215 703	4,9	
		R'000	277 642	181 796	259 636	1 422 007	1 573 290	10,6	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	2 192 921	1 828 552	1 959 863	11 059 452	11 551 502	4,4	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	275 301	249 036	275 689	1 414 590	1 394 340	-1,4	
		R'000	1 909 704	1 815 727	1 976 903	9 753 585	10 049 675	3,0	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	71 146	87 948	70 156	361 794	466 179	28,9	
		R'000	733 089	684 475	618 427	3 457 901	4 165 752	20,5	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	2 642 793	2 500 202	2 595 330	13 211 486	14 215 427	7,6
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	9 611 710	9 460 574	9 424 185	49 306 928	52 837 933	7,2	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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

			Jun. 2017	May 2018	Jun. 2018	Jan. - Jun. 2017	Jan. - Jun. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	662	1 289	273	3 705	3 767	1,7
		square metres	29 931	53 649	12 418	172 184	165 446	-3,9
		R'000	178 180	311 334	80 435	1 041 329	970 830	-6,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	471	415	445	2 466	2 555	3,6
		square metres	114 458	114 238	109 246	582 965	619 212	6,2
		R'000	776 394	766 799	735 459	3 897 952	4 192 525	7,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	254	1 032	1 187	3 365	6 434	91,2
		square metres	39 468	110 092	116 230	368 578	628 744	70,6
		R'000	297 217	869 804	916 373	2 787 091	4 693 589	68,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	840	40	1 819	7 804	23 470	200,7
		R'000	6 667	348	13 029	52 240	181 605	247,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 258 458	1 948 285	1 745 296	7 778 612	10 038 549	29,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	36 510	2 537	10 848	105 862	49 420	-53,3
		R'000	321 555	21 950	63 298	933 935	378 717	-59,4
	Shopping space	square metres	12 430	20 965	7 564	55 261	82 137	48,6
		R'000	108 889	174 267	57 490	449 652	659 269	46,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	11 108	57 934	24 445	127 829	202 934	58,8
		R'000	78 554	394 193	173 475	900 762	1 373 638	52,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	11 194	5 518	7 833	39 566	87 543	121,3
		R'000	74 645	38 883	51 905	261 479	627 477	140,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	583 643	629 293	346 168	2 545 828	3 039 101	19,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	87 038	69 417	77 351	402 050	411 658	2,4
		R'000	558 913	470 051	525 041	2 619 797	2 785 602	6,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	29 213	22 396	21 904	111 601	131 626	17,9
		R'000	336 573	236 360	201 001	1 239 411	1 347 442	8,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	895 486	706 411	726 042	3 859 208	4 133 044	7,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 737 587	3 283 989	2 817 506	14 183 648	17 210 694	21,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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

			Jun. 2017	May 2018	Jun. 2018	Jan. - Jun. 2017	Jan. - Jun. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	29	61	83	1 073	969	-9,7
		square metres	1 933	2 812	5 097	48 635	44 397	-8,7
		R'000	12 105	18 740	32 126	232 570	276 302	18,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	137	139	156	507	666	31,4
		square metres	27 693	29 986	29 089	109 098	139 980	28,3
		R'000	171 721	193 022	184 488	644 928	888 848	37,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	34	19	54	205	1 063	418,5
		square metres	9 094	1 864	5 113	24 408	66 645	173,0
		R'000	53 770	10 767	32 645	137 379	414 703	201,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 350	0	6 066	1 574	-74,1
		R'000	0	6 902	0	36 010	8 413	-76,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	237 596	229 431	249 259	1 050 887	1 588 266	51,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	419	0	4 419	8 459	24 658	191,5
		R'000	2 894	0	30 055	46 883	154 158	228,8
	Shopping space	square metres	2 599	885	1 190	13 577	4 426	-67,4
		R'000	17 359	4 892	7 302	73 724	25 876	-64,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	30 843	4 891	9 765	85 977	74 633	-13,2
		R'000	182 117	26 527	51 899	487 686	413 182	-15,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	7 812	3 091	788	13 171	14 763	12,1
		R'000	42 380	17 365	4 403	70 665	78 653	11,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	244 750	48 784	93 659	678 958	671 869	-1,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	31 330	26 501	40 484	140 988	150 456	6,7
		R'000	172 587	159 200	245 206	841 454	921 402	9,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 222	25 859	9 311	28 428	69 412	144,2
		R'000	33 410	112 541	65 373	177 042	392 481	121,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	205 997	271 741	310 579	1 018 496	1 313 883	29,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	688 343	549 956	653 497	2 748 341	3 574 018	30,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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

			Jun. 2017	May 2018	Jun. 2018	Jan. - Jun. 2017	Jan. - Jun. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	1	0	17	8	-52,9
		square metres	62	78	0	999	423	-57,7
		R'000	334	627	0	5 342	3 401	-36,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	14	10	12	78	82	5,1
		square metres	3 300	1 842	2 520	16 899	14 936	-11,6
		R'000	20 989	13 207	16 702	113 958	100 099	-12,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	11	0	28	..
		square metres	0	0	1 031	0	2 317	..
		R'000	0	0	7 392	0	16 388	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	390	0	1 117	780	1 705	118,6
		R'000	2 535	0	7 819	5 070	11 935	135,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	23 858	13 834	31 913	124 370	131 823	6,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	417	818	0	417	8 087	1 839,3
		R'000	1 877	6 578	0	1 877	65 028	3 364,5
	Shopping space	square metres	4 856	1 583	2 073	4 856	3 656	-24,7
		R'000	31 564	12 729	16 669	31 564	29 398	-6,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 249	494	1 099	8 312	7 396	-11,0
		R'000	9 492	2 352	8 638	60 746	48 388	-20,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	200	0	658	2 199	234,2
		R'000	0	1 608	0	4 278	17 682	313,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	42 933	23 267	25 307	98 465	160 496	63,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 198	5 296	4 832	17 165	20 395	18,8
		R'000	21 921	39 678	34 416	117 766	147 315	25,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 686	1 027	503	2 209	8 876	301,8
		R'000	10 857	7 671	3 856	15 277	71 752	369,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	32 778	47 349	38 272	133 043	219 067	64,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	99 569	84 450	95 492	355 878	511 386	43,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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

			Jun. 2017	May 2018	Jun. 2018	Jan. - Jun. 2017	Jan. - Jun. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	25	16	55	103	87,3	
		square metres	90	1 403	944	3 074	5 715	85,9	
		R'000	522	9 716	6 362	17 435	35 498	103,6	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	54	54	53	343	338	-1,5	
		square metres	12 967	13 319	10 185	72 017	74 043	2,8	
		R'000	69 799	82 897	59 914	391 478	461 515	17,9	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	196	27	67	537	287	-46,6	
		square metres	18 689	1 901	10 746	66 463	21 537	-67,6	
		R'000	129 090	12 451	78 091	456 592	152 602	-66,6	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	162	1 920	3 019	1 377	11 050	702,5	
		R'000	972	10 872	22 359	7 362	73 653	900,4	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	200 383	115 936	166 726	872 867	723 268	-17,1
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	4 519	0	0	4 862	1 854	-61,9
R'000			36 152	0	0	38 896	13 497	-65,3	
Shopping space		square metres	0	187	140	5 893	18 023	205,8	
		R'000	0	1 385	1 037	32 010	123 630	286,2	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	2 287	22 605	12 512	22 877	43 446	89,9	
		R'000	13 265	143 921	92 664	112 668	296 394	163,1	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	3 585	2 821	2 466	8 234	6 245	-24,2	
		R'000	28 680	17 875	15 131	52 940	38 935	-26,5	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	78 097	163 181	108 832	236 514	472 456	99,8	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 381	9 379	9 770	67 015	66 047	-1,4
	R'000		45 618	57 430	62 744	353 660	426 452	20,6	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	57	3 312	4 596	15 462	47 073	204,4	
		R'000	5 556	22 415	31 389	175 801	389 192	121,4	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	51 174	79 845	94 133	529 461	815 644	54,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	329 654	358 962	369 691	1 638 842	2 011 368	22,7	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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

			Jun. 2017	May 2018	Jun. 2018	Jan. - Jun. 2017	Jan. - Jun. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	510	15	18	704	100	-85,8
		square metres	20 675	903	1 176	29 899	6 140	-79,5
		R'000	57 809	7 806	10 226	113 644	47 747	-58,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	110	106	82	635	525	-17,3
		square metres	34 497	31 325	26 094	193 592	162 831	-15,9
		R'000	327 691	295 401	243 905	1 804 860	1 584 828	-12,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	413	268	215	1 327	1 066	-19,7
		square metres	45 341	31 341	20 395	182 630	122 043	-33,2
		R'000	413 647	299 627	191 660	1 737 805	1 167 128	-32,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	9 423	23 235	1 916	12 615	75 278	496,7
		R'000	106 480	276 496	20 501	127 227	963 249	657,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	905 627	879 330	466 292	3 783 536	3 762 952	-0,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	15 718	4 912	4 955	68 264	102 428	50,0
		R'000	122 497	47 340	45 467	631 085	1 072 728	70,0
	Shopping space	square metres	10 497	2 198	4 571	112 817	44 379	-60,7
		R'000	101 816	24 208	50 281	1 099 247	466 506	-57,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	24 209	19 326	37 801	112 938	197 140	74,6
		R'000	139 066	115 410	239 706	661 151	1 204 485	82,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	950	8 446	4 217	24 053	26 468	10,0
		R'000	8 981	68 413	29 599	179 608	218 065	21,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	372 360	255 371	365 053	2 571 091	2 961 784	15,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	36 478	38 054	33 191	194 831	165 520	-15,0
		R'000	357 368	383 757	310 690	1 858 270	1 628 081	-12,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	17 825	15 024	17 451	94 305	97 279	3,2
		R'000	211 736	160 752	185 276	1 042 225	1 106 869	6,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	569 104	544 509	495 966	2 900 495	2 734 950	-5,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 847 091	1 679 210	1 327 311	9 255 122	9 459 686	2,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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

			Jun. 2017	May 2018	Jun. 2018	Jan. - Jun. 2017	Jan. - Jun. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	873	8	11	903	717	-20,6	
		square metres	39 389	397	776	41 270	30 038	-27,2	
		R'000	79 857	1 785	4 788	88 421	95 300	7,8	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	56	65	76	385	362	-6,0	
		square metres	13 854	15 490	19 726	99 151	92 297	-6,9	
		R'000	71 333	82 860	109 346	524 335	507 325	-3,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	52	66	74	1 357	718	-47,1	
		square metres	6 374	6 976	7 144	149 216	62 734	-58,0	
		R'000	39 306	36 033	42 521	890 377	326 311	-63,4	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	6 314	463	0	6 777	..	
		R'000	0	34 328	2 315	0	36 643	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	190 496	155 006	158 970	1 503 133	965 579	-35,8
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	56	791	0	1 597	2 996	87,6
R'000			224	4 153	0	10 173	15 272	50,1	
Shopping space		square metres	3 703	153	0	12 487	13 899	11,3	
		R'000	20 165	767	0	65 437	77 588	18,6	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	823	134	2 510	7 552	15 297	102,6	
		R'000	3 794	750	15 028	35 109	81 553	132,3	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	0	0	1 083	2 777	156,4	
		R'000	0	0	0	4 796	13 339	178,1	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	24 183	5 670	15 028	115 515	187 752	62,5	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 998	14 789	10 046	62 055	61 609	-0,7	
		R'000	62 335	76 929	54 590	310 017	326 727	5,4	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 207	2 279	1 188	8 142	5 430	-33,3	
		R'000	14 975	16 542	8 575	61 903	37 341	-39,7	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	77 310	93 471	63 165	371 920	364 068	-2,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	291 989	254 147	237 163	1 990 568	1 517 399	-23,8	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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

			Jun. 2017	May 2018	Jun. 2018	Jan. - Jun. 2017	Jan. - Jun. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	879	721	541	2 923	3 918	34,0	
		square metres	43 974	35 678	29 831	145 674	193 471	32,8	
		R'000	186 606	167 319	177 877	649 886	963 324	48,2	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	437	358	407	2 069	2 007	-3,0	
		square metres	128 885	103 922	104 444	677 833	591 648	-12,7	
		R'000	1 004 875	806 061	836 475	5 023 614	4 706 219	-6,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	369	484	983	2 986	2 979	-0,2	
		square metres	57 777	63 916	97 978	342 273	326 485	-4,6	
		R'000	466 450	507 289	813 373	2 761 950	2 778 164	0,6	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 550	834	4 646	3 190	-31,3	
		R'000	0	17 431	4 676	25 967	27 002	4,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 657 931	1 498 100	1 832 401	8 461 417	8 474 709	0,2
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	43 598	12 307	18 504	106 350	77 147	-27,5
R'000			462 077	131 146	157 546	1 115 729	824 051	-26,1	
Shopping space		square metres	4 078	17 383	21 992	49 325	95 884	94,4	
		R'000	30 867	148 079	139 366	392 372	759 115	93,5	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	29 495	55 144	102 093	376 819	268 022	-28,9	
		R'000	157 183	284 810	528 538	2 079 705	1 459 226	-29,8	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	15 428	5 757	21 874	91 440	67 147	-26,6	
		R'000	116 050	34 859	158 598	693 319	536 420	-22,6	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	766 177	598 894	984 048	4 281 125	3 578 812	-16,4	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	80 385	66 123	85 089	442 653	421 698	-4,7	
		R'000	605 853	522 168	662 208	3 231 077	3 286 302	1,7	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	15 010	12 616	12 475	91 852	86 122	-6,2	
		R'000	92 118	79 929	91 977	635 444	619 011	-2,6	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	697 971	602 097	754 185	3 866 521	3 905 313	1,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 122 079	2 699 091	3 570 634	16 609 063	15 958 834	-3,9	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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

			Jun. 2017	May 2018	Jun. 2018	Jan. - Jun. 2017	Jan. - Jun. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	24	35	31	533	122	-77,1
		square metres	1 358	1 903	1 695	26 198	6 755	-74,2
		R'000	6 048	11 403	9 385	110 180	35 857	-67,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	113	120	55	511	467	-8,6
		square metres	31 333	29 901	17 754	136 265	125 307	-8,0
		R'000	193 520	177 992	117 000	711 467	752 551	5,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	18	0	5	76	78	2,6
		square metres	1 006	0	820	5 641	5 776	2,4
		R'000	4 527	0	3 904	25 519	31 288	22,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	737	594	0	2 239	7 492	234,6
		R'000	3 317	4 085	0	10 077	41 588	312,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	207 412	193 480	130 289	857 243	861 284	0,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	6 019	970	4 594	7 475	62,7
		R'000	0	40 732	4 618	20 788	47 664	129,3
	Shopping space	square metres	785	795	0	18 632	17 566	-5,7
		R'000	3 611	4 004	0	116 531	85 691	-26,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	9 854	7 581	2 682	19 567	32 640	66,8
		R'000	59 041	36 090	17 150	103 348	188 367	82,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	152	0	9 755	5 997	-38,5
		R'000	0	1 047	0	44 334	30 855	-30,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	62 652	81 873	21 768	285 001	352 577	23,7
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 059	15 078	11 036	59 643	24,3
			R'000	67 782	83 694	62 371	281 960	45,3
		Other buildings 4/	square metres	956	3 906	2 728	6 504	96,1
			R'000	22 000	38 015	26 980	83 981	76,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	89 782	121 709	89 351	365 941	557 911	52,5
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	359 846	397 062	241 408	1 508 185	1 771 772	17,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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

			Jun. 2017	May 2018	Jun. 2018	Jan. - Jun. 2017	Jan. - Jun. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	8	58	7	115	141	22,6	
		square metres	513	3 254	478	7 270	8 022	10,3	
		R'000	2 565	16 239	2 529	43 702	40 644	-7,0	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	38	50	46	278	262	-5,8	
		square metres	12 433	15 203	14 910	79 227	81 105	2,4	
		R'000	62 311	79 268	79 481	401 483	424 407	5,7	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	32	8	18	174	104	-40,2	
		square metres	3 238	529	1 104	25 959	10 922	-57,9	
		R'000	16 190	2 911	5 836	145 571	58 209	-60,0	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 779	0	0	2 779	309	-88,9	
		R'000	13 169	0	0	13 169	1 314	-90,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	94 235	98 418	87 846	603 925	524 574	-13,1
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	595	1 068	0	11 195	2 130	-81,0
R'000			2 975	5 600	0	54 976	10 790	-80,4	
Shopping space		square metres	485	1 274	0	7 463	2 675	-64,2	
		R'000	2 425	5 737	0	37 607	12 595	-66,5	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	1 164	1 727	0	9 091	17 980	97,8	
		R'000	5 820	9 136	0	43 784	91 406	108,8	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	1 396	367	0	17 641	2 564	-85,5	
		R'000	6 906	1 746	0	110 588	11 864	-89,3	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	18 126	22 219	0	246 955	126 655	-48,7	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 434	4 399	3 890	28 190	22 836	-19,0
	R'000		17 327	22 820	19 637	139 584	118 031	-15,4	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	970	1 529	0	3 291	7 606	131,1	
		R'000	5 864	10 250	4 000	26 817	53 516	99,6	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	23 191	33 070	23 637	166 401	171 547	3,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	135 552	153 707	111 483	1 017 281	822 776	-19,1	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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

			Jun. 2017	May 2018	Jun. 2018	Jan. - Jun. 2017	Jan. - Jun. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 668	820	955	8 133	4 745	-41,7
		square metres	78 925	44 082	49 748	386 841	238 946	-38,2
		R'000	335 554	265 259	294 488	1 772 979	1 358 039	-23,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	956	953	811	4 822	4 716	-2,2
		square metres	255 199	251 603	220 243	1 321 476	1 230 780	-6,9
		R'000	1 842 822	1 780 103	1 585 494	9 380 637	8 964 960	-4,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	636	791	824	7 254	6 151	-15,2
		square metres	82 172	97 431	147 530	703 625	743 417	5,7
		R'000	646 138	771 360	1 132 420	5 631 718	5 915 579	5,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	44 887	0	648	214 048	36 917	-82,8
		R'000	359 835	0	4 461	2 056 590	261 962	-87,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	3 184 349	2 816 722	3 016 863	18 841 924	16 500 540	-12,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	50 883	50 436	36 437	328 572	251 023	-23,6
		R'000	475 062	507 031	355 900	2 999 629	2 339 014	-22,0
	Shopping space	square metres	198 738	74 523	4 413	415 905	155 041	-62,7
		R'000	1 519 706	654 574	39 253	3 279 673	1 302 827	-60,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	103 296	56 261	81 028	487 777	490 846	0,6
		R'000	581 550	324 863	472 123	2 723 241	2 852 265	4,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	31 715	11 748	9 822	91 409	81 303	-11,1
		R'000	231 625	73 850	79 933	687 168	592 584	-13,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 807 943	1 560 318	947 209	9 689 711	7 086 690	-26,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	119 175	88 726	87 751	570 585	538 432	-5,6
		R'000	739 529	629 289	633 054	3 545 558	3 859 277	8,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	35 838	32 709	33 299	186 570	197 112	5,7
		R'000	379 756	316 830	288 088	1 892 469	1 813 014	-4,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 119 285	946 119	921 142	5 438 027	5 672 291	4,3
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	7 111 577	5 323 159	4 885 214	33 969 662	29 259 521	-13,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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

			Jun. 2017	May 2018	Jun. 2018	Jan. - Jun. 2017	Jan. - Jun. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	462	251	317	3 082	1 786	-42,1
		square metres	20 937	12 664	14 358	139 678	82 693	-40,8
		R'000	118 245	80 226	83 660	763 274	477 764	-37,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	305	324	265	1 607	1 574	-2,1
		square metres	71 376	73 071	67 357	376 608	370 875	-1,5
		R'000	476 196	493 073	458 630	2 468 084	2 490 196	0,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	130	199	381	1 404	2 750	95,9
		square metres	24 690	31 863	76 384	171 047	295 976	73,0
		R'000	185 582	237 803	573 077	1 287 118	2 269 367	76,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	36 637	0	225	63 228	22 611	-64,2
		R'000	306 451	0	1 500	508 740	172 670	-66,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 086 474	811 102	1 116 867	5 027 216	5 409 997	7,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	3 055	6 663	1 087	106 036	34 459	-67,5
		R'000	29 375	53 538	8 058	783 775	253 412	-67,7
	Shopping space	square metres	2 138	5 798	0	14 876	43 993	195,7
		R'000	17 773	34 452	0	103 239	344 511	233,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	33 971	2 857	10 912	134 315	121 496	-9,5
		R'000	215 559	18 475	74 076	882 898	800 923	-9,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	6 361	4 203	5 091	25 645	42 081	64,1
		R'000	40 108	28 329	35 695	168 142	292 702	74,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	302 815	134 794	117 829	1 938 054	1 691 548	-12,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	54 681	36 697	30 872	273 719	197 238	-27,9
		R'000	311 458	230 196	185 756	1 526 970	1 227 484	-19,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	17 756	17 945	14 249	71 850	88 273	22,9
		R'000	150 291	172 139	119 269	756 739	847 496	12,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	461 749	402 335	305 025	2 283 709	2 074 980	-9,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 851 038	1 348 231	1 539 721	9 248 979	9 176 525	-0,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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

			Jun. 2017	May 2018	Jun. 2018	Jan. - Jun. 2017	Jan. - Jun. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	36	51	23	181	131	-27,6
		square metres	1 878	3 056	1 189	9 812	7 212	-26,5
		R'000	6 981	15 170	6 531	51 332	39 029	-24,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	67	49	45	299	237	-20,7
		square metres	9 803	8 487	9 122	60 199	50 786	-15,6
		R'000	55 701	48 751	58 136	326 753	336 768	3,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	8	18	15	68	54	-20,6
		square metres	819	3 562	2 471	6 151	7 536	22,5
		R'000	4 686	23 028	15 358	35 440	47 777	34,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	917	0	0	4 056	0	..
		R'000	5 245	0	0	23 020	0	..
	Total residential buildings		R'000	72 613	86 949	80 025	436 545	423 574
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	338	0	0	3 361	1 056	-68,6
		R'000	1 690	0	0	15 173	6 804	-55,2
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	1 892	413	-78,2
		R'000	0	0	0	9 025	1 746	-80,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 769	443	972	13 843	36 803	165,9
		R'000	34 830	2 215	4 860	69 559	223 451	221,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	155	0	1 163	273	-76,5
		R'000	0	699	0	6 166	1 448	-76,5
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	36 520	2 914	4 860	99 923	233 449
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 310	7 721	8 111	49 424	38 692	-21,7
		R'000	54 291	46 412	49 779	234 250	240 187	2,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 557	862	3 231	15 812	12 124	-23,3
		R'000	9 043	7 340	26 591	114 058	93 221	-18,3
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	63 334	53 752	76 370	348 308	333 408
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	172 467	143 615	161 255	884 776	990 431	11,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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

			Jun. 2017	May 2018	Jun. 2018	Jan. - Jun. 2017	Jan. - Jun. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	1	2	1	9	800,0
		square metres	0	60	146	76	605	696,1
		R'000	0	482	1 095	456	4 720	935,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	7	4	8	31	22	-29,0
		square metres	1 849	903	1 236	6 950	4 222	-39,3
		R'000	12 716	7 032	8 861	47 808	30 713	-35,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	15	1	-93,3
		square metres	0	0	0	1 333	146	-89,0
		R'000	0	0	0	8 665	1 174	-86,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	935	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	5 512	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	12 716	7 514	9 956	62 441	36 607	-41,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	879	0	299	2 824	299	-89,4
		R'000	3 956	0	2 093	15 159	2 093	-86,2
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	120	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	720	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	374	0	0	374	521	39,3
		R'000	2 842	0	0	2 842	3 647	28,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	6 798	0	2 093	18 721	5 740	-69,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 922	4 462	2 557	8 143	15 597	91,5
		R'000	13 815	32 553	18 538	60 065	115 309	92,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	560	0	2 328	3 078	6 411	108,3
		R'000	2 932	8 880	16 436	22 759	56 785	149,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	16 747	41 433	34 974	82 824	172 094	107,8
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	36 261	48 947	47 023	163 986	214 441	30,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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

			Jun. 2017	May 2018	Jun. 2018	Jan. - Jun. 2017	Jan. - Jun. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	19	14	6	77	114	48,1
		square metres	1 110	830	391	4 393	6 648	51,3
		R'000	2 886	6 147	2 896	19 447	37 142	91,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	11	5	19	79	87	10,1
		square metres	2 162	1 115	3 410	14 425	18 079	25,3
		R'000	11 142	6 443	19 864	79 015	112 409	42,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	6	126	0	396	240	-39,4
		square metres	543	12 183	0	30 278	28 112	-7,2
		R'000	2 799	90 228	0	206 464	207 857	0,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	168	0	0	168	402	139,3
		R'000	756	0	0	756	2 144	183,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	17 583	102 818	22 760	305 682	359 552	17,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	2 573	5 768	124,2
		R'000	0	0	0	17 649	42 185	139,0
	Shopping space	square metres	133	0	0	919	2 145	133,4
		R'000	665	0	0	4 655	12 664	172,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	1 340	535	-60,1
		R'000	0	0	0	7 315	3 396	-53,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	0	326	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	2 000	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	665	0	0	29 619	60 245	103,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 626	205	1 038	13 501	11 444	-15,2
		R'000	25 317	1 401	6 788	61 273	62 953	2,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	208	69	267	807	7 208	793,2
		R'000	78 958	601	5 538	88 820	60 260	-32,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	104 275	2 002	12 326	150 093	123 213	-17,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	122 523	104 820	35 086	485 394	543 010	11,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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

			Jun. 2017	May 2018	Jun. 2018	Jan. - Jun. 2017	Jan. - Jun. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	7	32	42	54	124	129,6
		square metres	403	2 107	2 494	3 050	7 399	142,6
		R'000	3 692	23 747	27 333	27 140	79 788	194,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	73	78	81	400	437	9,3
		square metres	23 559	19 373	26 278	125 962	115 985	-7,9
		R'000	244 786	199 990	214 475	1 170 119	1 148 782	-1,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	67	32	68	724	260	-64,1
		square metres	12 430	5 505	10 086	85 927	46 608	-45,8
		R'000	115 203	47 292	83 384	806 250	435 459	-46,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	423	12 095	1 281	-89,4
		R'000	0	0	2 961	134 848	13 172	-90,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	363 681	271 029	328 153	2 138 357	1 677 201	-21,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	28 094	11 351	48 345	40 330	-16,6
		R'000	0	306 449	122 391	497 211	437 651	-12,0
	Shopping space	square metres	189 548	31 910	0	263 693	33 615	-87,3
		R'000	1 444 638	318 518	0	2 173 010	336 395	-84,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	9 003	33 276	17 120	67 930	76 617	12,8
		R'000	50 536	199 610	99 831	384 418	456 120	18,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 440	1 975	690	16 278	8 232	-49,4
		R'000	18 788	15 259	6 762	151 554	74 134	-51,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 513 962	839 836	228 984	3 206 193	1 304 300	-59,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 168	12 846	14 105	57 271	89 916	57,0
		R'000	82 757	137 959	149 200	568 119	911 866	60,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	5 922	6 158	4 291	38 800	24 065	-38,0
		R'000	60 719	57 688	40 279	432 753	231 456	-46,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	143 476	195 647	189 479	1 000 872	1 143 322	14,2
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 021 119	1 306 512	746 616	6 345 422	4 124 823	-35,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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

			Jun. 2017	May 2018	Jun. 2018	Jan. - Jun. 2017	Jan. - Jun. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	49	61	63	254	217	-14,6	
		square metres	2 906	3 597	3 704	14 796	12 955	-12,4	
		R'000	14 422	17 815	18 520	65 585	66 096	0,8	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	71	97	60	333	411	23,4	
		square metres	17 512	20 656	11 205	67 612	82 543	22,1	
		R'000	93 924	107 864	60 105	350 786	463 742	32,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	18	78	26	150	451	200,7	
		square metres	2 734	6 001	3 254	13 091	50 583	286,4	
		R'000	15 250	27 061	17 258	76 675	281 217	266,8	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	123 596	152 740	95 883	493 046	811 055	64,5
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	5 365	0	0	6 983	1 429	-79,5
R'000			31 886	0	0	39 978	8 421	-78,9	
Shopping space		square metres	1 317	463	0	18 232	1 337	-92,7	
		R'000	7 105	2 417	0	94 049	7 257	-92,3	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	5 040	507	258	7 850	6 412	-18,3	
		R'000	25 200	2 537	1 290	38 164	30 332	-20,5	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	2 204	0	1 191	5 459	358,4	
		R'000	0	11 020	0	5 955	30 629	414,3	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	64 191	15 974	1 290	178 146	76 639	-57,0	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 639	4 846	1 376	26 447	43 579	64,8	
		R'000	11 664	26 508	7 320	123 036	263 494	114,2	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	5 611	865	0	8 895	6 975	-21,6	
		R'000	37 522	5 791	0	54 977	43 076	-21,6	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	49 186	32 299	7 320	178 013	306 570	72,2
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	236 973	201 013	104 493	849 205	1 194 264	40,6	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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

			Jun. 2017	May 2018	Jun. 2018	Jan. - Jun. 2017	Jan. - Jun. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	852	365	440	3 577	2 119	-40,8	
		square metres	41 638	19 019	23 821	174 160	107 261	-38,4	
		R'000	164 578	106 308	138 272	725 414	580 814	-19,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	345	295	248	1 765	1 460	-17,3	
		square metres	112 595	96 520	79 934	593 695	463 402	-21,9	
		R'000	865 455	746 934	647 987	4 565 940	3 693 765	-19,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	397	335	319	4 199	2 307	-45,1	
		square metres	39 963	38 172	52 946	363 957	306 447	-15,8	
		R'000	317 653	345 181	430 256	3 060 623	2 627 955	-14,1	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	7 165	0	0	127 814	1 260	-99,0	
		R'000	47 383	0	0	1 354 954	8 807	-99,4	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 395 069	1 198 423	1 216 515	9 706 931	6 911 341	-28,8
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	40 921	15 679	20 240	156 803	160 690	2,5
R'000			406 692	147 044	205 055	1 622 507	1 551 596	-4,4	
Shopping space		square metres	4 990	24 182	3 568	101 235	53 947	-46,7	
		R'000	46 159	238 406	35 230	824 292	501 294	-39,2	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	47 571	15 179	48 477	244 380	229 921	-5,9	
		R'000	249 743	80 871	272 005	1 251 408	1 235 697	-1,3	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	21 447	2 622	4 041	43 348	24 129	-44,3	
		R'000	165 394	16 036	37 476	336 428	188 144	-44,1	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	867 988	482 357	549 766	4 034 635	3 476 731	-13,8	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	32 197	18 943	24 848	121 209	120 371	-0,7
	R'000		227 796	137 796	187 184	878 683	917 184	4,4	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 064	6 501	8 889	43 255	47 677	10,2	
		R'000	35 871	53 629	71 102	388 300	382 740	-1,4	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	263 667	191 425	258 286	1 266 983	1 299 924	2,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 526 724	1 872 205	2 024 567	15 008 549	11 687 996	-22,1	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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

			Jun. 2017	May 2018	Jun. 2018	Jan. - Jun. 2017	Jan. - Jun. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	35	23	46	360	175	-51,4	
		square metres	1 553	1 406	2 661	16 608	9 863	-40,6	
		R'000	7 024	8 260	10 976	64 565	49 887	-22,7	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	58	72	64	189	340	79,9	
		square metres	11 704	23 522	15 707	43 951	84 741	92,8	
		R'000	59 689	129 167	87 190	212 273	483 157	127,6	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	192	49	-74,5	
		square metres	0	0	0	20 191	2 769	-86,3	
		R'000	0	0	0	93 859	17 100	-81,8	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	2 307	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	15 648	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	66 713	137 427	98 166	370 697	565 792	52,6
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	325	0	0	325	256	-21,2
R'000			1 463	0	0	1 463	1 219	-16,7	
Shopping space		square metres	612	6 264	845	14 780	8 414	-43,1	
		R'000	3 366	29 823	4 023	69 893	40 059	-42,7	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	0	0	2 274	11 964	8 675	-27,5	
		R'000	0	0	14 476	57 907	46 292	-20,1	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	373	0	0	2 345	214	-90,9	
		R'000	1 865	0	0	11 728	1 020	-91,3	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	6 694	29 823	18 499	140 991	88 590	-37,2	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 380	2 513	4 754	19 024	18 919	-0,6	
		R'000	11 365	13 840	27 999	84 421	107 026	26,8	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	20	1 700	3 414	100,8	
		R'000	3 088	8 448	8 769	18 861	87 585	364,4	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	14 453	22 288	36 768	103 282	194 611	88,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	87 860	189 538	153 433	614 970	848 993	38,1	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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

			Jun. 2017	May 2018	Jun. 2018	Jan. - Jun. 2017	Jan. - Jun. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	208	22	16	547	70	-87,2	
		square metres	8 500	1 343	984	24 268	4 310	-82,2	
		R'000	17 726	7 104	5 205	55 766	22 799	-59,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	19	29	21	119	148	24,4	
		square metres	4 639	7 956	5 994	32 074	40 147	25,2	
		R'000	23 213	40 849	30 246	159 859	205 428	28,5	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	10	3	15	106	39	-63,2	
		square metres	993	145	2 389	11 650	5 240	-55,0	
		R'000	4 965	767	13 087	56 624	27 673	-51,1	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	5 752	9 056	57,4	
		R'000	0	0	0	28 760	49 521	72,2	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	45 904	48 720	48 538	301 009	305 421	1,5
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	3 460	1 322	6 736	409,5
R'000			0	0	18 303	6 714	35 633	430,7	
Shopping space		square metres	0	5 906	0	158	11 177	6 974,1	
		R'000	0	30 958	0	790	58 901	7 355,8	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	568	3 999	1 015	5 781	9 866	70,7	
		R'000	2 840	21 155	5 585	28 730	52 407	82,4	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	1 094	589	0	1 439	589	-59,1	
		R'000	5 470	2 507	0	7 195	2 507	-65,2	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	8 310	54 620	23 888	43 429	149 448	244,1	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	252	493	90	1 847	2 676	44,9
	R'000		1 066	2 624	490	8 741	13 774	57,6	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	160	309	24	2 373	965	-59,3	
		R'000	1 332	2 314	104	15 202	10 395	-31,6	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	2 398	4 938	594	23 943	24 169	0,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	56 612	108 278	73 020	368 381	479 038	30,0	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Purpose of the survey	<p>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.</p>
Scope of the survey	<p>4 This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	<p>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.</p>
Collection rate	<p>6 The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for June 2018 was 89,1%. The improved collection rate for May 2018 was 90,0%.</p>
Statistical unit	<p>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.</p>
Survey methodology and design	<p>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.</p>
Constant prices	<p>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.</p>

- 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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