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Results for January to March 2017

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

Estimates at current prices	January to March 2016 1/	January to March 2017 1/	Difference in value between January to March 2016 and January to March 2017	% change between January to March 2016 and January to March 2017
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	12 169 162	11 931 836	-237 326	-2,0
-Dwelling-houses	8 070 548	7 141 411	-929 137	-11,5
-Flats and townhouses	3 680 370	4 738 849	1 058 479	28,8
-Other residential buildings	418 244	51 576	-366 668	-87,7
Non-residential buildings	8 007 078	5 506 697	-2 500 381	-31,2
Additions and alterations	5 632 884	6 174 453	541 569	9,6
Total	25 809 124	23 612 986	-2 196 138	-8,5

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 8,5% (-R2 196,1 million) in the first quarter of 2017 compared with the first quarter of 2016.

Non-residential buildings fell by 31,2% (-R2 500,4 million) – see Table A. There were large year-on-year decreases in plans passed for shopping space in KwaZulu-Natal (-R1 449,9 million), Gauteng (-R730,5 million) and Western Cape (-R717,2 million) – see Tables 10, 14 and 16, pages 18, 22 and 24.

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

Estimates at current prices	January to March 2016 1/	January to March 2017 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to March 2016	% change between January to March 2016 and January to March 2017	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January to March 2016 and January to March 2017	Difference in value between January to March 2016 and January to March 2017
	R'000	R'000			2/	
Western Cape	6 360 733	6 927 524	24,6	8,9	2,2	566 791
Eastern Cape	840 561	1 348 936	3,3	60,5	2,0	508 375
Northern Cape	263 900	100 613	1,0	-61,9	-0,6	-163 287
Free State	874 766	879 699	3,4	0,6	0,0	4 933
KwaZulu-Natal	5 708 885	4 408 764	22,1	-22,8	-5,0	-1 300 121
North West	643 333	1 042 081	2,5	62,0	1,5	398 748
Gauteng	9 806 722	7 789 532	38,0	-20,6	-7,8	-2 017 190
Mpumalanga	979 907	632 756	3,8	-35,4	-1,3	-347 151
Limpopo	330 317	483 081	1,3	46,2	0,6	152 764
Total	25 809 124	23 612 986	100,0	-8,5	-8,5	-2 196 138

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 March 2016 and January to March 2017 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during January to March 2016, divided by 100.

The largest negative contributions to the total decrease of 8,5% (-R2 196,1 million) were made by Gauteng (contributing -7,8 percentage points or -R2 017,2 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -5,0 percentage points or -R1 300,1 million) – see Table B.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to March 2016 1/	January to March 2017 1/	Difference in value between January to March 2016 and January to March 2017	% change between January to March 2016 and January to March 2017
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	11 713 441	10 784 503	-928 938	-7,9
Non-residential buildings	7 733 967	4 980 365	-2 753 602	-35,6
Additions and alterations	5 423 599	5 580 998	157 399	2,9
Total	24 871 007	21 345 866	-3 525 141	-14,2

1/ 2016 and 2017 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 14,2% (-R3 525,1 million) year-on-year in the first quarter of 2017. Non-residential buildings fell by 35,6% (-R2 753,6 million) – see Table C. There were large year-on-year decreases in plans passed for shopping space in KwaZulu-Natal, Gauteng and Western Cape – see Tables 10, 14 and 16, pages 18, 22 and 24.

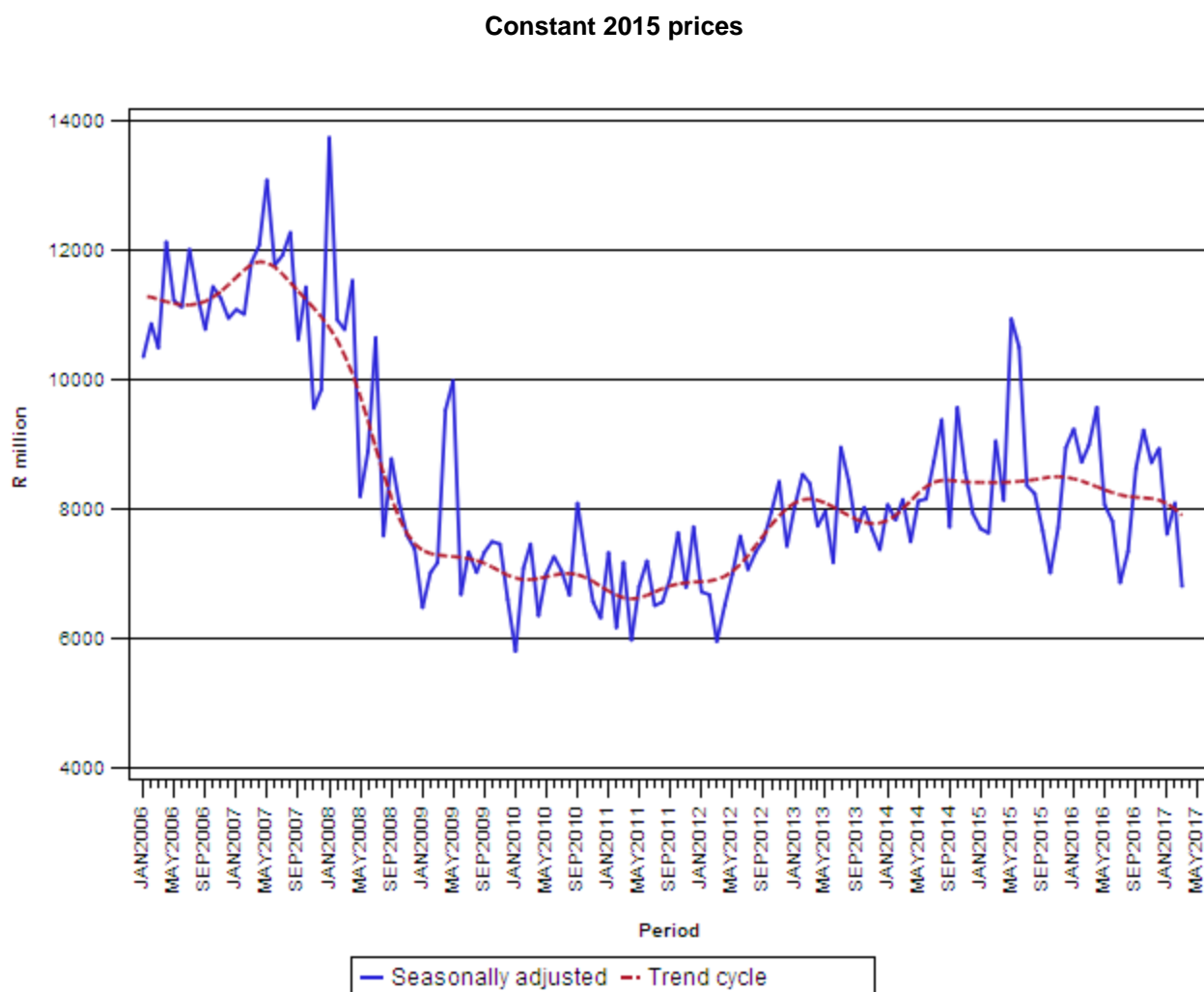
Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	October to December 2016	January to March 2017	% change between October to December 2016 and January to March 2017
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	14 080 408	11 488 666	-18,4
Non-residential buildings 1/	6 172 925	4 980 365	-19,3
Additions and alterations	6 638 152	6 061 752	-8,7
Total	26 891 484	22 530 784	-16,2

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 decreased by 16,2% in the first quarter of 2017 compared with the fourth quarter of 2016. Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-19,3%), residential buildings (-18,4%) and additions and alterations (-8,7%) – 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 March 2016 versus January to March 2017**

Estimates at current prices	January to March 2016 1/	January to March 2017 1/	Difference in value between January to March 2016 and January to March 2017	% change between January to March 2016 and January to March 2017
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	7 191 120	8 874 844	1 683 724	23,4
-Dwelling-houses	4 884 089	5 244 037	359 948	7,4
-Flats and townhouses	2 240 015	3 260 698	1 020 683	45,6
-Other residential buildings	67 016	370 109	303 093	452,3
Non-residential buildings	3 419 109	4 522 057	1 102 948	32,3
Additions and alterations	2 399 420	2 691 572	292 152	12,2
Total	13 009 649	16 088 473	3 078 824	23,7

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 23,7% (R3 078,8 million) in the first quarter of 2017 compared with the first quarter of 2016.

All three major building categories recorded increases. The largest percentage increase was recorded for non-residential buildings (32,3% or R1 102,9 million), followed by residential buildings (23,4% or R1 683,7 million) and additions and alterations (12,2% or R292,2 million) – see Table E.

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

Estimates at current prices	January to March 2016 1/	January to March 2017 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to March 2016	% change between January to March 2016 and January to March 2017	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January to March 2016 and January to March 2017	Difference in value between January to March 2016 and January to March 2017
	R'000	R'000			2/	R'000
Western Cape	3 287 199	4 567 236	25,3	38,9	9,8	1 280 037
Eastern Cape	289 916	441 891	2,2	52,4	1,2	151 975
Northern Cape	91 351	60 422	0,7	-33,9	-0,2	-30 929
Free State	352 120	277 516	2,7	-21,2	-0,6	-74 604
KwaZulu-Natal	1 884 522	2 787 996	14,5	47,9	6,9	903 474
North West	562 443	333 372	4,3	-40,7	-1,8	-229 071
Gauteng	5 934 617	7 107 399	45,6	19,8	9,0	1 172 782
Mpumalanga	450 710	359 079	3,5	-20,3	-0,7	-91 631
Limpopo	156 771	153 562	1,2	-2,0	0,0	-3 209
Total	13 009 649	16 088 473	100,0	23,7	23,7	3 078 824

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

Four provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed in the first quarter of 2017. The largest contributions were recorded for Western Cape (contributing 9,8 percentage points or R1 280,0 million), Gauteng (contributing 9,0 percentage points or R1 172,8 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 6,9 percentage points or R903,5 million) – see Table F.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to March 2016 1/	January to March 2017 1/	Difference in value between January to March 2016 and January to March 2017	% change between January to March 2016 and January to March 2017
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 931 216	8 020 582	1 089 366	15,7
Non-residential buildings	3 284 567	4 086 303	801 736	24,4
Additions and alterations	2 310 915	2 432 759	121 844	5,3
Total	12 526 698	14 539 644	2 012 946	16,1

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 16,1% (R2 012,9 million) year-on-year in the first quarter of 2017. Increases were recorded for non-residential buildings (24,4% or R801,7 million), residential buildings (15,7% or R1 089,4 million) and additions and alterations (5,3% or R121,8 million) – see Table G.

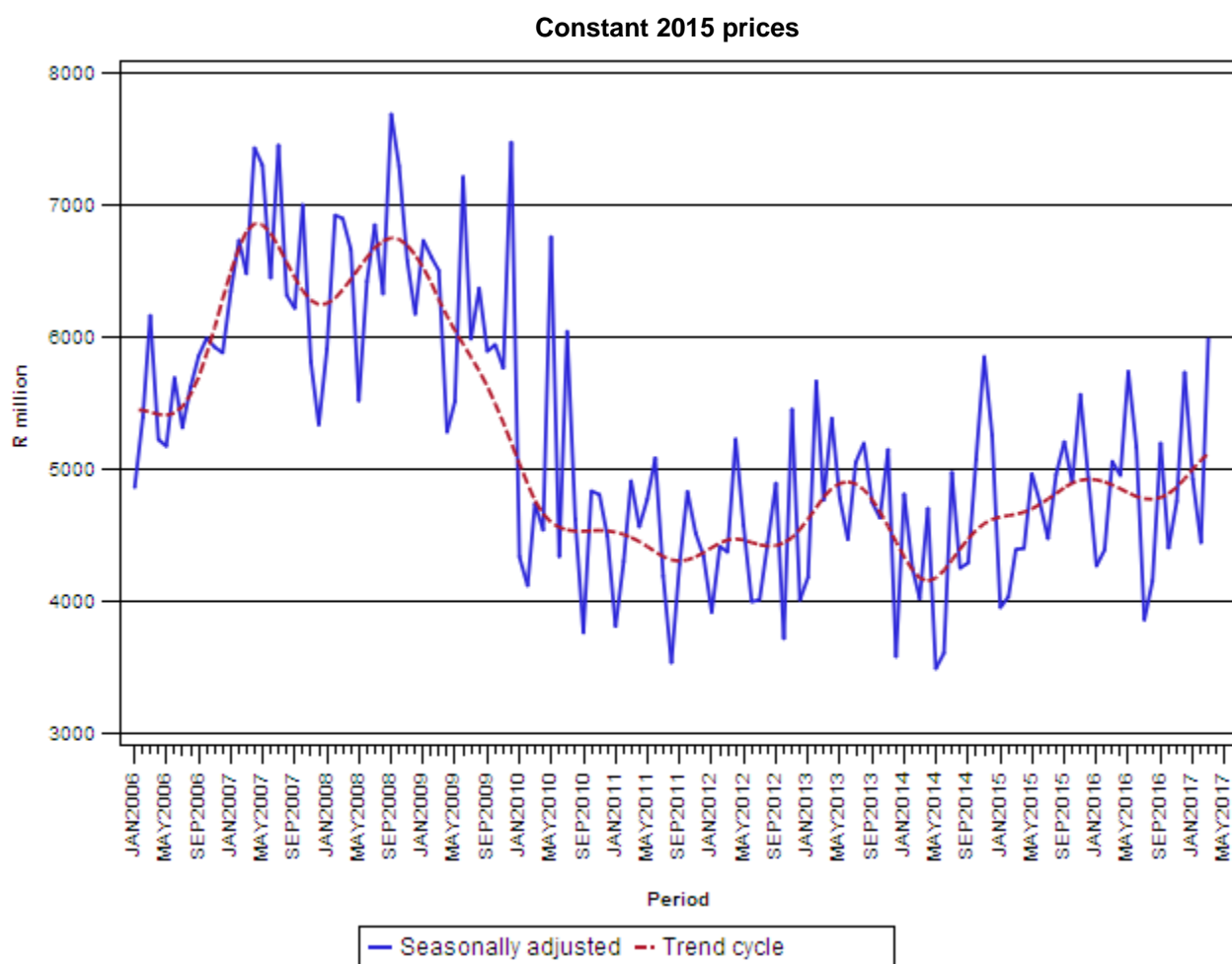
Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	October to December 2016	January to March 2017	% change between October to December 2016 and January to March 2017
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 855 783	8 932 555	0,9
Non-residential buildings 1/	3 307 586	4 086 303	23,5
Additions and alterations	2 739 140	2 339 430	-14,6
Total	14 902 509	15 358 289	3,1

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 buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 3,1% in the first quarter of 2017 compared with the fourth quarter of 2016. Non-residential buildings rose by 23,5% and additions and alterations fell by 14,6% – 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	3 244 246	372,0	1 451 533	-13,0	7 671 802	33,0
	February	4 592 411	20,1	2 247 812	71,5	2 125 304	-8,7	8 965 527	20,1
	March	4 600 728	8,1	2 515 020	17,0	2 056 047	-8,8	9 171 795	5,9
	April	5 000 890	18,2	2 779 784	43,3	2 388 049	20,6	10 168 723	24,8
	May	4 208 361	-0,2	2 167 660	-51,6	2 241 429	3,0	8 617 450	-20,7
	June	4 978 546	10,3	1 445 606	-63,9	2 415 528	9,1	8 839 680	-17,6
	July	3 762 166	-16,1	1 334 132	-35,8	2 532 825	-4,6	7 629 123	-17,2
	August	4 397 152	3,3	1 796 343	-7,2	2 291 169	-0,1	8 484 664	0,0
	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	2 488 211	116,3	2 717 674	17,8	10 626 467	34,2
	November	4 827 911	10,5	2 750 077	95,4	2 458 564	15,0	10 036 552	26,8
	December	4 736 194	25,9	1 462 921	-27,1	1 954 313	-10,4	8 153 428	2,6
	Total	54 303 653	7,5	26 745 006	8,5	27 339 826	3,4	108 388 485	6,7
2017	January	3 161 447	6,2	1 731 491	-46,6	1 703 058	17,3	6 595 996	-14,0
	February	4 548 567	-1,0	2 211 539	-1,6	2 168 683	2,0	8 928 789	-0,4
	March	4 221 822	-8,2	1 563 667	-37,8	2 302 712	12,0	8 088 201	-11,8

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	4 189 507	-8,2	3 244 246	61,7	2 079 921	-18,6	9 513 674	4,3
	February	4 367 308	4,2	2 247 812	-30,7	2 128 207	2,3	8 743 327	-8,1
	March	4 697 708	7,6	2 515 020	11,9	2 197 823	3,3	9 410 552	7,6
	April	4 949 026	5,3	2 779 784	10,5	2 331 745	6,1	10 060 555	6,9
	May	4 125 870	-16,6	2 167 660	-22,0	2 257 813	-3,2	8 551 343	-15,0
	June	4 552 502	10,3	1 445 606	-33,3	2 412 385	6,8	8 410 493	-1,6
	July	3 636 600	-20,1	1 334 132	-7,7	2 351 431	-2,5	7 322 163	-12,9
	August	4 107 718	13,0	1 796 343	34,6	1 993 103	-15,2	7 897 164	7,9
	September	4 464 052	8,7	2 513 194	39,9	2 330 324	16,9	9 307 570	17,9
	October	4 912 623	10,0	2 488 211	-1,0	2 599 420	11,5	10 000 255	7,4
	November	4 519 225	-8,0	2 750 077	10,5	2 228 000	-14,3	9 497 301	-5,0
	December	5 986 655	32,5	1 462 921	-46,8	2 405 519	8,0	9 855 095	3,8
2017	January	4 401 404	-26,5	1 731 491	18,4	2 321 093	-3,5	8 453 988	-14,2
	February	4 772 146	8,4	2 211 539	27,7	2 197 984	-5,3	9 181 669	8,6
	March	3 818 651	-20,0	1 563 667	-29,3	2 184 888	-0,6	7 567 206	-17,6
	Oct. – Dec. 16	15 418 503		6 701 209		7 232 939		29 352 651	
	Jan. – Mar. 17 2/	12 992 201	-15,7	5 506 697	-17,8	6 703 965	-7,3	25 202 863	-14,1

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	3 174 409	355,4	1 420 287	-16,1	7 506 656	28,3
	February	4 403 079	13,3	2 155 141	61,8	2 037 684	-13,9	8 595 904	13,3
	March	4 398 402	2,3	2 404 417	10,7	1 965 628	-13,7	8 768 447	0,2
	April	4 744 677	11,8	2 637 366	35,6	2 265 701	14,1	9 647 744	18,0
	May	3 981 420	-5,7	2 050 766	-54,3	2 120 557	-2,6	8 152 743	-25,1
	June	4 661 560	3,6	1 353 564	-66,1	2 261 730	2,5	8 276 854	-22,6
	July	3 512 760	-21,2	1 245 688	-39,6	2 364 916	-10,3	7 123 364	-22,2
	August	4 101 821	-3,3	1 675 693	-13,2	2 137 285	-6,5	7 914 799	-6,4
	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	2 308 173	102,5	2 521 033	10,3	9 857 575	25,6
	November	4 441 500	2,7	2 529 970	81,5	2 261 788	6,8	9 233 258	17,8
	December	4 321 345	16,0	1 334 782	-32,8	1 783 132	-17,4	7 439 259	-5,5
	Total	50 974 511	1,0	25 207 824	2,3	25 658 244	-2,9	101 840 579	0,3
2017	January	2 879 278	-1,1	1 576 950	-50,3	1 551 055	9,2	6 007 283	-20,0
	February	4 105 205	-6,8	1 995 974	-7,4	1 957 295	-3,9	8 058 474	-6,3
	March	3 800 020	-13,6	1 407 441	-41,5	2 072 648	5,4	7 280 109	-17,0

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2016	January	4 042 247	-9,1	3 174 409	59,8	2 027 184	-19,7	9 243 840	3,2
	February	4 536 406	12,2	2 155 141	-32,1	2 037 214	0,5	8 728 761	-5,6
	March	4 487 674	-1,1	2 404 417	11,6	2 103 559	3,3	8 995 650	3,1
	April	4 721 699	5,2	2 637 366	9,7	2 219 996	5,5	9 579 061	6,5
	May	3 884 826	-17,7	2 050 766	-22,2	2 135 868	-3,8	8 071 459	-15,7
	June	4 198 674	8,1	1 353 564	-34,0	2 266 267	6,1	7 818 506	-3,1
	July	3 416 684	-18,6	1 245 688	-8,0	2 202 963	-2,8	6 865 334	-12,2
	August	3 815 607	11,7	1 675 693	34,5	1 860 985	-15,5	7 352 285	7,1
	September	4 126 001	8,1	2 337 855	39,5	2 166 521	16,4	8 630 377	17,4
	October	4 511 839	9,4	2 308 173	-1,3	2 405 888	11,0	9 225 899	6,9
	November	4 144 622	-8,1	2 529 970	9,6	2 046 016	-15,0	8 720 608	-5,5
	December	5 423 947	30,9	1 334 782	-47,2	2 186 248	6,9	8 944 977	2,6
2017	January	3 936 579	-27,4	1 576 950	18,1	2 103 330	-3,8	7 616 859	-14,8
	February	4 118 671	4,6	1 995 974	26,6	1 985 850	-5,6	8 100 495	6,3
	March	3 433 416	-16,6	1 407 441	-29,5	1 972 572	-0,7	6 813 430	-15,9
	Oct. – Dec. 16	14 080 408		6 172 925		6 638 152		26 891 484	
	Jan. – Mar. 17 2/	11 488 666	-18,4	4 980 365	-19,3	6 061 752	-8,7	22 530 784	-16,2

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 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	2 988 038	21,5	793 718	-22,9	842 011	-3,2	4 623 767	6,1
	March	3 527 533	39,8	2 404 190	32,8	1 094 247	24,6	7 025 970	34,8

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	2 969 402	11,5	578 503	-60,1	827 309	-7,8	4 375 214	-12,7
	February	2 718 228	-8,5	1 029 861	78,0	830 327	0,4	4 578 417	4,6
	March	2 639 966	-2,9	1 810 745	75,8	842 848	1,5	5 293 558	15,6
	April	2 344 130	-11,2	2 113 528	16,7	743 756	-11,8	5 201 415	-1,7
	May	3 307 064	41,1	1 819 266	-13,9	927 366	24,7	6 053 696	16,4
	June	3 282 530	-0,7	1 325 164	-27,2	914 291	-1,4	5 521 985	-8,8
	July	2 262 894	-31,1	1 150 587	-13,2	709 888	-22,4	4 123 369	-25,3
	August	2 478 694	9,5	1 205 852	4,8	768 521	8,3	4 453 068	8,0
	September	3 320 864	34,0	1 326 114	10,0	945 476	23,0	5 592 453	25,6
	October	2 857 530	-14,0	928 259	-30,0	972 729	2,9	4 758 519	-14,9
	November	2 504 833	-12,3	1 682 124	81,2	1 002 282	3,0	5 189 239	9,1
	December	4 323 783	72,6	985 304	-41,4	1 014 607	1,2	6 323 695	21,9
2017	January	3 143 009	-27,3	1 324 149	34,4	952 379	-6,1	5 419 537	-14,3
	February	3 317 194	5,5	793 718	-40,1	812 466	-14,7	4 923 378	-9,2
	March	3 413 603	2,9	2 404 190	202,9	820 914	1,0	6 638 707	34,8
	Oct. – Dec. 16	9 686 146		3 595 687		2 989 618		16 271 453	
	Jan. – Mar. 17 2/	9 873 806	1,9	4 522 057	25,8	2 585 759	-13,5	16 981 622	4,4

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 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	2 148 700	-0,6	1 205 964	113,0	687 900	7,9	4 042 564	20,2
	February	2 696 785	14,4	716 352	-27,5	759 938	-8,9	4 173 075	-0,1
	March	3 175 097	31,6	2 163 987	25,0	984 921	17,3	6 324 005	26,9

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2016	January	2 899 830	10,7	566 050	-60,5	804 735	-8,9	4 270 615	-13,5
	February	2 605 615	-10,1	987 403	74,4	798 507	-0,8	4 391 525	2,8
	March	2 525 488	-3,1	1 731 114	75,3	805 259	0,8	5 061 860	15,3
	April	2 240 750	-11,3	2 005 245	15,8	709 068	-11,9	4 955 063	-2,1
	May	3 143 757	40,3	1 721 160	-14,2	878 544	23,9	5 743 461	15,9
	June	3 069 312	-2,4	1 240 790	-27,9	859 642	-2,2	5 169 745	-10,0
	July	2 121 734	-30,9	1 074 311	-13,4	665 314	-22,6	3 861 358	-25,3
	August	2 315 438	9,1	1 124 862	4,7	717 280	7,8	4 157 580	7,7
	September	3 088 123	33,4	1 233 594	9,7	878 374	22,5	5 200 091	25,1
	October	2 645 014	-14,3	861 094	-30,2	900 501	2,5	4 406 609	-15,3
	November	2 294 120	-13,3	1 547 492	79,7	917 975	1,9	4 759 587	8,0
	December	3 916 649	70,7	899 000	-41,9	920 664	0,3	5 736 313	20,5
2017	January	2 857 814	-27,0	1 205 964	34,1	862 405	-6,3	4 926 183	-14,1
	February	2 993 889	4,8	716 352	-40,6	736 082	-14,6	4 446 323	-9,7
	March	3 080 852	2,9	2 163 987	202,1	740 943	0,7	5 985 783	34,6
	Oct. – Dec. 16	8 855 783		3 307 586		2 739 140		14 902 509	
	Jan. – Mar. 17 2/	8 932 555	0,9	4 086 303	23,5	2 339 430	-14,6	15 358 289	3,1

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

			Mar. 2016	Feb. 2017	Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2016	Jan. - Mar. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 691	1 528	1 726	4 652	3 976	-14,5
		square metres	80 987	73 025	79 723	222 317	188 710	-15,1
		R'000	384 121	396 180	376 810	1 033 565	986 972	-4,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 397	1 184	1 320	3 934	3 380	-14,1
		square metres	381 373	312 756	353 280	1 054 242	907 791	-13,9
		R'000	2 600 879	2 118 780	2 390 122	7 036 983	6 154 439	-12,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 705	2 036	2 090	5 020	5 708	13,7
		square metres	180 655	246 475	196 389	467 569	617 400	32,0
		R'000	1 488 665	2 004 003	1 446 244	3 680 370	4 738 849	28,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	17 696	4 319	2 049	50 852	9 009	-82,3
		R'000	127 063	29 604	8 646	418 244	51 576	-87,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	4 600 728	4 548 567	4 221 822	12 169 162	11 931 836	-2,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	27 253	67 017	34 744	124 883	126 927	1,6
		R'000	216 181	579 722	342 334	1 082 656	1 163 059	7,4
	Shopping space	square metres	125 552	76 797	41 520	470 766	135 598	-71,2
		R'000	986 442	705 441	359 102	4 107 132	1 185 147	-71,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	157 169	109 084	123 581	365 815	437 496	19,6
		R'000	866 441	629 754	700 487	1 928 822	2 525 989	31,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	65 081	44 871	20 486	132 103	90 799	-31,3
		R'000	445 956	296 622	161 744	888 468	632 502	-28,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 515 020	2 211 539	1 563 667	8 007 078	5 506 697	-31,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	241 276	225 575	243 672	685 341	652 075	-4,9
		R'000	1 544 848	1 528 937	1 685 673	4 442 270	4 451 600	0,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	55 334	63 866	64 342	144 919	184 352	27,2
		R'000	511 199	639 746	617 039	1 190 614	1 722 853	44,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 056 047	2 168 683	2 302 712	5 632 884	6 174 453	9,6
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	9 171 795	8 928 789	8 088 201	25 809 124	23 612 986	-8,5

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

			Mar. 2016	Feb. 2017	Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2016	Jan. - Mar. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	920	780	470	1 863	1 644	-11,8
		square metres	41 915	35 498	22 460	85 081	76 275	-10,4
		R'000	221 253	210 311	133 555	464 790	460 582	-0,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	408	396	528	1 081	1 171	8,3
		square metres	97 089	89 688	118 609	262 815	270 400	2,9
		R'000	631 133	579 522	804 510	1 738 045	1 798 083	3,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	269	998	1 274	954	2 583	170,8
		square metres	36 834	118 802	95 332	117 464	245 353	108,9
		R'000	260 522	871 192	735 074	859 879	1 849 193	115,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	2 052	0	17 799	3 374	-81,0
		R'000	0	14 671	0	137 926	21 281	-84,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 112 908	1 675 696	1 673 139	3 200 640	4 129 139	29,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 570	43 569	8 447	8 946	53 233	495,0
		R'000	10 285	374 549	73 871	69 132	456 963	561,0
	Shopping space	square metres	106 312	8 720	9 977	106 605	19 214	-82,0
		R'000	872 547	68 057	86 517	874 340	157 159	-82,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	41 721	26 857	13 083	78 179	54 460	-30,3
		R'000	294 884	176 496	87 185	531 248	363 966	-31,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	22 477	2 498	3 200	31 397	10 588	-66,3
		R'000	148 923	16 273	20 698	203 736	65 036	-68,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 326 639	635 375	268 271	1 678 456	1 043 124	-37,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	65 948	62 560	76 208	181 678	187 729	3,3
		R'000	408 063	403 458	501 025	1 142 029	1 225 853	7,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	9 621	17 889	19 723	28 419	49 471	74,1
		R'000	162 592	185 663	218 470	339 608	529 408	55,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	570 655	589 121	719 495	1 481 637	1 755 261	18,5
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 010 202	2 900 192	2 660 905	6 360 733	6 927 524	8,9

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

			Mar. 2016	Feb. 2017	Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2016	Jan. - Mar. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	86	335	468	215	808	275,8
		square metres	3 720	14 829	20 783	11 102	35 873	223,1
		R'000	13 399	66 513	92 306	56 462	160 418	184,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	47	80	95	213	218	2,3
		square metres	11 811	18 972	21 098	46 518	50 010	7,5
		R'000	67 505	112 189	120 914	272 263	291 583	7,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	28	58	68	71	148	108,5
		square metres	1 502	4 461	6 212	6 174	12 507	102,6
		R'000	7 541	22 803	36 245	30 863	67 473	118,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	132	1 550	148	1 682	1 036,5
		R'000	0	528	6 200	962	6 728	599,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	88 445	202 033	255 665	360 550	526 202	45,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	135	153	0	281	153	-45,6
		R'000	607	810	0	1 317	810	-38,5
	Shopping space	square metres	450	242	2 053	1 692	2 594	53,3
		R'000	2 558	1 176	10 875	7 526	13 247	76,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	9 081	27 187	18 563	29 415	50 724	72,4
		R'000	57 392	149 529	103 205	146 397	280 091	91,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	827	1 139	3 488	3 005	-13,8
		R'000	0	4 962	6 447	16 130	16 606	3,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	60 557	156 477	120 527	171 370	310 754	81,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	15 978	28 706	24 750	49 133	67 723	37,8
		R'000	82 455	172 931	161 069	270 352	411 536	52,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 557	2 283	12 680	9 539	16 868	76,8
		R'000	12 508	16 023	68 075	38 289	100 444	162,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	94 963	188 954	229 144	308 641	511 980	65,9
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	243 965	547 464	605 336	840 561	1 348 936	60,5

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

			Mar. 2016	Feb. 2017	Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2016	Jan. - Mar. 2017	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	5	0	3	5	66,7	
		square metres	0	253	0	230	253	10,0	
		R'000	0	1 438	0	1 380	1 438	4,2	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	14	11	11	43	44	2,3	
		square metres	2 825	2 238	1 857	9 128	6 490	-28,9	
		R'000	16 536	14 291	11 706	57 188	42 339	-26,0	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	10	0	0	46	0	..	
		square metres	864	0	0	5 326	0	..	
		R'000	5 503	0	0	31 677	0	..	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	390	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	2 535	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	22 039	15 729	11 706	90 245	46 312	-48,7
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 153	0	0	8 843	0	..
R'000			6 850	0	0	52 990	0	..	
Shopping space		square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	5 214	2 205	0	5 430	2 205	-59,4	
		R'000	31 372	14 333	0	32 668	14 333	-56,1	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	441	311	0	943	658	-30,2	
		R'000	2 514	2 022	0	5 308	4 278	-19,4	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	40 736	16 355	0	90 966	18 611	-79,5	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 116	1 418	963	11 811	4 880	-58,7
	R'000		28 830	9 689	5 915	78 393	32 753	-58,2	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	111	381	0	111	381	243,2	
		R'000	2 306	2 817	0	4 296	2 937	-31,6	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	31 136	12 506	5 915	82 689	35 690	-56,8
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	93 911	44 590	17 621	263 900	100 613	-61,9	

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

			Mar. 2016	Feb. 2017	Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2016	Jan. - Mar. 2017	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	17	25	6	116	42	-63,8	
		square metres	986	1 270	368	6 624	2 315	-65,1	
		R'000	5 364	7 477	2 006	30 219	13 170	-56,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	61	57	51	198	168	-15,2	
		square metres	13 277	10 957	12 433	48 547	35 187	-27,5	
		R'000	72 310	61 041	67 272	261 372	191 128	-26,9	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	23	78	187	125	301	140,8	
		square metres	2 961	10 757	23 834	14 353	42 318	194,8	
		R'000	18 407	75 299	162 944	96 953	289 549	198,6	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	742	0	499	3 851	499	-87,0	
		R'000	5 194	0	2 446	26 357	2 446	-90,7	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	101 275	143 817	234 668	414 901	496 293	19,6
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	10 229	187	-98,2
R'000			0	0	0	80 888	1 496	-98,2	
Shopping space		square metres	860	693	1 915	3 309	5 146	55,5	
		R'000	4 521	3 773	12 860	20 234	28 648	41,6	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	2 998	10 752	0	18 295	16 028	-12,4	
		R'000	13 491	51 584	0	82 329	76 595	-7,0	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	4 096	547	564	5 694	1 111	-80,5	
		R'000	32 768	2 462	4 000	40 235	6 462	-83,9	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	50 780	57 819	16 860	223 686	113 201	-49,4	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 177	13 501	10 739	39 154	33 341	-14,8
	R'000		58 822	73 361	56 206	202 196	176 319	-12,8	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 159	1 372	1 985	2 937	4 018	36,8	
		R'000	12 490	66 904	21 585	33 983	93 886	176,3	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	71 312	140 265	77 791	236 179	270 205	14,4
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	223 367	341 901	329 319	874 766	879 699	0,6	

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

			Mar. 2016	Feb. 2017	Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2016	Jan. - Mar. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	30	13	7	71	45	-36,6
		square metres	1 584	789	407	3 903	2 702	-30,8
		R'000	13 708	6 098	3 511	31 349	19 195	-38,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	139	129	116	341	331	-2,9
		square metres	47 262	36 534	36 305	111 679	99 003	-11,4
		R'000	436 686	319 782	329 388	966 983	904 982	-6,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	176	382	200	813	646	-20,5
		square metres	28 901	58 056	21 866	75 126	88 078	17,2
		R'000	247 549	610 676	195 968	680 792	874 415	28,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 284	2 135	0	14 344	2 135	-85,1
		R'000	12 867	14 405	0	143 817	14 405	-90,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	710 810	950 961	528 867	1 822 941	1 812 997	-0,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	4 107	602	2 426	27 304	10 094	-63,0
		R'000	28 136	3 010	24 988	257 349	80 117	-68,9
	Shopping space	square metres	157	52 135	12 294	211 928	64 429	-69,6
		R'000	1 570	526 529	125 574	2 102 014	652 103	-69,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	8 135	13 802	26 896	31 228	58 863	88,5
		R'000	39 330	84 946	152 467	154 074	353 181	129,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	13 179	10 209	8 328	25 939	19 450	-25,0
		R'000	107 101	61 002	78 927	188 158	146 320	-22,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	176 137	675 487	381 956	2 701 595	1 231 721	-54,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	28 035	28 474	32 329	80 738	87 054	7,8
		R'000	228 974	271 338	311 822	678 280	826 232	21,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	21 325	16 565	13 624	63 166	48 549	-23,1
		R'000	207 326	207 058	175 369	506 069	537 814	6,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	436 300	478 396	487 191	1 184 349	1 364 046	15,2
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 323 247	2 104 844	1 398 014	5 708 885	4 408 764	-22,8

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

			Mar. 2016	Feb. 2017	Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2016	Jan. - Mar. 2017	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	11	4	20	20	0,0	
		square metres	136	685	249	1 322	1 230	-7,0	
		R'000	816	3 083	1 234	6 576	5 614	-14,6	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	76	69	59	211	188	-10,9	
		square metres	18 404	19 575	13 996	54 239	49 222	-9,2	
		R'000	92 653	101 246	69 208	270 965	257 735	-4,9	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	208	66	76	321	880	174,1	
		square metres	12 380	7 088	13 804	21 367	95 552	347,2	
		R'000	71 228	47 856	77 731	109 951	571 987	420,2	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	718	0	0	718	0	..	
		R'000	5 026	0	0	5 026	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	169 723	152 185	148 173	392 518	835 336	112,8
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 180	729	144	1 180	873	-26,0
R'000			5 900	4 887	720	5 900	5 607	-5,0	
Shopping space		square metres	1 774	2 211	0	2 825	2 944	4,2	
		R'000	7 465	12 773	0	12 714	16 072	26,4	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	775	178	0	5 554	2 696	-51,5	
		R'000	3 275	890	0	27 630	11 095	-59,8	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	3 000	0	342	4 398	625	-85,8	
		R'000	15 000	0	1 539	22 416	2 813	-87,5	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	31 640	18 550	2 259	68 660	35 587	-48,2	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 535	8 511	12 214	33 228	28 843	-13,2	
		R'000	59 556	41 846	58 724	160 369	139 734	-12,9	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 361	3 282	1 100	4 100	4 423	7,9	
		R'000	8 539	20 941	9 638	21 786	31 424	44,2	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	68 095	62 787	68 362	182 155	171 158	-6,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	269 458	233 522	218 794	643 333	1 042 081	62,0	

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

			Mar. 2016	Feb. 2017	Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2016	Jan. - Mar. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	559	298	640	1 821	1 135	-37,7
		square metres	28 553	16 381	29 152	86 660	55 962	-35,4
		R'000	112 418	86 290	113 536	329 035	261 670	-20,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	474	335	316	1 337	889	-33,5
		square metres	155 163	108 677	107 126	404 133	296 669	-26,6
		R'000	1 115 668	786 513	786 541	2 881 175	2 163 378	-24,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	968	402	276	2 628	1 061	-59,6
		square metres	94 805	41 419	34 746	220 997	124 035	-43,9
		R'000	867 077	347 211	235 307	1 839 467	1 039 306	-43,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	12 698	0	0	12 698	0	..
		R'000	98 332	0	0	98 332	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 193 495	1 220 014	1 135 384	5 148 009	3 464 354	-32,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	11 891	17 733	21 659	56 335	55 098	-2,2
		R'000	113 755	176 635	233 017	540 613	583 973	8,0
	Shopping space	square metres	11 619	11 419	15 069	130 742	35 264	-73,0
		R'000	77 284	86 288	122 322	1 020 209	289 683	-71,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	82 936	26 191	61 943	180 404	243 860	35,2
		R'000	398 868	143 181	343 035	875 540	1 386 631	58,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	17 919	12 592	6 085	49 675	32 906	-33,8
		R'000	122 463	101 430	46 409	364 572	260 338	-28,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	712 370	507 534	744 783	2 800 934	2 520 625	-10,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	87 477	65 512	71 290	235 043	197 128	-16,1
		R'000	597 971	476 842	519 984	1 655 528	1 426 732	-13,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	15 679	21 125	13 443	30 694	56 371	83,7
		R'000	83 104	129 849	96 990	202 251	377 821	86,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	681 075	606 691	616 974	1 857 779	1 804 553	-2,9
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 586 940	2 334 239	2 497 141	9 806 722	7 789 532	-20,6

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

			Mar. 2016	Feb. 2017	Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2016	Jan. - Mar. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	62	46	112	474	238	-49,8
		square metres	3 134	2 362	5 160	23 387	11 661	-50,1
		R'000	12 050	10 164	23 725	93 813	51 457	-45,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	139	64	97	365	219	-40,0
		square metres	25 142	16 591	26 498	78 278	59 245	-24,3
		R'000	118 108	97 355	124 584	400 139	294 687	-26,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	23	27	0	39	38	-2,6
		square metres	2 408	2 258	0	4 464	3 511	-21,3
		R'000	10 838	10 189	0	20 090	15 934	-20,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 254	0	0	1 294	929	-28,2
		R'000	5 644	0	0	5 824	4 181	-28,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	146 640	117 708	148 309	519 866	366 259	-29,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	7 217	1 710	1 204	11 309	2 914	-74,2
		R'000	50 648	7 799	5 418	72 187	13 217	-81,7
	Shopping space	square metres	4 380	451	212	13 665	4 893	-64,2
		R'000	20 497	2 030	954	70 095	22 442	-68,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 309	1 912	1 365	12 819	4 776	-62,7
		R'000	27 829	8 795	6 658	57 296	22 348	-61,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 380	6 862	828	9 041	8 192	-9,4
		R'000	14 949	31 296	3 724	41 294	37 279	-9,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	113 923	49 920	16 754	240 872	95 286	-60,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 733	11 991	10 151	41 693	29 758	-28,6
		R'000	59 114	54 896	46 545	192 825	135 478	-29,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 703	321	969	2 743	2 805	2,3
		R'000	17 531	4 490	23 027	26 344	35 733	35,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	76 645	59 386	69 572	219 169	171 211	-21,9
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	337 208	227 014	234 635	979 907	632 756	-35,4

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

			Mar. 2016	Feb. 2017	Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2016	Jan. - Mar. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	15	19	69	39	-43,5
		square metres	959	958	1 144	4 008	2 439	-39,1
		R'000	5 113	4 806	6 937	19 941	13 428	-32,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	39	43	47	145	152	4,8
		square metres	10 400	9 524	15 358	38 905	41 565	6,8
		R'000	50 280	46 841	75 999	188 853	210 524	11,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	25	9	23	51	121,7
		square metres	0	3 634	595	2 298	6 046	163,1
		R'000	0	18 777	2 975	10 698	30 992	189,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	55 393	70 424	85 911	219 492	254 944	16,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	2 521	864	456	4 375	859,4
		R'000	0	12 032	4 320	2 280	20 876	815,6
	Shopping space	square metres	0	926	0	0	1 114	..
		R'000	0	4 815	0	0	5 793	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	1 731	4 491	3 884	-13,5
		R'000	0	0	7 937	21 640	17 749	-18,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	589	11 025	0	1 528	14 264	833,5
		R'000	2 238	77 175	0	6 619	93 370	1 310,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 238	94 022	12 257	30 539	137 788	351,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 277	4 902	5 028	12 863	15 619	21,4
		R'000	21 063	24 576	24 383	62 298	76 963	23,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	818	648	818	3 210	1 466	-54,3
		R'000	4 803	6 001	3 885	17 988	13 386	-25,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	25 866	30 577	28 268	80 286	90 349	12,5
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	83 497	195 023	126 436	330 317	483 081	46,2

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

			Mar. 2016	Feb. 2017	Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2016	Jan. - Mar. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	847	1 346	1 503	3 094	3 385	9,4
		square metres	42 848	62 100	72 664	148 766	161 937	8,9
		R'000	199 424	294 233	377 578	621 274	806 281	29,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 078	723	905	2 668	2 225	-16,6
		square metres	256 489	195 284	237 801	658 415	623 010	-5,4
		R'000	1 676 108	1 359 785	1 650 514	4 262 815	4 437 756	4,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	753	1 468	2 222	3 505	4 528	29,2
		square metres	79 940	150 996	181 332	303 381	406 435	34,0
		R'000	607 249	1 106 802	1 499 441	2 240 015	3 260 698	45,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	6 346	32 142	0	11 055	45 847	314,7
		R'000	41 000	227 218	0	67 016	370 109	452,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 523 781	2 988 038	3 527 533	7 191 120	8 874 844	23,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	88 216	15 745	108 834	169 866	202 030	18,9
		R'000	596 119	120 478	874 777	1 262 115	1 822 348	44,4
	Shopping space	square metres	21 890	12 866	130 497	48 589	153 467	215,8
		R'000	172 325	88 272	1 179 499	367 744	1 329 688	261,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	121 862	74 773	49 536	232 966	197 935	-15,0
		R'000	627 366	445 352	283 598	1 254 260	1 120 421	-10,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	66 577	20 529	9 463	88 158	36 920	-58,1
		R'000	414 935	139 616	66 316	534 990	249 600	-53,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 810 745	793 718	2 404 190	3 419 109	4 522 057	32,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	99 350	95 932	116 760	284 139	284 177	0,0
		R'000	581 032	593 308	703 094	1 620 567	1 745 716	7,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	38 868	21 635	47 276	93 302	100 235	7,4
		R'000	297 198	248 703	391 153	778 853	945 856	21,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	878 230	842 011	1 094 247	2 399 420	2 691 572	12,2
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	5 212 756	4 623 767	7 025 970	13 009 649	16 088 473	23,7

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.

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

			Mar. 2016	Feb. 2017	Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2016	Jan. - Mar. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	212	776	723	753	1 805	139,7
		square metres	9 823	33 956	32 623	34 041	81 330	138,9
		R'000	54 121	170 181	183 700	175 811	430 682	145,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	266	259	331	683	713	4,4
		square metres	63 657	59 220	73 726	162 955	163 882	0,6
		R'000	404 434	379 690	482 074	1 002 852	1 059 952	5,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	263	620	248	548	929	69,5
		square metres	30 161	62 433	33 069	60 241	104 013	72,7
		R'000	221 541	476 275	243 889	452 634	778 573	72,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 069	16 522	0	1 069	16 900	1 480,9
		R'000	9 338	132 820	0	9 338	134 522	1 340,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	689 434	1 158 966	909 663	1 640 635	2 403 729	46,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	35 620	1 754	73 094	49 320	82 293	66,9
		R'000	205 596	11 717	525 490	303 696	590 649	94,5
	Shopping space	square metres	289	3 079	1 135	7 201	5 880	-18,3
		R'000	1 153	21 510	8 404	55 889	39 552	-29,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 844	14 126	20 239	46 049	46 406	0,8
		R'000	43 961	90 084	146 534	303 492	315 097	3,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	11 545	8 688	3 843	19 412	13 028	-32,9
		R'000	73 714	53 758	22 053	118 050	78 550	-33,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	324 424	177 069	702 481	781 127	1 023 848	31,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	35 384	50 608	60 459	109 938	145 112	32,0
		R'000	187 251	274 119	321 718	550 913	781 530	41,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	11 427	7 159	12 856	31 240	30 098	-3,7
		R'000	99 969	96 516	134 834	314 524	358 129	13,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	287 220	370 635	456 552	865 437	1 139 659	31,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 301 078	1 706 670	2 068 696	3 287 199	4 567 236	38,9

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

			Mar. 2016	Feb. 2017	Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2016	Jan. - Mar. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	43	11	22	88	43	-51,1
		square metres	2 712	570	1 461	5 450	2 616	-52,0
		R'000	14 328	2 487	8 334	29 439	14 103	-52,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	23	51	44	86	125	45,3
		square metres	4 322	11 977	11 566	18 220	30 901	69,6
		R'000	22 931	60 184	61 064	97 335	159 101	63,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	11	1	39	82	52	-36,6
		square metres	1 161	138	3 240	9 118	4 276	-53,1
		R'000	5 495	853	19 653	49 636	25 569	-48,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	3 139	0	1 059	3 139	196,4
		R'000	0	17 775	0	6 884	17 775	158,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	42 754	81 299	89 051	183 294	216 548	18,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	3 023	0	0	3 023	..
		R'000	0	13 483	0	0	13 483	..
	Shopping space	square metres	450	1 158	0	450	1 158	157,3
		R'000	2 558	5 722	0	2 558	5 722	123,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	3 640	2 459	2 537	6 239	145,9
		R'000	0	18 131	12 280	10 752	30 971	188,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	126	873	0	999	..
		R'000	0	783	4 365	0	5 148	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 558	38 119	16 645	13 310	55 324	315,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 036	7 295	7 363	13 054	19 812	51,8
		R'000	20 529	33 896	36 685	58 298	95 568	63,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	7 050	259	11 753	7 735	12 416	60,5
		R'000	31 769	2 288	69 903	35 014	74 451	112,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	52 298	36 184	106 588	93 312	170 019	82,2
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	97 610	155 602	212 284	289 916	441 891	52,4

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

			Mar. 2016	Feb. 2017	Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2016	Jan. - Mar. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	0	0	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	2	4	2	11	16	45,5
		square metres	238	830	196	2 107	3 242	53,9
		R'000	1 428	6 187	1 274	13 390	22 653	69,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	2	0	1	2	100,0
		square metres	0	171	0	149	171	14,8
		R'000	0	1 112	0	1 028	1 112	8,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	158	0	0	158	935	491,8
		R'000	948	0	0	948	5 512	481,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 376	7 299	1 274	15 366	29 277	90,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	120	0	0	120	..
		R'000	0	720	0	0	720	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	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	0	720	0	0	720	..
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 042	836	132	9 862	2 063	-79,1
		R'000	29 980	8 180	858	70 558	16 656	-76,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	472	84	0	472	1 567	232,0
		R'000	5 087	565	0	5 427	13 769	153,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	35 067	8 745	858	75 985	30 425	-60,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	37 443	16 764	2 132	91 351	60 422	-33,9

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

			Mar. 2016	Feb. 2017	Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2016	Jan. - Mar. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	3	11	17	57	235,3
		square metres	934	176	505	1 048	3 222	207,4
		R'000	4 715	1 018	1 613	5 086	16 409	222,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	30	5	30	68	42	-38,2
		square metres	4 534	975	4 157	11 854	6 249	-47,3
		R'000	21 998	5 311	21 431	56 314	33 032	-41,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	361	881	361	-59,0
		square metres	0	0	27 104	35 468	27 104	-23,6
		R'000	0	0	189 728	160 516	189 728	18,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	105	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	525	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	26 713	6 329	212 772	222 441	239 169	7,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	1 238	0	1 238	..
		R'000	0	0	8 666	0	8 666	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	786	0	3 591	786	-78,1
		R'000	0	3 990	0	25 137	3 990	-84,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	110	10 964	1 340	-87,8
		R'000	0	0	550	49 339	7 315	-85,2
	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	0	3 990	9 216	74 476	19 971	-73,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 771	784	975	9 088	2 287	-74,8
		R'000	8 119	3 540	4 388	41 046	10 810	-73,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	189	0	151	1 229	283	-77,0
		R'000	3 070	4 814	1 750	14 157	7 566	-46,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	11 189	8 354	6 138	55 203	18 376	-66,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	37 902	18 673	228 126	352 120	277 516	-21,2

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

			Mar. 2016	Feb. 2017	Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2016	Jan. - Mar. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	13	9	18	52	27	-48,1
		square metres	806	537	929	3 060	1 466	-52,1
		R'000	6 379	4 532	8 848	27 233	13 380	-50,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	76	71	76	200	197	-1,5
		square metres	20 544	21 494	23 207	51 709	59 509	15,1
		R'000	164 779	192 097	205 896	410 995	533 932	29,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	32	62	417	129	565	338,0
		square metres	8 222	8 657	30 064	24 646	46 904	90,3
		R'000	70 308	82 503	304 372	199 685	464 008	132,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	5 119	0	0	7 952	11 467	44,2
		R'000	30 714	0	0	44 879	129 566	188,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	272 180	279 132	519 116	682 792	1 140 886	67,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	25 259	1 893	24 380	41 138	26 273	-36,1
		R'000	145 837	9 464	255 989	301 497	265 453	-12,0
	Shopping space	square metres	18 005	0	60 253	20 262	61 697	204,5
		R'000	144 000	0	632 656	154 156	647 818	320,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	18 135	11 846	0	47 040	29 390	-37,5
		R'000	100 269	67 522	0	247 173	165 612	-33,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	3 598	0	0	4 282	..
		R'000	0	29 708	0	0	34 975	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	390 106	106 694	888 645	702 826	1 113 858	58,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 955	11 208	12 431	37 578	32 471	-13,6
		R'000	121 574	120 630	117 538	332 106	319 056	-3,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	13 413	5 443	10 506	24 479	23 396	-4,4
		R'000	99 688	63 840	90 174	166 798	214 196	28,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	221 262	184 470	207 712	498 904	533 252	6,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	883 548	570 296	1 615 473	1 884 522	2 787 996	47,9

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

			Mar. 2016	Feb. 2017	Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2016	Jan. - Mar. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	47	46	53	75	109	45,3
		square metres	2 735	2 508	3 073	4 529	6 204	37,0
		R'000	9 388	10 141	13 475	15 967	26 342	65,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	164	29	81	307	142	-53,7
		square metres	25 912	6 181	15 370	50 050	28 728	-42,6
		R'000	116 915	28 139	85 984	226 515	150 392	-33,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	35	24	67	295	122	-58,6
		square metres	3 808	2 507	3 949	26 950	9 144	-66,1
		R'000	17 984	14 398	26 413	133 628	54 588	-59,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	144 287	52 678	125 872	376 110	231 322	-38,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	2 616	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	13 080	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	356	4 028	0	1 353	4 840	257,7
		R'000	1 424	22 154	0	5 911	26 569	349,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	349	0	0	349	1 574	351,0
		R'000	1 854	0	0	1 854	7 084	282,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	993	0	0	2 079	0	..
		R'000	4 767	0	0	9 780	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	8 045	22 154	0	30 625	33 653	9,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	17 359	4 999	6 820	34 878	12 170	-65,1
		R'000	72 867	22 491	30 683	143 074	54 726	-61,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 038	1 204	1 305	2 716	2 559	-5,8
		R'000	4 781	6 462	6 123	12 634	13 671	8,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	77 648	28 953	36 806	155 708	68 397	-56,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	229 980	103 785	162 678	562 443	333 372	-40,7

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

			Mar. 2016	Feb. 2017	Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2016	Jan. - Mar. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	428	427	575	1 732	1 105	-36,2
		square metres	21 552	20 630	29 499	82 248	55 824	-32,1
		R'000	93 549	89 877	142 606	297 377	260 998	-12,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	435	260	284	1 046	858	-18,0
		square metres	115 913	84 642	95 311	295 752	296 903	0,4
		R'000	847 137	637 044	725 736	2 162 152	2 317 252	7,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	368	603	1 081	1 453	2 320	59,7
		square metres	33 531	59 994	82 617	136 935	195 196	42,5
		R'000	277 276	451 915	709 308	1 196 090	1 655 583	38,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	6 729	0	712	7 654	975,0
		R'000	0	47 863	0	4 442	53 974	1 115,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 217 962	1 226 699	1 577 650	3 660 061	4 287 807	17,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	21 605	8 553	9 600	69 969	87 881	25,6
		R'000	212 679	83 100	82 022	606 621	937 383	54,5
	Shopping space	square metres	2 790	3 695	69 109	14 945	73 528	392,0
		R'000	23 190	34 176	538 439	120 552	579 372	380,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	93 541	43 964	26 171	118 905	99 280	-16,5
		R'000	468 853	263 630	121 727	611 781	530 233	-13,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	52 652	8 117	4 747	64 436	16 639	-74,2
		R'000	330 070	55 367	39 898	396 516	121 064	-69,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 034 792	436 273	782 086	1 735 470	2 168 052	24,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	16 698	14 850	22 923	49 338	54 728	10,9
		R'000	114 114	108 027	167 650	337 717	401 974	19,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	5 279	7 486	10 672	20 321	28 433	39,9
		R'000	52 334	72 260	84 592	201 369	249 566	23,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	166 448	180 287	252 242	539 086	651 540	20,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 419 202	1 843 259	2 611 978	5 934 617	7 107 399	19,8

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

			Mar. 2016	Feb. 2017	Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2016	Jan. - Mar. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	75	70	95	329	219	-33,4
		square metres	3 445	3 507	4 212	15 581	10 139	-34,9
		R'000	12 739	14 917	17 192	56 316	38 687	-31,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	61	18	36	199	76	-61,8
		square metres	13 746	4 137	8 483	46 025	18 951	-58,8
		R'000	58 005	22 964	38 047	198 762	89 271	-55,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	37	148	6	63	166	163,5
		square metres	2 207	16 340	737	4 631	18 319	295,6
		R'000	10 395	75 164	3 318	20 583	84 195	309,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	81 139	113 045	58 557	275 661	212 153	-23,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	5 644	0	0	6 243	0	..
		R'000	31 611	0	0	34 365	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	787	5 300	573,4
		R'000	0	0	0	3 541	25 155	610,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 993	0	557	6 662	8 843	32,7
		R'000	12 429	0	2 507	27 799	39 794	43,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 387	0	0	1 387	1 972	42,2
		R'000	6 384	0	0	6 384	9 863	54,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	50 424	0	2 507	72 089	74 812	3,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 047	4 716	5 540	18 445	14 479	-21,5
		R'000	21 554	19 480	22 980	77 530	60 396	-22,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	33	5 110	1 325	-74,1
		R'000	0	1 958	3 277	25 430	11 718	-53,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	21 554	21 438	26 257	102 960	72 114	-30,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	153 117	134 483	87 321	450 710	359 079	-20,3

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

			Mar. 2016	Feb. 2017	Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2016	Jan. - Mar. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	14	4	6	48	20	-58,3
		square metres	841	216	362	2 809	1 136	-59,6
		R'000	4 205	1 080	1 810	14 045	5 680	-59,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	21	26	21	68	56	-17,6
		square metres	7 623	5 828	5 785	19 743	14 645	-25,8
		R'000	38 481	28 169	29 008	94 500	72 171	-23,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	7	8	3	53	11	-79,2
		square metres	850	756	552	5 243	1 308	-75,1
		R'000	4 250	4 582	2 760	26 215	7 342	-72,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	5 752	0	0	5 752	..
		R'000	0	28 760	0	0	28 760	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	46 936	62 591	33 578	134 760	113 953	-15,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	88	522	522	580	1 322	127,9
		R'000	396	2 714	2 610	2 856	6 714	135,1
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	158	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	790	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	1 197	0	460	4 863	957,2
		R'000	0	5 985	0	2 070	24 315	1 074,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	844	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	4 260	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	396	8 699	2 610	9 186	31 819	246,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 058	636	117	1 958	1 055	-46,1
		R'000	5 044	2 945	594	9 325	5 000	-46,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	0	0	158	..
		R'000	500	0	500	3 500	2 790	-20,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	5 544	2 945	1 094	12 825	7 790	-39,3
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	52 876	74 235	37 282	156 771	153 562	-2,0

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.

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) <i>Fifth Edition</i>, 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 March 2017 was 91,8%. The improved collection rate for February 2017 was 92,7%.</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 February 1991=100) are converted to the base year 2015=100.</p>

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| Seasonal adjustment | <p>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.</p> <p>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 2016.pdf</p> |
| Trend cycle | <p>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.</p> |
| Revised figures | <p>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.</p> <p>14 Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> is published with the revised and updated information at provincial and municipal level for the previous calendar year. Due to this comprehensive revision, the monthly statistical release P5041.1 reflects provincial revision where applicable.</p> |
| Related publications | <p>15 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P5041.3: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> issued annually. • P9101.2: <i>Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region</i> issued annually. • <i>Building Statistics</i> (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually. |
| Rounding-off of figures | <p>16 Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.</p> |

**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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