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Results for January to April 2017

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

Estimates at current prices	January to April 2016	January to April 2017	Difference in value between January to April 2016 and January to April 2017	% change between January to April 2016 and January to April 2017
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	17 654 133	15 582 899	-2 071 234	-11,7
-Dwelling-houses	10 633 234	9 682 947	-950 287	-8,9
-Flats and townhouses	5 349 375	5 790 350	440 975	8,2
-Other residential buildings	1 671 524	109 602	-1 561 922	-93,4
Non-residential buildings	10 786 862	6 559 030	-4 227 832	-39,2
Additions and alterations	8 020 933	8 136 331	115 398	1,4
Total	36 461 928	30 278 260	-6 183 668	-17,0

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 17,0% (-R6 183,7 million) during January to April 2017 compared with January to April 2016.

Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-39,2% or -R4 227,8 million) and residential buildings (-11,7% or -R2 071,2 million) – see Table A.

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

Estimates at current prices	January to April 2016	January to April 2017	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to April 2016	% change between January to April 2016 and January to April 2017	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January to April 2016 and January to April 2017	Difference in value between January to April 2016 and January to April 2017
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000			2/ R'000	
Western Cape	8 955 700	8 593 383	24,6	-4,0	-1,0	-362 317
Eastern Cape	1 205 678	1 663 588	3,3	38,0	1,3	457 910
Northern Cape	336 990	120 180	0,9	-64,3	-0,6	-216 810
Free State	1 182 001	1 179 377	3,2	-0,2	0,0	-2 624
KwaZulu-Natal	7 745 139	5 524 336	21,2	-28,7	-6,1	-2 220 803
North West	1 052 355	1 277 114	2,9	21,4	0,6	224 759
Gauteng	14 169 286	10 421 146	38,9	-26,5	-10,3	-3 748 140
Mpumalanga	1 357 396	852 645	3,7	-37,2	-1,4	-504 751
Limpopo	457 383	646 491	1,3	41,3	0,5	189 108
Total	36 461 928	30 278 260	100,0	-17,0	-17,0	-6 183 668

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

The largest negative contributions to the total decrease of 17,0% (-R6 183,7 million) were made by Gauteng (contributing -10,3 percentage points or -R3 748,1 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -6,1 percentage points or -R2 220,8 million) – see Table B.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to April 2016	January to April 2017	Difference in value between January to April 2016 and January to April 2017	% change between January to April 2016 and January to April 2017
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	16 917 398	14 064 843	-2 852 555	-16,9
Non-residential buildings	10 371 333	5 926 011	-4 445 322	-42,9
Additions and alterations	7 689 300	7 343 649	-345 651	-4,5
Total	34 978 031	27 334 503	-7 643 528	-21,9

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 21,9% (-R7 643,5 million) year-on-year during January to April 2017. All three major building categories recorded decreases. The largest percentage decrease was recorded for non-residential buildings (-42,9% or -R4 445,3 million), followed by residential buildings (-16,9% or -R2 852,6 million) and additions and alterations (-4,5% or -R345,7 million) – see Table C.

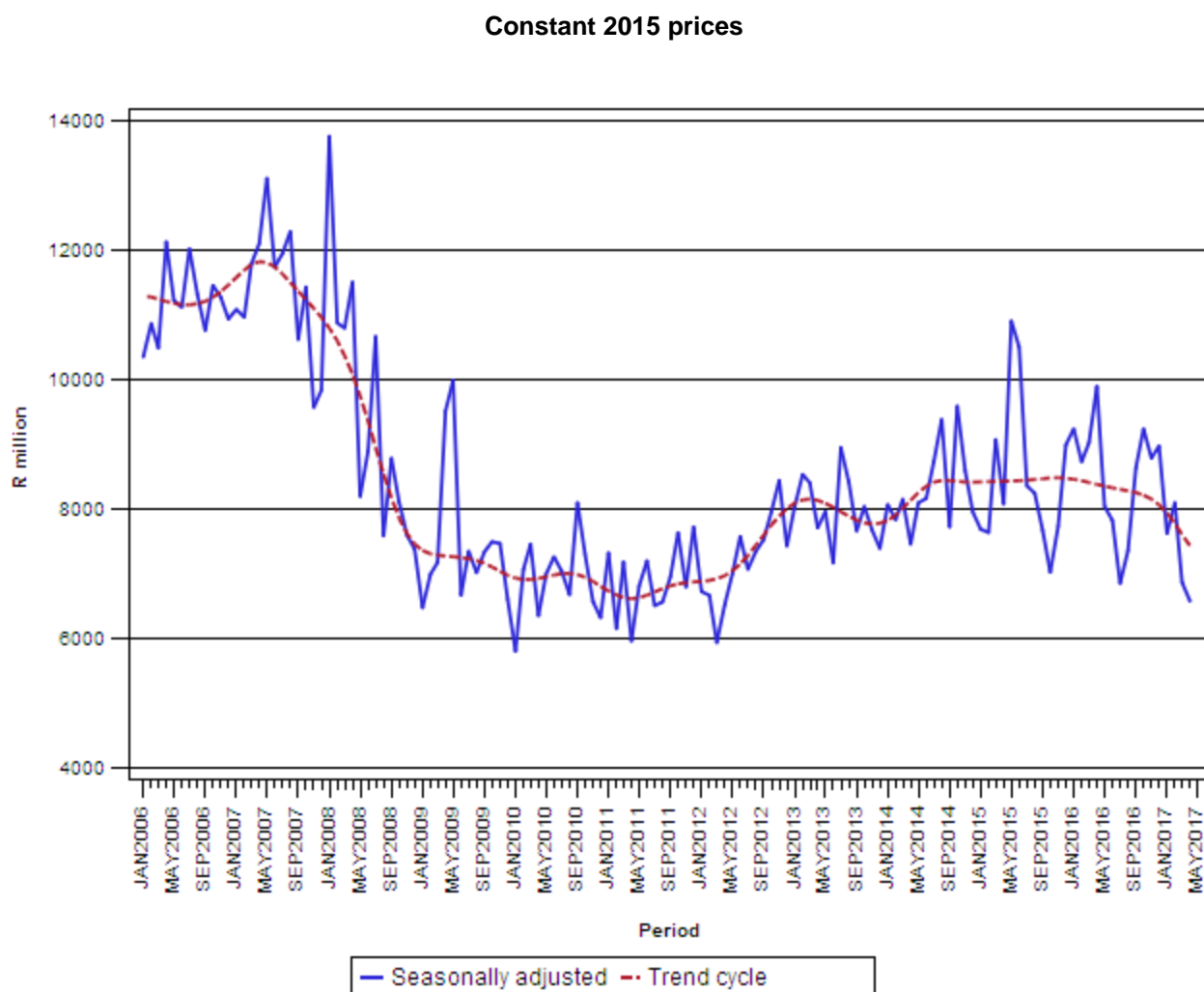
Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	November 2016 to January 2017	February to April 2017	% change between November 2016 to January 2017 and February to April 2017
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	13 567 984	11 224 125	-17,3
Non-residential buildings 1/	5 491 449	4 349 061	-20,8
Additions and alterations	6 341 535	5 992 870	-5,5
Total	25 400 968	21 566 056	-15,1

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 15,1% in the three months ended April 2017 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-20,8%), residential buildings (-17,3%) and additions and alterations (-5,5%) – 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 April 2016 versus January to April 2017**

Estimates at current prices	January to April 2016 1/	January to April 2017 1/	Difference in value between January to April 2016 and January to April 2017	% change between January to April 2016 and January to April 2017
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 507 966	12 664 554	3 156 588	33,2
-Dwelling-houses	6 728 748	6 883 799	155 051	2,3
-Flats and townhouses	2 712 202	4 150 311	1 438 109	53,0
-Other residential buildings	67 016	1 630 444	1 563 428	2 332,9
Non-residential buildings	5 532 637	5 423 074	-109 563	-2,0
Additions and alterations	3 221 809	3 400 555	178 746	5,5
Total	18 262 412	21 488 183	3 225 771	17,7

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 17,7% (R3 225,8 million) during January to April 2017 compared with January to April 2016.

Residential buildings rose by 33,2% (R3 156,6 million) – see Table E.

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

Estimates at current prices	January to April 2016 1/	January to April 2017 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to April 2016	% change between January to April 2016 and January to April 2017	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January to April 2016 and January to April 2017	Difference in value between January to April 2016 and January to April 2017
	R'000	R'000			2/	R'000
Western Cape	4 502 496	5 658 558	24,7	25,7	6,3	1 156 062
Eastern Cape	400 623	531 878	2,2	32,8	0,7	131 255
Northern Cape	134 779	96 314	0,7	-28,5	-0,2	-38 465
Free State	506 553	325 135	2,8	-35,8	-1,0	-181 418
KwaZulu-Natal	3 413 715	3 270 246	18,7	-4,2	-0,8	-143 469
North West	758 714	545 350	4,2	-28,1	-1,2	-213 364
Gauteng	7 768 175	10 374 761	42,5	33,6	14,3	2 606 586
Mpumalanga	565 605	448 595	3,1	-20,7	-0,6	-117 010
Limpopo	211 752	237 346	1,2	12,1	0,1	25 594
Total	18 262 412	21 488 183	100,0	17,7	17,7	3 225 771

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

Four provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to April 2017. The largest contributions were recorded for Gauteng (contributing 14,3 percentage points or R2 606,6 million) and Western Cape (contributing 6,3 percentage points or R1 156,1 million) – see Table F.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to April 2016	January to April 2017	Difference in value between January to April 2016 and January to April 2017	% change between January to April 2016 and January to April 2017
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 129 362	11 425 658	2 296 296	25,2
Non-residential buildings	5 289 812	4 895 948	-393 864	-7,4
Additions and alterations	3 091 170	3 069 789	-21 381	-0,7
Total	17 510 344	19 391 395	1 881 051	10,7

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

Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2015 prices) increased by 10,7% (R1 881,1 million) year-on-year during January to April 2017. Residential buildings rose by 25,2% (R2 296,3 million) – see Table G.

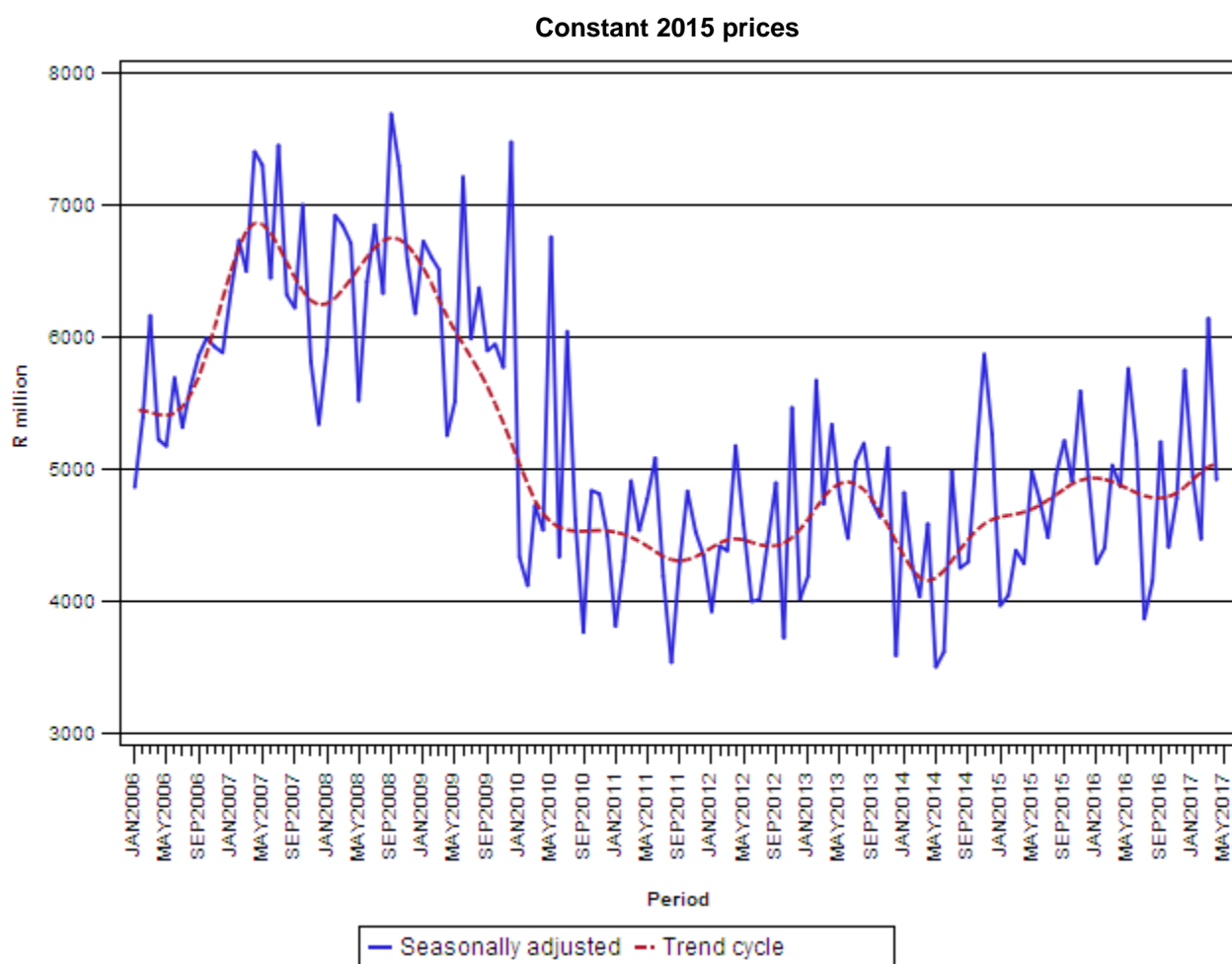
Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	November 2016 to January 2017	February to April 2017	% change between November 2016 to January 2017 and February to April 2017
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 135 872	9 630 177	5,4
Non-residential buildings 1/	3 652 456	3 689 984	1,0
Additions and alterations	2 697 606	2 220 803	-17,7
Total	15 485 934	15 540 965	0,4

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 0,4% in the three months ended April 2017 compared with the previous three months. Increases were recorded for residential buildings (5,4%) and non-residential buildings (1,0%). Additions and alterations fell by 17,7% – 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	5 484 971	29,6	2 779 784	43,3	2 388 049	20,6	10 652 804	30,7
	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	2 804 152	99,2	2 458 564	15,0	10 090 627	27,5
	December	4 736 194	25,9	1 462 921	-27,1	1 954 313	-10,4	8 153 428	2,6
	Total	54 787 734	8,5	26 799 081	8,7	27 339 826	3,4	108 926 641	7,2
2017	January	3 161 447	6,2	1 731 491	-46,6	1 703 058	17,3	6 595 996	-14,0
	February	4 541 114	-1,1	2 214 493	-1,5	2 166 491	1,9	8 922 098	-0,5
	March	4 216 225	-8,4	1 651 432	-34,3	2 281 535	11,0	8 149 192	-11,1
	April	3 664 113	-33,2	961 614	-65,4	1 985 247	-16,9	6 610 974	-37,9

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	4 170 921	-8,1	3 244 246	61,7	2 083 226	-18,4	9 498 394	4,4
	February	4 374 167	4,9	2 247 812	-30,7	2 136 237	2,5	8 758 216	-7,8
	March	4 672 747	6,8	2 515 020	11,9	2 194 433	2,7	9 382 200	7,1
	April	5 458 166	16,8	2 779 784	10,5	2 333 363	6,3	10 571 313	12,7
	May	4 141 226	-24,1	2 167 660	-22,0	2 260 492	-3,1	8 569 378	-18,9
	June	4 549 677	9,9	1 445 606	-33,3	2 413 529	6,8	8 408 812	-1,9
	July	3 623 745	-20,4	1 334 132	-7,7	2 347 715	-2,7	7 305 592	-13,1
	August	4 103 968	13,3	1 796 343	34,6	1 995 946	-15,0	7 896 257	8,1
	September	4 480 196	9,2	2 513 194	39,9	2 327 684	16,6	9 321 073	18,0
	October	4 918 631	9,8	2 488 211	-1,0	2 593 000	11,4	9 999 842	7,3
	November	4 518 272	-8,1	2 804 152	12,7	2 228 016	-14,1	9 550 439	-4,5
	December	5 928 548	31,2	1 462 921	-47,8	2 405 348	8,0	9 796 817	2,6
2017	January	4 404 781	-25,7	1 731 491	18,4	2 325 344	-3,3	8 461 615	-13,6
	February	4 742 831	7,7	2 214 493	27,9	2 199 735	-5,4	9 157 059	8,2
	March	3 733 920	-21,3	1 651 432	-25,4	2 198 618	-0,1	7 583 970	-17,2
	April	4 304 565	15,3	961 614	-41,8	2 259 248	2,8	7 525 427	-0,8
	Nov. 16 – Jan. 17	14 851 601		5 998 564		6 958 708		27 808 871	
	Feb. – Apr. 17 2/	12 781 316	-13,9	4 827 539	-19,5	6 657 601	-4,3	24 266 456	-12,7

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	5 203 957	22,6	2 637 366	35,6	2 265 701	14,1	10 107 024	23,6
	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	2 579 717	85,1	2 261 788	6,8	9 283 005	18,5
	December	4 321 345	16,0	1 334 782	-32,8	1 783 132	-17,4	7 439 259	-5,5
	Total	51 433 791	1,9	25 257 571	2,5	25 658 244	-2,9	102 349 606	0,8
2017	January	2 879 278	-1,1	1 576 950	-50,3	1 551 055	9,2	6 007 283	-20,0
	February	4 098 478	-6,9	1 998 640	-7,3	1 955 317	-4,0	8 052 435	-6,3
	March	3 794 982	-13,7	1 486 437	-38,2	2 053 587	4,5	7 335 006	-16,3
	April	3 292 105	-36,7	863 984	-67,2	1 783 690	-21,3	5 939 779	-41,2

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/
2016	January	4 038 401	-10,0	3 174 409	59,8	2 030 570	-19,5	9 243 379	2,8
	February	4 536 330	12,3	2 155 141	-32,1	2 044 928	0,7	8 736 399	-5,5
	March	4 531 092	-0,1	2 404 417	11,6	2 095 046	2,5	9 030 556	3,4
	April	5 048 038	11,4	2 637 366	9,7	2 217 160	5,8	9 902 564	9,7
	May	3 857 913	-23,6	2 050 766	-22,2	2 138 907	-3,5	8 047 586	-18,7
	June	4 206 738	9,0	1 353 564	-34,0	2 267 840	6,0	7 828 142	-2,7
	July	3 408 538	-19,0	1 245 688	-8,0	2 202 403	-2,9	6 856 629	-12,4
	August	3 821 953	12,1	1 675 693	34,5	1 865 026	-15,3	7 362 672	7,4
	September	4 140 278	8,3	2 337 855	39,5	2 165 582	16,1	8 643 715	17,4
	October	4 536 369	9,6	2 308 173	-1,3	2 399 814	10,8	9 244 355	6,9
	November	4 164 712	-8,2	2 579 717	11,8	2 047 274	-14,7	8 791 703	-4,9
	December	5 458 217	31,1	1 334 782	-48,3	2 186 887	6,8	8 979 886	2,1
2017	January	3 945 055	-27,7	1 576 950	18,1	2 107 374	-3,6	7 629 379	-15,0
	February	4 118 823	4,4	1 998 640	26,7	1 986 913	-5,7	8 104 376	6,2
	March	3 407 346	-17,3	1 486 437	-25,6	1 981 909	-0,3	6 875 692	-15,2
	April	3 697 956	8,5	863 984	-41,9	2 024 048	2,1	6 585 988	-4,2
	Nov. 16 – Jan. 17	13 567 984		5 491 449		6 341 535		25 400 968	
	Feb. – Apr. 17 2/	11 224 125	-17,3	4 349 061	-20,8	5 992 870	-5,5	21 566 056	-15,1

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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	2 992 499	21,7	793 718	-22,9	841 521	-3,3	4 627 738	6,2
	March	3 593 693	42,4	2 469 283	36,4	1 113 881	26,8	7 176 857	37,7
	April	3 719 089	60,5	835 924	-60,4	689 839	-16,1	5 244 852	-0,2

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	2 990 177	11,7	578 503	-60,1	824 894	-8,0	4 393 574	-12,5
	February	2 736 690	-8,5	1 029 861	78,0	828 657	0,5	4 595 208	4,6
	March	2 617 591	-4,4	1 810 745	75,8	839 183	1,3	5 267 519	14,6
	April	2 252 762	-13,9	2 113 528	16,7	749 696	-10,7	5 115 986	-2,9
	May	3 327 814	47,7	1 819 266	-13,9	929 193	23,9	6 076 273	18,8
	June	3 298 760	-0,9	1 325 164	-27,2	916 017	-1,4	5 539 941	-8,8
	July	2 270 452	-31,2	1 150 587	-13,2	709 226	-22,6	4 130 265	-25,4
	August	2 477 318	9,1	1 205 852	4,8	768 451	8,4	4 451 621	7,8
	September	3 331 487	34,5	1 326 114	10,0	946 253	23,1	5 603 854	25,9
	October	2 862 197	-14,1	928 259	-30,0	973 242	2,9	4 763 698	-15,0
	November	2 530 721	-11,6	1 682 124	81,2	1 001 912	2,9	5 214 757	9,5
	December	4 345 478	71,7	985 304	-41,4	1 014 151	1,2	6 344 932	21,7
2017	January	3 168 162	-27,1	1 324 149	34,4	949 216	-6,4	5 441 527	-14,2
	February	3 349 477	5,7	793 718	-40,1	810 035	-14,7	4 953 230	-9,0
	March	3 525 807	5,3	2 469 283	211,1	820 205	1,3	6 815 294	37,6
	April	3 804 083	7,9	835 924	-66,1	830 212	1,2	5 470 219	-19,7
	Nov. 16 – Jan. 17	10 044 361		3 991 577		2 965 279		17 001 216	
	Feb. – Apr. 17 2/	10 679 367	6,3	4 098 925	2,7	2 460 452	-17,0	17 238 743	1,4

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	2 700 811	14,6	716 352	-27,5	759 495	-8,9	4 176 658	-0,1
	March	3 234 647	34,1	2 222 577	28,4	1 002 593	19,4	6 459 817	29,6
	April	3 341 500	52,0	751 055	-62,5	619 801	-20,6	4 712 356	-5,4

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	2 919 861	11,0	566 050	-60,5	802 356	-9,1	4 288 266	-13,3
	February	2 622 780	-10,2	987 403	74,4	796 768	-0,7	4 406 951	2,8
	March	2 501 330	-4,6	1 731 114	75,3	801 442	0,6	5 033 885	14,2
	April	2 149 695	-14,1	2 005 245	15,8	715 000	-10,8	4 869 940	-3,3
	May	3 165 758	47,3	1 721 160	-14,2	880 206	23,1	5 767 124	18,4
	June	3 085 794	-2,5	1 240 790	-27,9	861 115	-2,2	5 187 699	-10,0
	July	2 130 309	-31,0	1 074 311	-13,4	664 707	-22,8	3 869 326	-25,4
	August	2 314 658	8,7	1 124 862	4,7	717 286	7,9	4 156 806	7,4
	September	3 098 014	33,8	1 233 594	9,7	879 181	22,6	5 210 789	25,4
	October	2 649 838	-14,5	861 094	-30,2	901 082	2,5	4 412 014	-15,3
	November	2 318 464	-12,5	1 547 492	79,7	917 722	1,8	4 783 678	8,4
	December	3 937 000	69,8	899 000	-41,9	920 382	0,3	5 756 382	20,3
2017	January	2 880 408	-26,8	1 205 964	34,1	859 502	-6,6	4 945 874	-14,1
	February	3 022 320	4,9	716 352	-40,6	733 738	-14,6	4 472 410	-9,6
	March	3 182 611	5,3	2 222 577	210,3	740 399	0,9	6 145 587	37,4
	April	3 425 246	7,6	751 055	-66,2	746 666	0,8	4 922 968	-19,9
	Nov. 16 – Jan. 17	9 135 872		3 652 456		2 697 606		15 485 934	
	Feb. – Apr. 17 2/	9 630 177	5,4	3 689 984	1,0	2 220 803	-17,7	15 540 965	0,4

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

			Apr. 2016	Mar. 2017	Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2016	Jan. - Apr. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 070	1 731	1 224	5 722	5 205	-9,0
		square metres	52 757	80 171	61 068	275 074	250 226	-9,0
		R'000	236 267	379 265	345 883	1 269 832	1 335 310	5,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 324	1 318	1 155	5 258	4 528	-13,9
		square metres	352 516	351 998	326 331	1 406 758	1 231 712	-12,4
		R'000	2 326 419	2 382 070	2 208 703	9 363 402	8 347 637	-10,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 615	2 090	859	6 635	6 567	-1,0
		square metres	221 689	196 389	133 211	689 258	750 611	8,9
		R'000	1 669 005	1 446 244	1 051 501	5 349 375	5 790 350	8,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	117 912	2 049	9 884	168 764	18 893	-88,8
		R'000	1 253 280	8 646	58 026	1 671 524	109 602	-93,4
	Total residential buildings		R'000	5 484 971	4 216 225	3 664 113	17 654 133	15 582 899
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	93 878	34 744	29 911	218 761	156 838	-28,3
		R'000	789 052	342 334	241 532	1 871 708	1 404 591	-25,0
	Shopping space	square metres	87 433	41 520	19 984	558 199	155 582	-72,1
		R'000	590 418	359 102	104 706	4 697 550	1 289 853	-72,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	139 450	138 159	103 888	505 265	556 621	10,2
		R'000	814 291	765 841	553 942	2 743 113	3 148 239	14,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	82 144	23 386	10 550	214 247	104 249	-51,3
		R'000	586 023	184 155	61 434	1 474 491	716 347	-51,4
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	2 779 784	1 651 432	961 614	10 786 862	6 559 030
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	245 154	240 912	225 299	930 495	874 128	-6,1
		R'000	1 605 149	1 667 739	1 536 062	6 047 419	5 966 516	-1,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	62 535	63 596	49 940	207 454	233 678	12,6
		R'000	782 900	613 796	449 185	1 973 514	2 169 815	9,9
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	2 388 049	2 281 535	1 985 247	8 020 933	8 136 331
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	10 652 804	8 149 192	6 610 974	36 461 928	30 278 260	-17,0

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

			Apr. 2016	Mar. 2017	Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2016	Jan. - Apr. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	340	474	529	2 203	2 177	-1,2
		square metres	15 681	22 774	25 554	100 762	102 143	1,4
		R'000	94 313	135 125	155 143	559 103	617 295	10,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	370	527	372	1 451	1 542	6,3
		square metres	96 764	118 353	88 442	359 579	358 586	-0,3
		R'000	624 549	803 231	578 999	2 362 594	2 375 803	0,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	604	1 274	251	1 558	2 834	81,9
		square metres	55 857	95 332	37 679	173 321	283 032	63,3
		R'000	437 303	735 074	293 176	1 297 182	2 142 369	65,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	12 352	0	328	30 151	3 702	-87,7
		R'000	108 080	0	1 866	246 006	23 147	-90,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 264 245	1 673 430	1 029 184	4 464 885	5 158 614	15,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	12 723	8 447	1 099	21 669	54 332	150,7
		R'000	107 184	73 871	9 137	176 316	466 100	164,4
	Shopping space	square metres	3 275	9 977	512	109 880	19 726	-82,0
		R'000	25 785	86 517	3 840	900 125	160 999	-82,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	50 581	13 083	12 485	128 760	66 945	-48,0
		R'000	342 205	87 185	81 767	873 453	445 733	-49,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	22 909	3 200	3 692	54 306	14 280	-73,7
		R'000	188 954	20 698	23 049	392 690	88 085	-77,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	664 128	268 271	117 793	2 342 584	1 160 917	-50,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	66 136	76 018	59 835	247 814	247 374	-0,2
		R'000	426 575	500 072	378 312	1 568 604	1 603 212	2,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	16 491	19 723	13 720	44 910	63 191	40,7
		R'000	240 019	218 470	141 232	579 627	670 640	15,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	666 594	718 542	519 544	2 148 231	2 273 852	5,8
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 594 967	2 660 243	1 666 521	8 955 700	8 593 383	-4,0

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

			Apr. 2016	Mar. 2017	Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2016	Jan. - Apr. 2017	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	30	468	207	245	1 015	314,3	
		square metres	1 521	20 783	9 192	12 623	45 065	257,0	
		R'000	6 219	92 306	51 985	62 681	212 403	238,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	82	95	57	295	275	-6,8	
		square metres	18 328	21 098	11 400	64 846	61 410	-5,3	
		R'000	119 354	120 914	61 393	391 617	352 976	-9,9	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	35	68	1	106	149	40,6	
		square metres	4 646	6 212	215	10 820	12 722	17,6	
		R'000	26 094	36 245	1 184	56 957	68 657	20,5	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 550	4 384	148	6 066	3 998,6	
		R'000	0	6 200	29 282	962	36 010	3 643,2	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	151 667	255 665	143 844	512 217	670 046	30,8
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	263	0	7 097	544	7 250	1 232,7
R'000			1 184	0	37 859	2 501	38 669	1 446,1	
Shopping space		square metres	0	2 053	4 035	1 692	6 629	291,8	
		R'000	0	10 875	21 373	7 526	34 620	360,0	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	9 671	18 563	2 161	39 086	52 885	35,3	
		R'000	37 198	103 205	11 886	183 595	291 977	59,0	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	3 759	1 139	33	7 247	3 038	-58,1	
		R'000	13 699	6 447	164	29 829	16 770	-43,8	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	52 081	120 527	71 282	223 451	382 036	71,0	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	22 753	24 750	15 719	71 886	83 442	16,1	
		R'000	123 391	161 069	93 003	393 743	504 539	28,1	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	8 353	12 680	1 182	17 892	18 050	0,9	
		R'000	37 978	68 075	6 523	76 267	106 967	40,3	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	161 369	229 144	99 526	470 010	611 506	30,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	365 117	605 336	314 652	1 205 678	1 663 588	38,0	

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

			Apr. 2016	Mar. 2017	Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2016	Jan. - Apr. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	5	0	3	8	8	0,0
		square metres	350	0	200	580	453	-21,9
		R'000	2 100	0	1 200	3 480	2 638	-24,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	21	11	6	64	50	-21,9
		square metres	2 633	1 857	1 206	11 761	7 696	-34,6
		R'000	17 342	11 706	7 288	74 530	49 627	-33,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	4	0	0	50	0	..
		square metres	455	0	0	5 781	0	..
		R'000	3 458	0	0	35 135	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	22 900	11 706	8 488	113 145	54 800	-51,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	8 843	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	52 990	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	1 498	0	0	1 498	0	..
		R'000	7 146	0	0	7 146	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	342	0	0	5 772	2 205	-61,8
		R'000	2 052	0	0	34 720	14 333	-58,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	943	658	-30,2
		R'000	0	0	0	5 308	4 278	-19,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	9 198	0	0	100 164	18 611	-81,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 501	963	1 659	16 312	6 539	-59,9
		R'000	31 814	5 915	10 231	110 207	42 984	-61,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 068	0	72	1 179	453	-61,6
		R'000	9 178	0	848	13 474	3 785	-71,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	40 992	5 915	11 079	123 681	46 769	-62,2
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	73 090	17 621	19 567	336 990	120 180	-64,3

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

			Apr. 2016	Mar. 2017	Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2016	Jan. - Apr. 2017	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	13	6	3	129	45	-65,1	
		square metres	702	368	201	7 326	2 516	-65,7	
		R'000	3 695	2 006	1 166	33 914	14 336	-57,7	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	58	51	69	256	237	-7,4	
		square metres	11 998	12 433	14 770	60 545	49 957	-17,5	
		R'000	62 350	67 272	82 387	323 722	273 515	-15,5	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	104	187	35	229	336	46,7	
		square metres	15 450	23 834	5 060	29 803	47 378	59,0	
		R'000	102 952	162 944	35 420	199 905	324 969	62,6	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	499	599	3 851	1 098	-71,5	
		R'000	0	2 446	3 242	26 357	5 688	-78,4	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	168 997	234 668	122 215	583 898	618 508	5,9
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 602	0	156	12 831	343	-97,3
R'000			20 816	0	1 248	101 704	2 744	-97,3	
Shopping space		square metres	816	1 915	487	4 125	5 633	36,6	
		R'000	3 672	12 860	2 192	23 906	30 840	29,0	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	400	0	3 651	18 695	19 679	5,3	
		R'000	1 800	0	17 525	84 129	94 120	11,9	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	108	564	1 444	5 802	2 555	-56,0	
		R'000	864	4 000	8 375	41 099	14 837	-63,9	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	27 152	16 860	29 340	250 838	142 541	-43,2	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 521	10 739	15 621	50 675	48 962	-3,4
	R'000		59 484	56 206	83 442	261 680	259 761	-0,7	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 586	1 985	9 260	4 523	13 278	193,6	
		R'000	51 602	21 585	64 681	85 585	158 567	85,3	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	111 086	77 791	148 123	347 265	418 328	20,5
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	307 235	329 319	299 678	1 182 001	1 179 377	-0,2	

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

			Apr. 2016	Mar. 2017	Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2016	Jan. - Apr. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	35	7	13	106	58	-45,3
		square metres	2 021	407	781	5 924	3 483	-41,2
		R'000	11 700	3 511	6 307	43 049	25 502	-40,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	129	116	82	470	413	-12,1
		square metres	38 440	36 305	22 004	150 119	121 007	-19,4
		R'000	325 642	329 388	202 948	1 292 625	1 107 930	-14,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	250	200	168	1 063	814	-23,4
		square metres	38 073	21 866	35 808	113 199	123 886	9,4
		R'000	351 495	195 968	320 267	1 032 287	1 194 682	15,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	666	0	1 057	15 010	3 192	-78,7
		R'000	3 996	0	6 342	147 813	20 747	-86,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	692 833	528 867	535 864	2 515 774	2 348 861	-6,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	40 771	2 426	12 116	68 075	22 210	-67,4
		R'000	397 476	24 988	127 218	654 825	207 335	-68,3
	Shopping space	square metres	41 617	12 294	1 940	253 545	66 369	-73,8
		R'000	280 123	125 574	11 640	2 382 137	663 743	-72,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	18 258	26 896	13 526	49 486	72 389	46,3
		R'000	100 141	152 467	77 098	254 215	430 279	69,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	21 419	8 328	449	47 358	19 899	-58,0
		R'000	134 059	78 927	3 143	322 217	149 463	-53,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	911 799	381 956	219 099	3 613 394	1 450 820	-59,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	30 748	32 329	25 854	111 486	112 908	1,3
		R'000	266 918	311 822	241 887	945 198	1 068 119	13,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	8 042	13 624	11 090	71 208	59 639	-16,2
		R'000	164 704	175 369	118 722	670 773	656 536	-2,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	431 622	487 191	360 609	1 615 971	1 724 655	6,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 036 254	1 398 014	1 115 572	7 745 139	5 524 336	-28,7

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

			Apr. 2016	Mar. 2017	Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2016	Jan. - Apr. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	5	4	2	25	22	-12,0
		square metres	326	249	136	1 648	1 366	-17,1
		R'000	1 461	1 234	612	8 037	6 226	-22,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	92	59	71	303	259	-14,5
		square metres	23 922	13 996	20 073	78 161	69 295	-11,3
		R'000	125 787	69 208	107 148	396 752	364 883	-8,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	75	76	136	396	1 016	156,6
		square metres	18 169	13 804	11 156	39 536	106 708	169,9
		R'000	92 832	77 731	62 697	202 783	634 684	213,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	718	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	5 026	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	220 080	148 173	170 457	612 598	1 005 793	64,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	144	0	1 180	873	-26,0
		R'000	0	720	0	5 900	5 607	-5,0
	Shopping space	square metres	16 179	0	0	19 004	2 944	-84,5
		R'000	91 887	0	0	104 601	16 072	-84,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 141	0	2 592	8 695	5 288	-39,2
		R'000	18 846	0	13 735	46 476	24 830	-46,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	629	342	201	5 027	826	-83,6
		R'000	2 773	1 539	905	25 189	3 718	-85,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	113 506	2 259	14 640	182 166	50 227	-72,4
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 782	12 214	7 874	45 010	-18,4
			R'000	50 299	58 724	43 016	210 668	-13,3
		Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 106	1 100	1 272	7 206	-21,0
			R'000	25 137	9 638	6 920	46 923	-18,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	75 436	68 362	49 936	257 591	221 094	-14,2
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	409 022	218 794	235 033	1 052 355	1 277 114	21,4

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2016	Mar. 2017	Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2016	Jan. - Apr. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	584	641	315	2 405	1 451	-39,7
		square metres	28 719	29 286	16 569	115 379	72 665	-37,0
		R'000	101 035	114 421	85 298	430 070	347 853	-19,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	403	315	370	1 740	1 253	-28,0
		square metres	121 991	106 100	133 279	526 124	427 794	-18,7
		R'000	857 250	779 768	995 961	3 738 425	3 145 113	-15,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	539	276	256	3 167	1 317	-58,4
		square metres	88 807	34 746	42 851	309 804	166 886	-46,1
		R'000	653 789	235 307	336 768	2 493 256	1 376 074	-44,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	101 372	0	2 943	114 070	2 943	-97,4
		R'000	1 125 128	0	14 715	1 223 460	14 715	-98,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 737 202	1 129 496	1 432 742	7 885 211	4 883 755	-38,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	21 561	21 659	4 105	77 896	59 203	-24,0
		R'000	186 106	233 017	39 424	726 719	623 397	-14,2
	Shopping space	square metres	18 951	15 069	1 892	149 693	37 156	-75,2
		R'000	156 313	122 322	12 629	1 176 522	302 312	-74,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	43 203	76 521	66 432	223 607	325 529	45,6
		R'000	243 656	408 389	336 977	1 119 196	1 791 916	60,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	32 268	8 985	3 168	81 943	38 974	-52,4
		R'000	238 361	68 820	18 743	602 933	301 492	-50,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	824 436	832 548	407 773	3 625 370	3 019 117	-16,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	80 759	68 720	87 018	315 802	281 090	-11,0
		R'000	567 728	503 003	634 584	2 223 256	2 041 123	-8,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	21 744	12 697	12 547	52 438	68 304	30,3
		R'000	233 198	93 747	101 553	435 449	477 151	9,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	800 926	596 750	736 137	2 658 705	2 518 274	-5,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	4 362 564	2 558 794	2 576 652	14 169 286	10 421 146	-26,5

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

			Apr. 2016	Mar. 2017	Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2016	Jan. - Apr. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	48	112	90	522	328	-37,2
		square metres	2 844	5 160	4 503	26 231	16 164	-38,4
		R'000	12 867	23 725	18 502	106 680	69 959	-34,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	122	97	97	487	316	-35,1
		square metres	24 981	26 498	24 782	103 259	84 027	-18,6
		R'000	126 983	124 584	119 740	527 122	414 427	-21,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	3	0	12	42	50	19,0
		square metres	152	0	442	4 616	3 953	-14,4
		R'000	682	0	1 989	20 772	17 923	-13,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	3 522	0	573	4 816	1 502	-68,8
		R'000	16 076	0	2 579	21 900	6 760	-69,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	156 608	148 309	142 810	676 474	509 069	-24,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	15 318	1 204	109	26 627	3 023	-88,6
		R'000	73 853	5 418	501	146 040	13 718	-90,6
	Shopping space	square metres	2 616	212	5 254	16 281	10 147	-37,7
		R'000	13 083	954	23 643	83 178	46 085	-44,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	12 604	1 365	627	25 423	5 403	-78,7
		R'000	62 768	6 658	2 884	120 064	25 232	-79,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 052	828	1 563	10 093	9 755	-3,3
		R'000	7 313	3 724	7 055	48 607	44 334	-8,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	157 017	16 754	34 083	397 889	129 369	-67,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 889	10 151	9 053	52 582	38 811	-26,2
		R'000	48 750	46 545	38 387	241 575	173 865	-28,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 060	969	42	3 803	2 847	-25,1
		R'000	15 114	23 027	4 609	41 458	40 342	-2,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	63 864	69 572	42 996	283 033	214 207	-24,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	377 489	234 635	219 889	1 357 396	852 645	-37,2

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

			Apr. 2016	Mar. 2017	Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2016	Jan. - Apr. 2017	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	19	62	79	101	27,8	
		square metres	593	1 144	3 932	4 601	6 371	38,5	
		R'000	2 877	6 937	25 670	22 818	39 098	71,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	47	47	31	192	183	-4,7	
		square metres	13 459	15 358	10 375	52 364	51 940	-0,8	
		R'000	67 162	75 999	52 839	256 015	263 363	2,9	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1	9	0	24	51	112,5	
		square metres	80	595	0	2 378	6 046	154,2	
		R'000	400	2 975	0	11 098	30 992	179,3	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	70 439	85 911	78 509	289 931	333 453	15,0
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	640	864	5 229	1 096	9 604	776,3
R'000			2 433	4 320	26 145	4 713	47 021	897,7	
Shopping space		square metres	2 481	0	5 864	2 481	6 978	181,3	
		R'000	12 409	0	29 389	12 409	35 182	183,5	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	1 250	1 731	2 414	5 741	6 298	9,7	
		R'000	5 625	7 937	12 070	27 265	29 819	9,4	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	0	0	1 528	14 264	833,5	
		R'000	0	0	0	6 619	93 370	1 310,6	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	20 467	12 257	67 604	51 006	205 392	302,7	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 065	5 028	2 666	18 928	18 285	-3,4	
		R'000	30 190	24 383	13 200	92 488	90 163	-2,5	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 085	818	755	4 295	2 221	-48,3	
		R'000	5 970	3 885	4 097	23 958	17 483	-27,0	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	36 160	28 268	17 297	116 446	107 646	-7,6
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	127 066	126 436	163 410	457 383	646 491	41,3	

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

			Apr. 2016	Mar. 2017	Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2016	Jan. - Apr. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 266	1 516	1 541	4 360	4 940	13,3
		square metres	59 903	73 397	72 753	208 669	235 480	12,8
		R'000	248 095	382 421	295 052	869 369	1 106 553	27,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 054	924	713	3 722	2 961	-20,4
		square metres	242 859	243 452	188 673	901 274	817 952	-9,2
		R'000	1 596 564	1 687 848	1 298 072	5 859 379	5 777 246	-1,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	595	2 251	1 066	4 100	5 623	37,1
		square metres	66 269	184 962	107 775	369 650	517 840	40,1
		R'000	472 187	1 523 424	865 630	2 712 202	4 150 311	53,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	113 841	11 055	159 688	1 344,5
		R'000	0	0	1 260 335	67 016	1 630 444	2 332,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 316 846	3 593 693	3 719 089	9 507 966	12 664 554	33,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	46 408	108 834	25 415	216 274	227 445	5,2
		R'000	425 938	874 777	246 018	1 688 053	2 068 366	22,5
	Shopping space	square metres	146 481	130 690	30 870	195 070	184 530	-5,4
		R'000	1 310 549	1 180 992	188 480	1 678 293	1 519 661	-9,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	33 244	63 721	44 332	266 210	256 452	-3,7
		R'000	158 558	347 198	254 836	1 412 818	1 438 857	1,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	29 660	9 463	15 982	117 818	52 902	-55,1
		R'000	218 483	66 316	146 590	753 473	396 190	-47,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 113 528	2 469 283	835 924	5 532 637	5 423 074	-2,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	101 496	119 704	84 015	385 635	370 971	-3,8
		R'000	619 114	722 543	504 353	2 239 681	2 268 428	1,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	20 277	47 300	21 123	113 579	121 382	6,9
		R'000	203 275	391 338	185 486	982 128	1 132 127	15,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	822 389	1 113 881	689 839	3 221 809	3 400 555	5,5
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	5 252 763	7 176 857	5 244 852	18 262 412	21 488 183	17,7

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

			Apr. 2016	Mar. 2017	Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2016	Jan. - Apr. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	456	723	339	1 209	2 144	77,3
		square metres	20 838	32 623	15 534	54 879	96 864	76,5
		R'000	108 620	183 700	81 880	284 431	512 562	80,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	315	331	239	998	952	-4,6
		square metres	67 438	73 726	54 153	230 393	218 035	-5,4
		R'000	425 930	482 074	349 285	1 428 782	1 409 237	-1,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	88	248	163	636	1 092	71,7
		square metres	11 405	33 069	20 906	71 646	124 919	74,4
		R'000	88 708	243 889	159 588	541 342	938 161	73,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	218	1 069	17 118	1 501,3
		R'000	0	0	1 456	9 338	135 978	1 356,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	623 258	909 663	592 209	2 263 893	2 995 938	32,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 501	73 094	1 175	50 821	83 468	64,2
		R'000	9 395	525 490	7 867	313 091	598 516	91,2
	Shopping space	square metres	6 204	1 135	3 892	13 405	9 772	-27,1
		R'000	46 223	8 404	26 914	102 112	66 466	-34,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 736	20 239	22 719	50 785	69 125	36,1
		R'000	24 877	146 534	142 534	328 369	457 631	39,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	26 261	3 843	5 071	45 673	18 099	-60,4
		R'000	198 768	22 053	41 826	316 818	120 376	-62,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	279 263	702 481	219 141	1 060 390	1 242 989	17,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	39 332	60 459	34 572	149 270	179 684	20,4
		R'000	203 471	321 718	200 457	754 384	981 987	30,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	11 583	12 856	8 429	42 823	38 527	-10,0
		R'000	109 305	134 834	79 515	423 829	437 644	3,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	312 776	456 552	279 972	1 178 213	1 419 631	20,5
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 215 297	2 068 696	1 091 322	4 502 496	5 658 558	25,7

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

			Apr. 2016	Mar. 2017	Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2016	Jan. - Apr. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	75	22	34	163	77	-52,8
		square metres	3 248	1 461	1 856	8 698	4 472	-48,6
		R'000	9 633	8 334	10 590	39 072	24 693	-36,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	22	44	39	108	164	51,9
		square metres	4 282	11 566	6 577	22 502	37 478	66,6
		R'000	22 670	61 064	35 438	120 005	194 539	62,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	128	39	1	210	53	-74,8
		square metres	9 747	3 240	215	18 865	4 491	-76,2
		R'000	55 087	19 653	1 184	104 723	26 753	-74,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	1 059	3 139	196,4
		R'000	0	0	0	6 884	17 775	158,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	87 390	89 051	47 212	270 684	263 760	-2,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	136	0	0	136	3 023	2 122,8
		R'000	802	0	0	802	13 483	1 581,2
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	450	1 158	157,3
		R'000	0	0	0	2 558	5 722	123,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 186	2 459	0	3 723	6 239	67,6
		R'000	5 012	12 280	0	15 764	30 971	96,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	51	873	164	51	1 163	2 180,4
		R'000	230	4 365	1 018	230	6 166	2 580,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	6 044	16 645	1 018	19 354	56 342	191,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 826	7 363	8 141	16 880	27 953	65,6
		R'000	14 236	36 685	37 770	72 534	133 338	83,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	719	11 753	474	8 454	12 890	52,5
		R'000	3 037	69 903	3 987	38 051	78 438	106,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	17 273	106 588	41 757	110 585	211 776	91,5
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	110 707	212 284	89 987	400 623	531 878	32,8

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

			Apr. 2016	Mar. 2017	Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2016	Jan. - Apr. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	1	0	1	..
		square metres	0	0	76	0	76	..
		R'000	0	0	456	0	456	..
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	8	2	3	19	19	0,0
		square metres	1 821	196	695	3 928	3 937	0,2
		R'000	9 870	1 274	4 347	23 260	27 000	16,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	13	1	15	1 400,0
		square metres	0	0	1 162	149	1 333	794,6
		R'000	0	0	7 553	1 028	8 665	742,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	158	935	491,8
		R'000	0	0	0	948	5 512	481,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	9 870	1 274	12 356	25 236	41 633	65,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	1 440	0	1 440	..
		R'000	0	0	7 920	0	7 920	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	120	..
		R'000	0	0	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	0	7 920	0	8 640	..
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 003	132	1 337	13 865	3 400	-75,5
		R'000	29 158	858	9 648	99 716	26 304	-73,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	579	0	951	1 051	2 518	139,6
		R'000	4 400	0	5 968	9 827	19 737	100,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	33 558	858	15 616	109 543	46 041	-58,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	43 428	2 132	35 892	134 779	96 314	-28,5

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2016	Mar. 2017	Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2016	Jan. - Apr. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	33	11	1	50	58	16,0
		square metres	1 757	505	61	2 805	3 283	17,0
		R'000	4 693	1 613	152	9 779	16 561	69,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	34	30	13	102	55	-46,1
		square metres	6 918	4 157	2 593	18 772	8 842	-52,9
		R'000	35 358	21 431	14 486	91 672	47 518	-48,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	361	3	881	364	-58,7
		square metres	0	27 104	360	35 468	27 464	-22,6
		R'000	0	189 728	2 160	160 516	191 888	19,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	105	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	525	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	40 051	212 772	16 798	262 492	255 967	-2,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	6 066	1 238	1 335	6 066	2 573	-57,6
		R'000	42 462	8 666	8 983	42 462	17 649	-58,4
	Shopping space	square metres	7 996	0	0	11 587	786	-93,2
		R'000	63 148	0	0	88 285	3 990	-95,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	110	0	10 964	1 340	-87,8
		R'000	0	550	0	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	105 610	9 216	8 983	180 086	28 954	-83,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 593	975	4 412	10 681	6 699	-37,3
		R'000	7 347	4 388	19 854	48 393	30 664	-36,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	72	151	269	1 301	552	-57,6
		R'000	1 425	1 750	1 984	15 582	9 550	-38,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	8 772	6 138	21 838	63 975	40 214	-37,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	154 433	228 126	47 619	506 553	325 135	-35,8

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2016	Mar. 2017	Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2016	Jan. - Apr. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	21	18	8	73	35	-52,1
		square metres	1 173	929	477	4 233	1 943	-54,1
		R'000	8 468	8 848	3 605	35 701	16 985	-52,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	55	76	55	255	252	-1,2
		square metres	15 562	23 207	17 297	67 271	76 806	14,2
		R'000	129 233	205 896	156 519	540 228	690 451	27,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	49	417	47	178	612	243,8
		square metres	7 758	30 064	13 927	32 404	60 831	87,7
		R'000	48 223	304 372	117 979	247 908	581 987	134,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	628	7 952	12 095	52,1
		R'000	0	0	5 282	44 879	134 848	200,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	185 924	519 116	283 385	868 716	1 424 271	64,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	27 799	24 380	0	68 937	26 273	-61,9
		R'000	276 316	255 989	0	577 813	265 453	-54,1
	Shopping space	square metres	93 532	60 253	0	113 794	61 697	-45,8
		R'000	913 637	632 656	0	1 067 793	647 818	-39,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 070	0	665	48 110	30 055	-37,5
		R'000	5 778	0	3 791	252 951	169 403	-33,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	495	0	9 556	495	13 838	2 695,6
		R'000	2 237	0	97 791	2 237	132 766	5 835,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 197 968	888 645	101 582	1 900 794	1 215 440	-36,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 779	12 431	6 132	51 357	38 603	-24,8
		R'000	131 569	117 538	61 313	463 675	380 369	-18,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	574	10 506	4 292	25 053	27 688	10,5
		R'000	13 732	90 174	35 970	180 530	250 166	38,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	145 301	207 712	97 283	644 205	630 535	-2,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 529 193	1 615 473	482 250	3 413 715	3 270 246	-4,2

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

			Apr. 2016	Mar. 2017	Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2016	Jan. - Apr. 2017	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	32	53	31	107	140	30,8	
		square metres	2 003	3 073	1 966	6 532	8 170	25,1	
		R'000	7 115	13 475	9 180	23 082	35 522	53,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	122	81	70	429	212	-50,6	
		square metres	21 649	15 370	13 290	71 699	42 018	-41,4	
		R'000	106 105	85 984	67 698	332 620	218 090	-34,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	17	67	4	312	126	-59,6	
		square metres	1 633	3 949	800	28 583	9 944	-65,2	
		R'000	8 551	26 413	4 800	142 179	59 388	-58,2	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	121 771	125 872	81 678	497 881	313 000	-37,1
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	1 618	2 616	1 618	-38,1
R'000			0	0	8 092	13 080	8 092	-38,1	
Shopping space		square metres	5 531	0	11 388	6 884	16 228	135,7	
		R'000	31 478	0	56 940	37 389	83 509	123,4	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	322	0	600	671	2 174	224,0	
		R'000	1 546	0	2 700	3 400	9 784	187,8	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	322	0	1 191	2 401	1 191	-50,4	
		R'000	1 449	0	5 955	11 229	5 955	-47,0	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	34 473	0	73 687	65 098	107 340	64,9	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 728	6 820	10 918	43 606	23 088	-47,1	
		R'000	39 257	30 683	53 406	182 331	108 132	-40,7	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	115	1 305	622	2 831	3 181	12,4	
		R'000	770	6 123	3 207	13 404	16 878	25,9	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	40 027	36 806	56 613	195 735	125 010	-36,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	196 271	162 678	211 978	758 714	545 350	-28,1	

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2016	Mar. 2017	Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2016	Jan. - Apr. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	579	588	768	2 311	1 887	-18,3
		square metres	26 871	30 232	36 424	109 119	93 038	-14,7
		R'000	91 520	147 449	151 546	388 897	417 764	7,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	388	303	244	1 434	1 125	-21,5
		square metres	103 762	100 962	81 375	399 514	384 547	-3,7
		R'000	770 902	763 070	609 933	2 933 054	2 968 603	1,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	268	1 110	816	1 721	3 165	83,9
		square metres	32 383	86 247	66 615	169 318	265 441	56,8
		R'000	254 434	733 291	553 416	1 450 524	2 232 982	53,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	112 995	712	120 649	16 845,1
		R'000	0	0	1 253 597	4 442	1 307 571	29 336,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 116 856	1 643 810	2 568 492	4 776 917	6 926 920	45,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	10 906	9 600	19 847	80 875	107 728	33,2
		R'000	96 963	82 022	213 156	703 584	1 150 539	63,5
	Shopping space	square metres	33 218	69 302	8 384	48 163	82 105	70,5
		R'000	256 063	539 932	71 564	376 615	652 429	73,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	23 250	40 356	19 560	142 155	133 025	-6,4
		R'000	105 345	185 327	102 221	717 126	696 054	-2,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 280	4 747	0	66 716	16 639	-75,1
		R'000	14 253	39 898	0	410 769	121 064	-70,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	472 624	847 179	386 941	2 208 094	2 620 086	18,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	25 774	25 867	15 262	75 112	72 769	-3,1
		R'000	174 822	187 099	106 426	512 539	526 759	2,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	6 565	10 696	5 498	26 886	33 955	26,3
		R'000	69 256	84 777	50 645	270 625	300 996	11,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	244 078	271 876	157 071	783 164	827 755	5,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 833 558	2 762 865	3 112 504	7 768 175	10 374 761	33,6

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

			Apr. 2016	Mar. 2017	Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2016	Jan. - Apr. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	54	95	51	383	270	-29,5
		square metres	2 974	4 212	2 416	18 555	12 555	-32,3
		R'000	12 944	17 192	8 728	69 260	47 415	-31,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	87	36	30	286	106	-62,9
		square metres	16 458	8 483	6 218	62 483	25 169	-59,7
		R'000	72 424	38 047	27 720	271 186	116 991	-56,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	6	6	0	69	166	140,6
		square metres	557	737	0	5 188	18 319	253,1
		R'000	2 507	3 318	0	23 090	84 195	264,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	87 875	58 557	36 448	363 536	248 601	-31,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	6 243	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	34 365	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	7 206	787	12 506	1 489,1
		R'000	0	0	33 062	3 541	58 217	1 544,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 240	557	438	7 902	9 281	17,5
		R'000	8 800	2 507	2 015	36 599	41 809	14,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	251	0	0	1 638	1 972	20,4
		R'000	1 546	0	0	7 930	9 863	24,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	10 346	2 507	35 077	82 435	109 889	33,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 933	5 540	3 122	22 378	17 601	-21,3
		R'000	16 674	22 980	14 884	94 204	75 280	-20,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	33	375	5 110	1 700	-66,7
		R'000	0	3 277	3 107	25 430	14 825	-41,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	16 674	26 257	17 991	119 634	90 105	-24,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	114 895	87 321	89 516	565 605	448 595	-20,7

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

			Apr. 2016	Mar. 2017	Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2016	Jan. - Apr. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	16	6	308	64	328	412,5
		square metres	1 039	362	13 943	3 848	15 079	291,9
		R'000	5 102	1 810	28 915	19 147	34 595	80,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	23	21	20	91	76	-16,5
		square metres	4 969	5 785	6 475	24 712	21 120	-14,5
		R'000	24 072	29 008	32 646	118 572	104 817	-11,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	39	3	19	92	30	-67,4
		square metres	2 786	552	3 790	8 029	5 098	-36,5
		R'000	14 677	2 760	18 950	40 892	26 292	-35,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	5 752	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	28 760	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	43 851	33 578	80 511	178 611	194 464	8,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	522	0	580	1 322	127,9
		R'000	0	2 610	0	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	1 440	0	350	1 900	5 213	174,4
		R'000	7 200	0	1 575	9 270	25 890	179,3
	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	7 200	2 610	1 575	16 386	33 394	103,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	528	117	119	2 486	1 174	-52,8
		R'000	2 580	594	595	11 905	5 595	-53,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	70	0	213	70	371	430,0
		R'000	1 350	500	1 103	4 850	3 893	-19,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	3 930	1 094	1 698	16 755	9 488	-43,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	54 981	37 282	83 784	211 752	237 346	12,1

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

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

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

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

Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
	2	In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
Purpose of the survey	3	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
Scope of the survey	4	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	5	Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> , (SIC) <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.
Collection rate	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for April 2017 was 94,5%. The improved collection rate for March 2017 was 93,6%.
Statistical unit	7	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	8	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.
Constant prices	9	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2015. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: <i>Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP) Work Groups and Selected Materials Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base February 1991=100) are converted to the base year 2015=100.

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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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