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Results for January to April 2018

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

Estimates at current prices	January to April 2017	January to April 2018	Difference in value between January to April 2017 and January to April 2018	% change between January to April 2017 and January to April 2018
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	15 612 314	17 032 314	1 420 000	9,1
-Dwelling-houses	9 695 991	10 282 168	586 177	6,0
-Flats and townhouses	5 806 721	5 825 905	19 184	0,3
-Other residential buildings	109 602	924 241	814 639	743,3
Non-residential buildings	6 883 238	7 647 850	764 612	11,1
Additions and alterations	8 125 759	9 095 786	970 027	11,9
Total	30 621 311	33 775 950	3 154 639	10,3

1/ 2017 and 2018 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total value of recorded building plans passed at current prices

The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) increased by 10,3% (R3 154,6 million) during January to April 2018 compared with January to April 2017.

Increases were recorded for additions and alterations (11,9% or R970,0 million), non-residential buildings (11,1% or R764,6 million) and residential buildings (9,1% or R1 420,0 million) – see Table A.

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

Estimates at current prices	January to April 2017	January to April 2018	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to April 2017	% change between January to April 2017 and January to April 2018	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January to April 2017 and January to April 2018	Difference in value between January to April 2017 and January to April 2018
	1/	1/				
	R'000	R'000			2/	R'000
Western Cape	8 656 348	11 060 424	28,3	27,8	7,9	2 404 076
Eastern Cape	1 663 588	2 242 116	5,4	34,8	1,9	578 528
Northern Cape	120 180	331 444	0,4	175,8	0,7	211 264
Free State	1 179 377	1 282 715	3,9	8,8	0,3	103 338
KwaZulu-Natal	5 524 336	6 453 165	18,0	16,8	3,0	928 829
North West	1 293 485	1 026 089	4,2	-20,7	-0,9	-267 396
Gauteng	10 669 828	9 689 109	34,8	-9,2	-3,2	-980 719
Mpumalanga	860 246	1 133 302	2,8	31,7	0,9	273 056
Limpopo	653 923	557 586	2,1	-14,7	-0,3	-96 337
Total	30 621 311	33 775 950	100,0	10,3	10,3	3 154 639

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

The largest positive contributions to the total increase of 10,3% (R3 154,6 million) were made by Western Cape (contributing 7,9 percentage points or R2 404,1 million), KwaZulu-Natal (3,0 percentage points or R928,8 million) and Eastern Cape (1,9 percentage points or R578,5 million). Gauteng (contributing -3,2 percentage points or -R980,7 million) was the largest negative contributor – see Table B.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to April 2017	January to April 2018	Difference in value between January to April 2017 and January to April 2018	% change between January to April 2017 and January to April 2018
	1/	1/		
Residential buildings	14 086 065	14 774 054	687 989	4,9
Non-residential buildings	6 216 592	6 636 138	419 546	6,7
Additions and alterations	7 331 302	7 890 950	559 648	7,6
Total	27 633 959	29 301 142	1 667 183	6,0

1/ 2017 and 2018 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2015 prices) increased by 6,0% (R1 667,2 million) year-on-year during January to April 2018. Increases were recorded for additions and alterations (7,6% or R559,6 million), non-residential buildings (6,7% or R419,5 million) and residential buildings (4,9% or R688,0 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 2017 to January 2018	February to April 2018	% change between November 2017 to January 2018 and February to April 2018
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	12 119 087	12 113 162	0,0
Non-residential buildings 1/	6 753 911	5 483 759	-18,8
Additions and alterations	6 752 408	6 515 910	-3,5
Total	25 625 406	24 112 831	-5,9

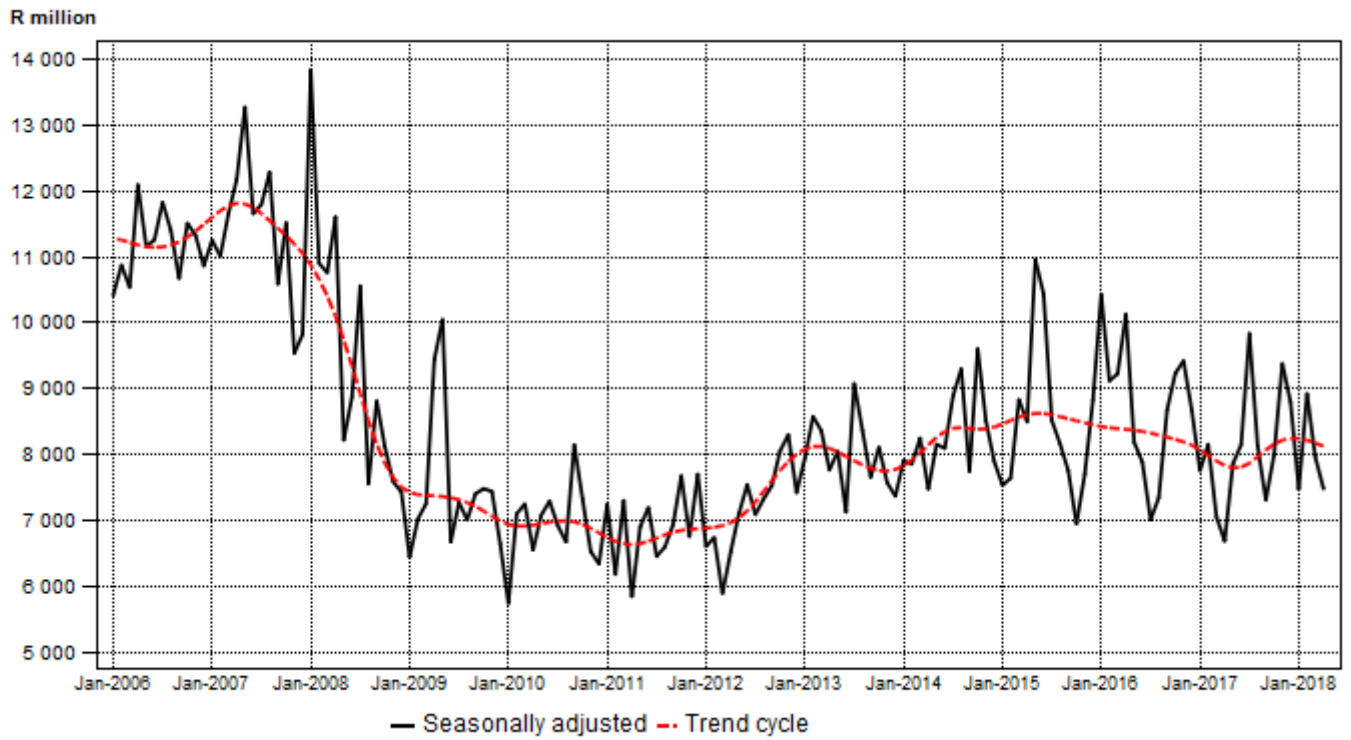
1/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed decreased by 5,9% in the three months ended April 2018 compared with the previous three months. Non-residential buildings fell by 18,8% – see Table D.

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

Constant 2015 prices



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

Estimates at current prices	January to April 2017	January to April 2018	Difference in value between January to April 2017 and January to April 2018	% change between January to April 2017 and January to April 2018
	1/	1/	R'000	
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	12 660 344	10 623 138	-2 037 206	-16,1
-Dwelling-houses	6 879 589	6 354 557	-525 032	-7,6
-Flats and townhouses	4 150 311	4 011 080	-139 231	-3,4
-Other residential buildings	1 630 444	257 501	-1 372 943	-84,2
Non-residential buildings	5 423 074	4 599 397	-823 677	-15,2
Additions and alterations	3 380 295	3 828 951	448 656	13,3
Total	21 463 713	19 051 486	-2 412 227	-11,2

1/ 2017 and 2018 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total value of buildings reported as completed at current prices

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 11,2% (-R2 412,2 million) during January to April 2018 compared with January to April 2017.

Decreases were recorded for residential buildings (-16,1% or -R2 037,2 million) and non-residential buildings (-15,2% or -R823,7 million). An increase was recorded for additions and alterations (13,3% or R448,7 million) – see Table E.

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

Estimates at current prices	January to April 2017	January to April 2018	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to April 2017	% change between January to April 2017 and January to April 2018	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January to April 2017 and January to April 2018 2/	Difference in value between January to April 2017 and January to April 2018
	1/	1/				R'000
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	5 656 226	6 308 389	26,4	11,5	3,0	652 163
Eastern Cape	531 878	666 083	2,5	25,2	0,6	134 205
Northern Cape	96 314	118 471	0,4	23,0	0,1	22 157
Free State	325 135	403 104	1,5	24,0	0,4	77 969
KwaZulu-Natal	3 270 246	2 071 695	15,2	-36,7	-5,6	-1 198 551
North West	545 350	888 758	2,5	63,0	1,6	343 408
Gauteng	10 374 761	7 791 224	48,3	-24,9	-12,0	-2 583 537
Mpumalanga	426 457	506 022	2,0	18,7	0,4	79 565
Limpopo	237 346	297 740	1,1	25,4	0,3	60 394
Total	21 463 713	19 051 486	100,0	-11,2	-11,2	-2 412 227

1/ 2017 and 2018 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

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

Two provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed during January to April 2018, namely Gauteng (contributing -12,0 percentage points or -R2 583,5 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -5,6 percentage points or -R1 198,6 million) – see Table F.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to April 2017	January to April 2018	Difference in value between January to April 2017 and January to April 2018	% change between January to April 2017 and January to April 2018
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	11 417 944	9 214 565	-2 203 379	-19,3
Non-residential buildings	4 893 756	3 989 689	-904 067	-18,5
Additions and alterations	3 050 301	3 321 704	271 403	8,9
Total	19 362 001	16 525 958	-2 836 043	-14,6

1/ 2017 and 2018 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 14,6% (-R2 836,0 million) year-on-year during January to April 2018. Decreases were recorded for residential buildings (-19,3% or -R2 203,4 million) and non-residential buildings (-18,5% or -R904,1 million). An increase was recorded for additions and alterations (8,9% or R271,4 million) – see Table G.

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

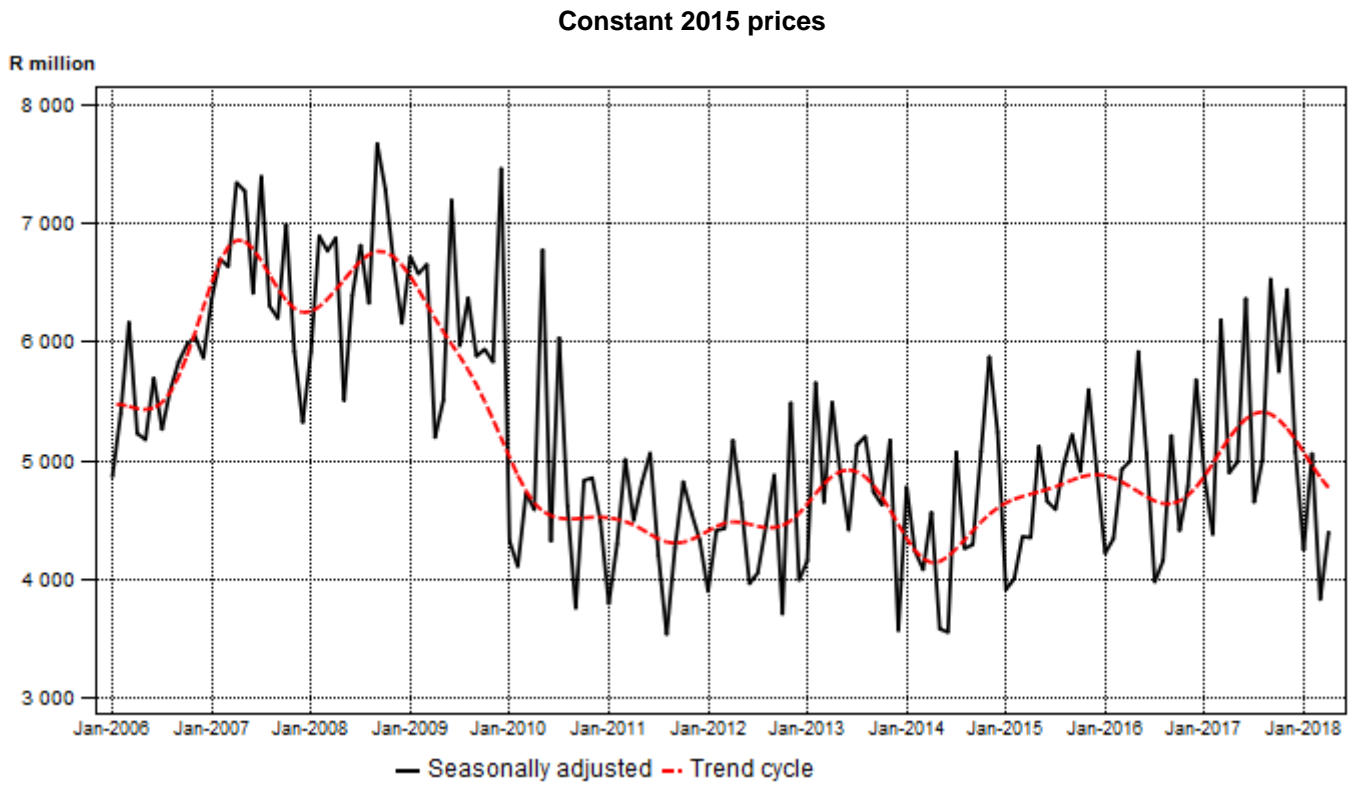
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	November 2017 to January 2018	February to April 2018	% change between November 2017 to January 2018 and February to April 2018
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 723 923	7 400 512	-15,2
Non-residential buildings 1/	4 286 921	3 288 530	-23,3
Additions and alterations	2 748 683	2 593 450	-5,6
Total	15 759 527	13 282 492	-15,7

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased by 15,7% in the three months ended April 2018 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-23,3%), residential buildings (-15,2%) and additions and alterations (-5,6%) – 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/
2017	January	3 161 447	6,2	1 894 083	-58,3	1 703 058	17,3	6 758 588	-24,7
	February	4 539 426	-1,2	2 310 636	-13,2	2 161 104	1,7	9 011 166	-3,9
	March	4 237 489	-7,9	1 675 826	-36,7	2 277 738	10,8	8 191 053	-12,0
	April	3 673 952	-33,0	1 002 693	-64,7	1 983 859	-16,9	6 660 504	-37,8
	May	4 647 680	10,4	1 983 293	-12,0	2 442 934	9,0	9 073 907	4,3
	June	4 775 996	-5,0	2 192 921	40,6	2 642 793	9,4	9 611 710	6,8
	July	5 658 090	50,4	2 811 554	103,3	2 626 367	3,7	11 096 011	44,5
	August	4 041 399	-8,6	2 874 162	60,0	2 958 451	29,1	9 874 012	16,0
	September	4 486 618	-6,6	1 498 229	-40,4	2 705 724	-0,1	8 690 571	-13,3
	October	5 302 305	-2,2	1 903 123	-26,5	2 993 633	10,2	10 199 061	-4,9
	November	4 585 400	-5,0	3 903 092	14,0	2 785 284	13,3	11 273 776	5,2
	December	4 230 596	-10,7	2 535 273	66,5	1 982 402	1,4	8 748 271	6,5
	Total	53 340 398	-2,8	26 584 885	-10,6	29 263 347	7,0	109 188 630	-2,5
2018	January	3 423 823	8,3	1 326 388	-30,0	2 048 834	20,3	6 799 045	0,6
	February	4 728 955	4,2	3 173 522	37,3	2 360 140	9,2	10 262 617	13,9
	March	4 324 029	2,0	1 544 746	-7,8	2 547 968	11,9	8 416 743	2,8
	April	4 555 507	24,0	1 603 194	59,9	2 138 844	7,8	8 297 545	24,6

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2017	January	4 344 004	-22,7	1 894 083	24,4	2 288 537	-3,3	8 526 624	-10,3
	February	4 472 438	3,0	2 310 636	22,0	2 243 816	-2,0	9 026 890	5,9
	March	3 899 098	-12,8	1 675 826	-27,5	2 266 412	1,0	7 841 336	-13,1
	April	4 192 618	7,5	1 002 693	-40,2	2 351 594	3,8	7 546 905	-3,8
	May	4 463 291	6,5	1 983 293	97,8	2 362 011	0,4	8 808 595	16,7
	June	4 342 129	-2,7	2 192 921	10,6	2 544 532	7,7	9 079 582	3,1
	July	5 783 948	33,2	2 811 554	28,2	2 418 442	-5,0	11 013 944	21,3
	August	3 649 455	-36,9	2 874 162	2,2	2 560 061	5,9	9 083 678	-17,5
	September	4 341 444	19,0	1 498 229	-47,9	2 455 787	-4,1	8 295 460	-8,7
	October	4 604 053	6,0	1 903 123	27,0	2 645 001	7,7	9 152 177	10,3
	November	4 289 491	-6,8	3 903 092	105,1	2 550 992	-3,6	10 743 575	17,4
	December	5 069 045	18,2	2 535 273	-35,0	2 515 033	-1,4	10 119 351	-5,8
2018	January	4 614 713	-9,0	1 326 388	-47,7	2 631 397	4,6	8 572 498	-15,3
	February	4 622 379	0,2	3 173 522	139,3	2 468 557	-6,2	10 264 458	19,7
	March	4 750 136	2,8	1 544 746	-51,3	2 911 716	18,0	9 206 598	-10,3
	April	4 575 398	-3,7	1 603 194	3,8	2 176 994	-25,2	8 355 586	-9,2
	Nov. 17 – Jan. 18	13 973 249		7 764 753		7 697 422		29 435 424	
	Feb. – Apr. 18 2/	13 947 913	-0,2	6 321 462	-18,6	7 557 267	-1,8	27 826 642	-5,5

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2017	January	2 874 043	-1,3	1 721 894	-61,3	1 548 235	9,0	6 144 172	-30,0
	February	4 096 955	-7,0	2 085 412	-18,3	1 950 455	-4,3	8 132 822	-9,6
	March	3 814 122	-13,3	1 508 394	-40,4	2 050 169	4,3	7 372 685	-17,1
	April	3 300 945	-36,6	900 892	-66,5	1 782 443	-21,3	5 984 280	-41,1
	May	4 138 629	3,9	1 766 067	-17,1	2 175 364	2,6	8 080 060	-1,9
	June	4 268 093	-9,3	1 959 715	34,2	2 361 745	4,4	8 589 553	1,9
	July	5 051 866	43,8	2 510 316	94,4	2 344 971	-0,8	9 907 153	38,2
	August	3 589 164	-13,0	2 552 542	52,3	2 627 399	22,9	8 769 105	10,4
	September	3 956 453	-11,4	1 321 190	-43,5	2 386 000	-5,3	7 663 643	-17,8
	October	4 642 999	-7,7	1 666 482	-30,6	2 621 395	4,0	8 930 876	-10,2
	November	3 990 775	-10,1	3 396 947	7,8	2 424 094	7,2	9 811 816	-0,4
	December	3 678 779	-14,9	2 204 585	58,7	1 723 828	-3,3	7 607 192	1,5
	Total	47 402 823	-8,0	23 594 436	-15,9	25 996 098	1,3	96 993 357	-7,8
2018	January	2 974 651	3,5	1 152 379	-33,1	1 780 047	15,0	5 907 077	-3,9
	February	4 108 562	0,3	2 757 187	32,2	2 050 513	5,1	8 916 262	9,6
	March	3 753 497	-1,6	1 340 925	-11,1	2 211 778	7,9	7 306 200	-0,9
	April	3 937 344	19,3	1 385 647	53,8	1 848 612	3,7	7 171 603	19,8

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2017	January	3 937 255	-21,6	1 721 894	24,0	2 087 339	-4,6	7 746 488	-9,9
	February	4 051 159	2,9	2 085 412	21,1	2 023 458	-3,1	8 160 029	5,3
	March	3 553 242	-12,3	1 508 394	-27,7	2 033 711	0,5	7 095 347	-13,0
	April	3 773 965	6,2	900 892	-40,3	2 050 491	0,8	6 725 348	-5,2
	May	3 996 699	5,9	1 766 067	96,0	2 113 419	3,1	7 876 185	17,1
	June	3 861 599	-3,4	1 959 715	11,0	2 299 417	8,8	8 120 731	3,1
	July	5 146 022	33,3	2 510 316	28,1	2 170 743	-5,6	9 827 081	21,0
	August	3 244 480	-37,0	2 552 542	1,7	2 254 520	3,9	8 051 542	-18,1
	September	3 830 630	18,1	1 321 190	-48,2	2 158 734	-4,2	7 310 554	-9,2
	October	4 020 594	5,0	1 666 482	26,1	2 306 507	6,8	7 993 583	9,3
	November	3 723 050	-7,4	3 396 947	103,8	2 251 993	-2,4	9 371 990	17,2
	December	4 369 098	17,4	2 204 585	-35,1	2 194 476	-2,6	8 768 159	-6,4
2018	January	4 026 939	-7,8	1 152 379	-47,7	2 305 939	5,1	7 485 257	-14,6
	February	4 031 846	0,1	2 757 187	139,3	2 137 052	-7,3	8 926 085	19,2
	March	4 091 899	1,5	1 340 925	-51,4	2 478 616	16,0	7 911 440	-11,4
	April	3 989 417	-2,5	1 385 647	3,3	1 900 242	-23,3	7 275 306	-8,0
	Nov. 17 – Jan. 18	12 119 087		6 753 911		6 752 408		25 625 406	
	Feb. – Apr. 18 2/	12 113 162	0,0	5 483 759	-18,8	6 515 910	-3,5	24 112 831	-5,9

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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/
2017	January	2 359 273	6,8	1 324 149	128,9	755 314	16,0	4 438 736	29,1
	February	2 987 483	21,5	793 718	-22,9	839 781	-3,5	4 620 982	6,0
	March	3 590 701	42,3	2 469 283	36,4	1 096 654	24,9	7 156 638	37,3
	April	3 722 887	60,7	835 924	-60,4	688 546	-16,3	5 247 357	-0,1
	May	2 997 231	-8,5	1 458 694	-19,8	938 447	2,7	5 394 372	-10,2
	June	3 184 349	2,5	2 807 943	111,9	1 119 285	20,3	7 111 577	32,7
	July	2 791 841	19,3	1 418 931	23,3	878 502	24,5	5 089 274	21,3
	August	3 021 402	20,3	1 538 208	27,6	1 121 295	41,6	5 680 905	26,0
	September	3 017 108	-17,3	3 501 830	164,1	1 234 363	25,5	7 753 301	30,1
	October	3 332 642	9,2	2 668 765	187,5	831 585	-18,6	6 832 992	36,6
	November	3 663 759	21,0	3 257 545	93,7	1 141 897	9,7	8 063 201	40,2
	December	4 159 930	-7,9	863 246	-12,4	958 305	9,8	5 981 481	-6,2
	Total	38 828 606	11,0	22 938 236	43,8	11 603 974	10,7	73 370 816	19,5
2018	January	2 357 400	-0,1	807 034	-39,1	792 693	4,9	3 957 127	-10,9
	February	2 996 399	0,3	1 521 419	91,7	1 053 541	25,5	5 571 359	20,6
	March	2 351 240	-34,5	1 044 722	-57,7	1 068 288	-2,6	4 464 250	-37,6
	April	2 918 099	-21,6	1 226 222	46,7	914 429	32,8	5 058 750	-3,6

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2017	January	3 093 606	-27,9	1 324 149	34,4	965 926	-3,1	5 383 681	-14,2
	February	3 242 961	4,8	793 718	-40,1	818 312	-15,3	4 854 991	-9,8
	March	3 557 637	9,7	2 469 283	211,1	828 028	1,2	6 854 948	41,2
	April	3 766 140	5,9	835 924	-66,1	857 876	3,6	5 459 940	-20,4
	May	3 127 893	-16,9	1 458 694	74,5	945 150	10,2	5 531 737	1,3
	June	3 256 797	4,1	2 807 943	92,5	1 056 546	11,8	7 121 286	28,7
	July	2 854 095	-12,4	1 418 931	-49,5	922 366	-12,7	5 195 392	-27,0
	August	3 040 023	6,5	1 538 208	8,4	1 065 118	15,5	5 643 349	8,6
	September	2 772 040	-8,8	3 501 830	127,7	1 133 782	6,4	7 407 652	31,3
	October	3 109 625	12,2	2 668 765	-23,8	802 521	-29,2	6 580 911	-11,2
	November	3 067 586	-1,4	3 257 545	22,1	1 076 852	34,2	7 401 983	12,5
	December	3 940 101	28,4	863 246	-73,5	1 074 271	-0,2	5 877 618	-20,6
2018	January	3 090 113	-21,6	807 034	-6,5	1 016 467	-5,4	4 913 614	-16,4
	February	3 262 030	5,6	1 521 419	88,5	1 044 505	2,8	5 827 954	18,6
	March	2 329 521	-28,6	1 044 722	-31,3	1 029 535	-1,4	4 403 778	-24,4
	April	2 953 282	26,8	1 226 222	17,4	911 762	-11,4	5 091 266	15,6
	Nov. 17 – Jan. 18	10 097 800		4 927 825		3 167 590		18 193 215	
	Feb. – Apr. 18 2/	8 544 833	-15,4	3 792 363	-23,0	2 985 802	-5,7	15 322 998	-15,8

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2017	January	2 144 794	-0,7	1 203 772	112,7	686 649	7,7	4 035 215	19,9
	February	2 696 284	14,4	716 352	-27,5	757 925	-9,1	4 170 561	-0,2
	March	3 231 954	34,0	2 222 577	28,4	987 087	17,6	6 441 618	29,3
	April	3 344 912	52,2	751 055	-62,5	618 640	-20,7	4 714 607	-5,4
	May	2 668 950	-13,9	1 298 926	-24,5	835 661	-3,3	4 803 537	-15,5
	June	2 845 710	-2,1	2 509 332	102,2	1 000 255	14,9	6 355 297	26,6
	July	2 492 715	14,1	1 266 903	17,9	784 377	19,1	4 543 995	16,0
	August	2 683 306	14,5	1 366 082	21,4	995 821	34,8	5 045 209	20,0
	September	2 660 589	-21,6	3 088 034	150,3	1 088 504	18,9	6 837 127	23,4
	October	2 918 250	3,1	2 336 922	171,4	728 183	-23,2	5 983 355	29,0
	November	3 188 650	14,5	2 835 113	83,2	993 818	3,8	7 017 581	32,7
	December	3 617 330	-12,2	750 649	-16,5	833 309	4,6	5 201 288	-10,6
	Total	34 493 444	5,2	20 345 717	35,7	10 310 229	4,8	65 149 390	13,1
2018	January	2 048 132	-4,5	701 159	-41,8	688 699	0,3	3 437 990	-14,8
	February	2 603 301	-3,4	1 321 824	84,5	915 327	20,8	4 840 452	16,1
	March	2 041 007	-36,8	906 877	-59,2	927 333	-6,1	3 875 217	-39,8
	April	2 522 125	-24,6	1 059 829	41,1	790 345	27,8	4 372 299	-7,3

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2017	January	2 791 768	-27,9	1 203 772	33,9	875 487	-3,5	4 871 027	-14,2
	February	2 921 107	4,6	716 352	-40,5	739 637	-15,5	4 377 096	-10,1
	March	3 214 470	10,0	2 222 577	210,3	748 980	1,3	6 186 027	41,3
	April	3 375 692	5,0	751 055	-66,2	769 748	2,8	4 896 495	-20,8
	May	2 847 897	-15,6	1 298 926	72,9	843 732	9,6	4 990 555	1,9
	June	2 909 020	2,1	2 509 332	93,2	948 162	12,4	6 366 514	27,6
	July	2 558 263	-12,1	1 266 903	-49,5	824 170	-13,1	4 649 336	-27,0
	August	2 694 167	5,3	1 366 082	7,8	946 498	14,8	5 006 747	7,7
	September	2 441 887	-9,4	3 088 034	126,1	999 470	5,6	6 529 391	30,4
	October	2 714 658	11,2	2 336 922	-24,3	697 607	-30,2	5 749 187	-11,9
	November	2 669 841	-1,7	2 835 113	21,3	935 989	34,2	6 440 943	12,0
	December	3 388 273	26,9	750 649	-73,5	932 032	-0,4	5 070 954	-21,3
2018	January	2 665 809	-21,3	701 159	-6,6	880 662	-5,5	4 247 630	-16,2
	February	2 827 187	6,1	1 321 824	88,5	909 222	3,2	5 058 233	19,1
	March	2 029 516	-28,2	906 877	-31,4	894 026	-1,7	3 830 419	-24,3
	April	2 543 809	25,3	1 059 829	16,9	790 202	-11,6	4 393 840	14,7
	Nov. 17 – Jan. 18	8 723 923		4 286 921		2 748 683		15 759 527	
	Feb. – Apr. 18 2/	7 400 512	-15,2	3 288 530	-23,3	2 593 450	-5,6	13 282 492	-15,7

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. 2017	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2018	Jan. - Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 224	1 895	1 235	5 235	6 570	25,5
		square metres	61 068	83 886	62 268	251 523	304 261	21,0
		R'000	345 883	423 521	379 777	1 338 522	1 586 102	18,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 144	1 292	1 141	4 523	4 601	1,7
		square metres	324 899	325 498	295 070	1 232 340	1 208 106	-2,0
		R'000	2 202 171	2 376 433	2 116 196	8 357 469	8 696 066	4,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	878	1 257	1 704	6 586	8 252	25,3
		square metres	135 790	149 177	181 572	753 190	772 978	2,6
		R'000	1 067 872	1 255 043	1 455 713	5 806 721	5 825 905	0,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	9 884	28 578	49 307	18 893	86 674	358,8
		R'000	58 026	269 032	603 821	109 602	924 241	743,3
Total residential buildings	R'000	3 673 952	4 324 029	4 555 507	15 612 314	17 032 314	9,1	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	29 911	13 504	36 365	165 442	199 673	20,7
		R'000	241 532	98 508	352 207	1 487 271	1 971 621	32,6
	Shopping space	square metres	24 735	29 957	54 858	160 333	200 740	25,2
		R'000	138 353	270 107	468 608	1 323 500	1 597 344	20,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	103 888	160 045	84 991	558 097	483 505	-13,4
		R'000	553 942	975 043	524 516	3 153 143	2 967 228	-5,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	11 955	28 234	35 683	132 065	147 253	11,5
		R'000	68 866	201 088	257 863	919 324	1 111 657	20,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 002 693	1 544 746	1 603 194	6 883 238	7 647 850	11,1
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	224 393	243 806	216 368	869 407	867 014
R'000			1 533 727	1 778 413	1 569 596	5 947 174	6 244 194	5,0
Other buildings 4/		square metres	49 940	86 675	57 931	233 981	304 969	30,3
		R'000	450 132	769 555	569 248	2 178 585	2 851 592	30,9
Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 983 859	2 547 968	2 138 844	8 125 759	9 095 786	11,9	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	6 660 504	8 416 743	8 297 545	30 621 311	33 775 950	10,3

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2017	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2018	Jan. - Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	529	708	563	2 177	2 205	1,3	
		square metres	25 554	30 855	24 202	102 143	99 379	-2,7	
		R'000	155 143	179 838	143 113	617 295	579 061	-6,2	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	362	527	373	1 538	1 687	9,7	
		square metres	87 010	115 547	92 154	359 760	393 368	9,3	
		R'000	572 467	786 251	618 651	2 388 371	2 654 783	11,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	251	363	1 275	2 834	4 215	48,7	
		square metres	37 679	56 075	126 369	283 032	402 422	42,2	
		R'000	293 176	437 678	1 027 398	2 142 369	2 907 412	35,7	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	328	16 667	3 367	3 702	21 611	483,8	
		R'000	1 866	132 845	25 137	23 147	168 228	626,8	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 022 652	1 536 612	1 814 299	5 171 182	6 309 484	22,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 099	3 180	15 356	60 780	36 035	-40,7	
		R'000	9 137	28 075	134 365	529 290	293 469	-44,6	
	Shopping space	square metres	512	941	8 885	19 726	53 608	171,8	
		R'000	3 840	7 474	65 118	160 999	427 512	165,5	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	12 485	36 560	29 229	66 945	120 555	80,1	
		R'000	81 767	237 233	196 622	445 733	805 970	80,8	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 692	13 198	22 844	14 280	74 192	419,6	
		R'000	23 049	90 758	159 956	88 085	536 689	509,3	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	117 793	363 540	556 061	1 224 107	2 063 640	68,6	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	58 929	66 913	69 792	243 998	262 321	7,5	
		R'000	375 977	458 971	482 534	1 588 933	1 777 853	11,9	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	13 720	26 494	24 791	63 191	87 326	38,2	
		R'000	142 179	266 956	283 362	672 126	909 447	35,3	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	518 156	725 927	765 896	2 261 059	2 687 300	18,9	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices		R'000	1 658 601	2 626 079	3 136 256	8 656 348	11 060 424	27,8

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2017	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2018	Jan. - Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	207	161	119	1 015	743	-26,8
		square metres	9 192	7 092	5 424	45 065	32 834	-27,1
		R'000	51 985	50 126	38 584	212 403	211 332	-0,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	57	120	90	275	365	32,7
		square metres	11 400	21 846	21 677	61 410	79 206	29,0
		R'000	61 393	139 013	137 864	352 976	504 848	43,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1	35	25	149	1 003	573,2
		square metres	215	6 569	4 546	12 722	62 623	392,2
		R'000	1 184	41 455	28 997	68 657	389 491	467,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	4 384	0	0	6 066	224	-96,3
		R'000	29 282	0	0	36 010	1 511	-95,8
Total residential buildings	R'000	143 844	230 594	205 445	670 046	1 107 182	65,2	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	7 097	7 131	2 389	7 250	11 865	63,7
		R'000	37 859	43 904	13 512	38 669	72 302	87,0
	Shopping space	square metres	4 035	495	1 649	6 629	3 399	-48,7
		R'000	21 373	2 723	9 072	34 620	19 571	-43,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 161	17 359	6 058	52 885	46 737	-11,6
		R'000	11 886	103 820	38 456	291 977	285 632	-2,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	33	1 148	383	3 038	5 964	96,3
		R'000	164	6 849	2 350	16 770	36 684	118,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	71 282	157 296	63 390	382 036	414 189	8,4
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	15 719	26 777	21 724	83 442	83 439
R'000			93 003	164 084	132 142	504 539	516 802	2,4
Other buildings 4/		square metres	1 182	13 015	5 294	18 050	31 136	72,5
		R'000	6 523	84 180	34 762	106 967	203 943	90,7
Total additions and alterations	R'000	99 526	248 264	166 904	611 506	720 745	17,9	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	314 652	636 154	435 739	1 663 588	2 242 116	34,8

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2017	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2018	Jan. - Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	1	4	8	7	-12,5
		square metres	200	70	172	453	345	-23,8
		R'000	1 200	563	1 383	2 638	2 774	5,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	6	7	5	50	60	20,0
		square metres	1 206	1 231	1 306	7 696	10 574	37,4
		R'000	7 288	7 569	9 925	49 627	70 190	41,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	4	13	0	17	..
		square metres	0	352	934	0	1 286	..
		R'000	0	1 676	7 320	0	8 996	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	294	390	588	50,8
		R'000	0	0	2 058	2 535	4 116	62,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	8 488	9 808	20 686	54 800	86 076	57,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	7 269	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	58 450	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	630	614	2 205	5 803	163,2
		R'000	0	3 596	4 298	14 333	37 398	160,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	658	1 999	203,8
		R'000	0	0	0	4 278	16 074	275,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	3 596	4 298	18 611	111 922	501,4
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 659	1 638	5 004	6 539	10 267
R'000			10 231	11 803	36 600	42 984	73 221	70,3
Other buildings 4/		square metres	72	0	129	453	7 346	1 521,6
		R'000	848	420	1 753	3 785	60 225	1 491,1
Total additions and alterations	R'000	11 079	12 223	38 353	46 769	133 446	185,3	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	19 567	25 627	63 337	120 180	331 444	175,8

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2017	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2018	Jan. - Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	22	12	45	62	37,8
		square metres	201	1 228	646	2 516	3 368	33,9
		R'000	1 166	8 399	3 722	14 336	19 420	35,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	69	51	60	237	231	-2,5
		square metres	14 770	10 766	12 079	49 957	50 539	1,2
		R'000	82 387	68 843	77 480	273 515	318 704	16,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	35	53	0	336	193	-42,6
		square metres	5 060	2 289	0	47 378	8 890	-81,2
		R'000	35 420	14 623	0	324 969	62 060	-80,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	599	0	4 355	1 098	6 111	456,6
		R'000	3 242	0	31 921	5 688	40 422	610,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	122 215	91 865	113 123	618 508	440 606	-28,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	156	1 854	0	343	1 854	440,5
		R'000	1 248	13 497	0	2 744	13 497	391,9
	Shopping space	square metres	487	124	5 733	5 633	17 696	214,1
		R'000	2 192	918	42 004	30 840	121 208	293,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 651	2 042	4 847	19 679	8 329	-57,7
		R'000	17 525	14 854	35 897	94 120	59 809	-36,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 444	0	0	2 555	958	-62,5
		R'000	8 375	0	0	14 837	5 929	-60,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	29 340	29 269	77 901	142 541	200 443	40,6
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	15 621	13 665	12 145	48 962	46 898
R'000			83 442	90 919	75 310	259 761	306 278	17,9
Other buildings 4/		square metres	9 260	3 130	355	13 278	39 165	195,0
		R'000	64 681	31 268	7 932	158 567	335 388	111,5
Total additions and alterations	R'000	148 123	122 187	83 242	418 328	641 666	53,4	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	299 678	243 321	274 266	1 179 377	1 282 715	8,8

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2017	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2018	Jan. - Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	13	12	31	58	67	15,5
		square metres	781	682	1 965	3 483	4 061	16,6
		R'000	6 307	4 920	14 496	25 502	29 715	16,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	82	96	89	413	337	-18,4
		square metres	22 004	30 076	26 026	121 007	105 412	-12,9
		R'000	202 948	308 597	260 438	1 107 930	1 045 522	-5,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	168	66	164	814	583	-28,4
		square metres	35 808	11 281	16 273	123 886	70 307	-43,2
		R'000	320 267	107 850	131 460	1 194 682	675 841	-43,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 057	11 133	38 994	3 192	50 127	1 470,4
		R'000	6 342	132 483	533 769	20 747	666 252	3 111,3
Total residential buildings	R'000	535 864	553 850	940 163	2 348 861	2 417 330	2,9	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	12 116	0	1 335	22 210	92 561	316,8
		R'000	127 218	0	9 762	207 335	979 921	372,6
	Shopping space	square metres	1 940	7 297	27 805	66 369	37 610	-43,3
		R'000	11 640	78 079	288 574	663 743	392 017	-40,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	13 526	55 668	2 854	72 389	140 013	93,4
		R'000	77 098	348 531	17 094	430 279	849 369	97,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	449	3 583	9 416	19 899	13 805	-30,6
		R'000	3 143	33 767	78 900	149 463	120 053	-19,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	219 099	460 377	394 330	1 450 820	2 341 360	61,4
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	25 854	27 606	22 784	112 908	94 275
R'000			241 887	268 070	230 848	1 068 119	933 634	-12,6
Other buildings 4/		square metres	11 090	22 673	7 740	59 639	64 804	8,7
		R'000	118 722	233 643	106 676	656 536	760 841	15,9
Total additions and alterations	R'000	360 609	501 713	337 524	1 724 655	1 694 475	-1,7	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 115 572	1 515 940	1 672 017	5 524 336	6 453 165	16,8

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2017	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2018	Jan. - Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	683	7	22	698	3 072,7
		square metres	136	27 965	420	1 366	28 865	2 013,1
		R'000	612	84 193	1 940	6 226	88 727	1 325,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	71	63	62	259	221	-14,7
		square metres	20 073	18 811	12 551	69 295	57 081	-17,6
		R'000	107 148	105 085	69 672	364 883	315 119	-13,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	155	29	27	1 035	578	-44,2
		square metres	13 735	3 570	2 961	109 287	48 614	-55,5
		R'000	79 068	18 374	14 970	651 055	247 757	-61,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
Total residential buildings	R'000	186 828	207 652	86 582	1 022 164	651 603	-36,3	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	110	0	873	2 205	152,6
		R'000	0	698	0	5 607	11 119	98,3
	Shopping space	square metres	0	750	1 090	2 944	13 746	366,9
		R'000	0	3 571	5 450	16 072	76 821	378,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 592	925	3 250	5 288	12 653	139,3
		R'000	13 735	5 180	18 200	24 830	65 775	164,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	201	821	0	826	2 777	236,2
		R'000	905	3 562	0	3 718	13 339	258,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	14 640	13 011	23 650	50 227	167 054	232,6
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 874	10 273	8 046	36 717	36 774
R'000			43 016	54 538	42 604	182 750	195 208	6,8
Other buildings 4/		square metres	1 272	1 033	164	5 695	1 963	-65,5
		R'000	6 920	7 132	1 041	38 344	12 224	-68,1
Total additions and alterations	R'000	49 936	61 670	43 645	221 094	207 432	-6,2	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	251 404	282 333	153 877	1 293 485	1 026 089	-20,7

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2017	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2018	Jan. - Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	315	239	465	1 451	2 656	83,0
		square metres	16 569	12 300	27 338	72 665	127 962	76,1
		R'000	85 298	77 458	165 662	347 853	618 128	77,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	370	321	354	1 253	1 242	-0,9
		square metres	133 279	95 884	98 548	427 794	383 282	-10,4
		R'000	995 961	786 882	781 027	3 145 113	3 063 683	-2,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	256	678	156	1 317	1 512	14,8
		square metres	42 851	65 402	25 037	166 886	164 591	-1,4
		R'000	336 768	614 406	216 727	1 376 074	1 457 502	5,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 943	0	0	2 943	806	-72,6
		R'000	14 715	0	0	14 715	4 895	-66,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 432 742	1 478 746	1 163 416	4 883 755	5 144 208	5,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	4 105	1 229	16 638	61 359	46 336	-24,5
		R'000	39 424	12 334	191 145	642 887	535 359	-16,7
	Shopping space	square metres	6 643	19 211	3 185	41 907	56 509	34,8
		R'000	46 276	170 072	27 386	335 959	471 670	40,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	66 432	29 707	37 761	325 529	110 785	-66,0
		R'000	336 977	151 024	211 949	1 791 916	645 878	-64,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 168	4 713	1 022	65 385	39 516	-39,6
		R'000	18 743	43 775	6 170	497 037	342 963	-31,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	441 420	377 205	436 650	3 267 799	1 995 870	-38,9
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	87 018	77 022	65 544	281 090	270 486
R'000			634 584	622 320	511 735	2 041 123	2 101 926	3,0
Other buildings 4/		square metres	12 547	17 240	16 551	68 304	61 031	-10,6
		R'000	101 553	122 421	110 310	477 151	447 105	-6,3
Total additions and alterations	R'000	736 137	744 741	622 045	2 518 274	2 549 031	1,2	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 610 299	2 600 692	2 222 111	10 669 828	9 689 109	-9,2

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2017	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2018	Jan. - Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	90	22	12	358	56	-84,4
		square metres	4 503	1 210	717	17 461	3 157	-81,9
		R'000	18 502	5 809	3 556	73 171	15 069	-79,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	96	59	72	315	292	-7,3
		square metres	24 782	16 351	20 939	83 481	77 652	-7,0
		R'000	119 740	96 853	111 807	411 691	457 559	11,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	12	3	0	50	73	46,0
		square metres	442	1 117	0	3 953	4 956	25,4
		R'000	1 989	5 316	0	17 923	27 384	52,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	573	778	2 297	1 502	6 898	359,3
		R'000	2 579	3 704	10 936	6 760	37 503	454,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	142 810	111 682	126 299	509 545	537 515	5,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	109	0	0	3 023	486	-83,9
		R'000	501	0	0	13 718	2 314	-83,1
	Shopping space	square metres	5 254	1 029	6 511	10 147	16 771	65,3
		R'000	23 643	6 688	31 004	46 085	81 687	77,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	627	12 564	0	6 879	22 377	225,3
		R'000	2 884	87 692	0	30 136	135 127	348,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 563	2 879	2 018	9 755	5 845	-40,1
		R'000	7 055	13 713	10 487	44 334	29 808	-32,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	34 083	108 093	41 491	134 273	248 936	85,4
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 053	15 007	8 005	37 466	48 007
R'000			38 387	82 138	40 442	168 802	263 698	56,2
Other buildings 4/		square metres	42	936	2 286	3 150	6 121	94,3
		R'000	4 609	10 640	18 627	47 626	83 153	74,6
Total additions and alterations	R'000	42 996	92 778	59 069	216 428	346 851	60,3	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	219 889	312 553	226 859	860 246	1 133 302	31,7

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2017	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2018	Jan. - Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	62	47	22	101	76	-24,8
		square metres	3 932	2 484	1 384	6 371	4 290	-32,7
		R'000	25 670	12 215	7 321	39 098	21 876	-44,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	31	48	36	183	166	-9,3
		square metres	10 375	14 986	9 790	51 940	50 992	-1,8
		R'000	52 839	77 340	49 332	263 363	265 658	0,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	26	44	51	78	52,9
		square metres	0	2 522	5 452	6 046	9 289	53,6
		R'000	0	13 665	28 841	30 992	49 462	59,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	309	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	1 314	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	78 509	103 220	85 494	333 453	338 310	1,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	5 229	0	647	9 604	1 062	-88,9
		R'000	26 145	0	3 423	47 021	5 190	-89,0
	Shopping space	square metres	5 864	110	0	6 978	1 401	-79,9
		R'000	29 389	582	0	35 182	6 858	-80,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 414	4 590	378	6 298	16 253	158,1
		R'000	12 070	23 113	2 000	29 819	82 270	175,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 405	1 892	0	15 669	2 197	-86,0
		R'000	7 432	8 664	0	100 802	10 118	-90,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	75 036	32 359	5 423	212 824	104 436	-50,9
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 666	4 905	3 324	18 285	14 547
R'000			13 200	25 570	17 381	90 163	75 574	-16,2
Other buildings 4/		square metres	755	2 154	621	2 221	6 077	173,6
		R'000	4 097	12 895	4 785	17 483	39 266	124,6
Total additions and alterations	R'000	17 297	38 465	22 166	107 646	114 840	6,7	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	170 842	174 044	113 083	653 923	557 586	-14,7

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2017	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2018	Jan. - Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 528	762	824	4 929	2 967	-39,8	
		square metres	72 372	38 281	41 038	235 184	144 716	-38,5	
		R'000	296 412	212 079	225 649	1 108 253	794 037	-28,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	709	737	746	2 950	2 946	-0,1	
		square metres	189 669	184 269	187 776	817 475	756 001	-7,5	
		R'000	1 300 510	1 353 692	1 387 540	5 771 336	5 560 520	-3,7	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 066	563	1 218	5 623	4 527	-19,5	
		square metres	107 775	76 536	152 203	517 840	498 341	-3,8	
		R'000	865 630	612 555	1 260 040	4 150 311	4 011 080	-3,4	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	113 841	22 654	8 212	159 688	36 269	-77,3	
		R'000	1 260 335	172 914	44 870	1 630 444	257 501	-84,2	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	3 722 887	2 351 240	2 918 099	12 660 344	10 623 138	-16,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	25 415	36 071	27 749	227 445	163 486	-28,1	
		R'000	246 018	299 359	216 709	2 068 366	1 471 975	-28,8	
	Shopping space	square metres	30 870	30 024	23 330	184 530	76 105	-58,8	
		R'000	188 480	234 553	191 182	1 519 661	609 000	-59,9	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	44 332	69 711	111 391	256 452	357 539	39,4	
		R'000	254 836	425 990	683 773	1 438 857	2 079 621	44,5	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	15 982	10 610	19 816	52 902	59 733	12,9	
		R'000	146 590	84 820	134 558	396 190	438 801	10,8	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	835 924	1 044 722	1 226 222	5 423 074	4 599 397	-15,2
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	83 585	86 982	83 344	365 671	365 164	-0,1
R'000			501 863	628 221	637 084	2 245 808	2 617 232	16,5	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	21 265	46 671	32 148	121 582	132 330	8,8	
		R'000	186 683	440 067	277 345	1 134 487	1 211 719	6,8	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	688 546	1 068 288	914 429	3 380 295	3 828 951	13,3	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	5 247 357	4 464 250	5 058 750	21 463 713	19 051 486	-11,2

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

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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

			Apr. 2017	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2018	Jan. - Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	326	309	329	2 131	1 218	-42,8	
		square metres	15 153	14 193	15 396	96 483	55 671	-42,3	
		R'000	83 240	85 640	79 013	513 922	313 878	-38,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	235	265	288	949	990	4,3	
		square metres	55 149	61 344	65 371	218 849	232 107	6,1	
		R'000	351 723	401 568	449 391	1 409 063	1 547 322	9,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	163	180	473	1 092	2 170	98,7	
		square metres	20 906	29 920	60 885	124 919	187 729	50,3	
		R'000	159 588	230 776	464 144	938 161	1 458 487	55,5	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	218	20 738	203	17 118	22 386	30,8	
		R'000	1 456	159 130	1 092	135 978	171 170	25,9	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	596 007	877 114	993 640	2 997 124	3 490 857	16,5
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 175	13 607	12 453	83 468	26 709	-68,0
R'000			7 867	108 412	77 707	598 516	191 816	-68,0	
Shopping space		square metres	3 892	20 220	11 145	9 772	38 195	290,9	
		R'000	26 914	167 891	89 291	66 466	310 059	366,5	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	22 719	28 813	56 078	69 125	109 656	58,6	
		R'000	142 534	185 015	364 983	457 631	718 112	56,9	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	5 071	7 433	13 973	18 099	32 787	81,2	
		R'000	41 826	53 685	98 216	120 376	228 678	90,0	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	219 141	515 003	630 197	1 242 989	1 448 665	16,5	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	34 142	34 318	32 206	178 781	129 960	-27,3
	R'000		197 967	217 131	214 757	976 957	812 814	-16,8	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	8 571	26 691	11 087	38 727	56 079	44,8	
		R'000	80 712	237 287	112 779	439 156	556 053	26,6	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	278 679	454 418	327 536	1 416 113	1 368 867	-3,3
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	1 093 827	1 846 535	1 951 373	5 656 226	6 308 389	11,5

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2017	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2018	Jan. - Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	34	4	26	77	54	-29,9	
		square metres	1 856	240	1 113	4 472	2 567	-42,6	
		R'000	10 590	1 485	5 449	24 693	13 073	-47,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	39	22	44	164	132	-19,5	
		square metres	6 577	5 201	8 326	37 478	28 584	-23,7	
		R'000	35 438	33 517	51 472	194 539	182 209	-6,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1	0	9	53	12	-77,4	
		square metres	215	0	1 019	4 491	1 388	-69,1	
		R'000	1 184	0	6 347	26 753	8 672	-67,6	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	3 139	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	17 775	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	47 212	35 002	63 268	263 760	203 954	-22,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	3 023	392	-87,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	13 483	2 696	-80,0	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	1 158	413	-64,3	
		R'000	0	0	0	5 722	1 746	-69,5	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	1 054	30 389	6 239	37 441	500,1	
		R'000	0	6 467	187 032	30 971	230 978	645,8	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	164	0	0	1 163	118	-89,9	
		R'000	1 018	0	0	6 166	749	-87,9	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 018	6 467	187 032	56 342	236 169	319,2
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 141	3 542	8 349	27 953	25 778	-7,8
R'000			37 770	22 392	52 802	133 338	163 012	22,3	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	474	1 405	2 123	12 890	9 257	-28,2	
		R'000	3 987	8 894	14 377	78 438	62 948	-19,7	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	41 757	31 286	67 179	211 776	225 960	6,7	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	89 987	72 755	317 479	531 878	666 083	25,2

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2017	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2018	Jan. - Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	1	5	1	6	500,0	
		square metres	76	63	336	76	399	425,0	
		R'000	456	441	2 702	456	3 143	589,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	3	2	3	19	10	-47,4	
		square metres	695	345	447	3 937	2 083	-47,1	
		R'000	4 347	2 654	3 129	27 000	14 820	-45,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	13	1	0	15	1	-93,3	
		square metres	1 162	146	0	1 333	146	-89,0	
		R'000	7 553	1 174	0	8 665	1 174	-86,5	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	935	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	5 512	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	12 356	4 269	5 831	41 633	19 137	-54,0
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 440	0	0	1 440	0	..
R'000			7 920	0	0	7 920	0	..	
Shopping space		square metres	0	0	0	120	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	720	0	..	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	0	0	521	0	521	..	
		R'000	0	0	3 647	0	3 647	..	
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	7 920	0	3 647	8 640	3 647	-57,8	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 337	1 885	2 288	3 400	8 578	152,3
	R'000		9 648	14 396	17 063	26 304	64 218	144,1	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	951	1 238	2 291	2 518	4 083	62,2	
		R'000	5 968	9 819	17 791	19 737	31 469	59,4	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	15 616	24 215	34 854	46 041	95 687	107,8	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	35 892	28 484	44 332	96 314	118 471	23,0

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2017	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2018	Jan. - Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	33	3	58	94	62,1	
		square metres	61	1 986	183	3 283	5 427	65,3	
		R'000	152	10 293	1 123	16 561	28 099	69,7	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	13	7	23	55	63	14,5	
		square metres	2 593	1 326	5 533	8 842	13 554	53,3	
		R'000	14 486	7 400	36 668	47 518	86 102	81,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	3	2	0	364	114	-68,7	
		square metres	360	322	0	27 464	15 929	-42,0	
		R'000	2 160	2 044	0	191 888	117 629	-38,7	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	402	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	2 144	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	16 798	19 737	37 791	255 967	233 974	-8,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 335	5 305	0	2 573	5 768	124,2	
		R'000	8 983	39 289	0	17 649	42 185	139,0	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	506	706	786	2 145	172,9	
		R'000	0	2 409	4 332	3 990	12 664	217,4	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	1 340	535	-60,1	
		R'000	0	0	0	7 315	3 396	-53,6	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	0	326	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	2 000	..	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	8 983	41 698	4 332	28 954	60 245	108,1	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 412	2 465	1 009	6 699	10 201	52,3	
		R'000	19 854	13 626	6 229	30 664	54 764	78,6	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	269	395	5 523	552	6 872	1 144,9	
		R'000	1 984	3 644	42 453	9 550	54 121	466,7	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	21 838	17 270	48 682	40 214	108 885	170,8	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	47 619	78 705	90 805	325 135	403 104	24,0

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2017	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2018	Jan. - Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	8	15	15	35	50	42,9
		square metres	477	819	868	1 943	2 798	44,0
		R'000	3 605	8 577	8 324	16 985	28 708	69,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	55	42	62	252	278	10,3
		square metres	17 297	13 200	15 730	76 806	70 334	-8,4
		R'000	156 519	140 973	173 703	690 451	734 317	6,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	47	24	50	612	160	-73,9
		square metres	13 927	6 095	7 586	60 831	31 017	-49,0
		R'000	117 979	56 787	72 495	581 987	304 783	-47,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	628	0	0	12 095	858	-92,9
		R'000	5 282	0	0	134 848	10 211	-92,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	283 385	206 337	254 522	1 424 271	1 078 019	-24,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	26 273	885	-96,6
		R'000	0	0	0	265 453	8 811	-96,7
	Shopping space	square metres	0	971	0	61 697	1 705	-97,2
		R'000	0	9 803	0	647 818	17 877	-97,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	665	16 498	2 923	30 055	26 221	-12,8
		R'000	3 791	98 164	17 539	169 403	156 679	-7,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	9 556	3 177	230	13 838	5 567	-59,8
		R'000	97 791	31 135	2 254	132 766	52 113	-60,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	101 582	139 102	19 793	1 215 440	235 480	-80,6
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 132	14 786	15 322	38 603	62 965
R'000			61 313	147 021	169 758	380 369	624 707	64,2
Other buildings 4/		square metres	4 292	6 058	2 031	27 688	13 616	-50,8
		R'000	35 970	54 330	19 869	250 166	133 489	-46,6
Total additions and alterations		R'000	97 283	201 351	189 627	630 535	758 196	20,2
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	482 250	546 790	463 942	3 270 246	2 071 695	-36,7

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2017	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2018	Jan. - Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	31	19	24	140	93	-33,6	
		square metres	1 966	1 071	1 409	8 170	5 654	-30,8	
		R'000	9 180	5 463	7 045	35 522	29 761	-16,2	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	70	71	19	212	254	19,8	
		square metres	13 290	12 524	6 612	42 018	50 682	20,6	
		R'000	67 698	71 247	39 254	218 090	295 773	35,6	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	4	32	105	126	347	175,4	
		square metres	800	2 398	16 366	9 944	41 328	315,6	
		R'000	4 800	15 223	90 118	59 388	236 898	298,9	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	81 678	91 933	136 417	313 000	562 432	79,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 618	0	0	1 618	1 429	-11,7	
		R'000	8 092	0	0	8 092	8 421	4,1	
	Shopping space	square metres	11 388	349	0	16 228	874	-94,6	
		R'000	56 940	2 215	0	83 509	4 840	-94,2	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	600	607	2 567	2 174	5 647	159,8	
		R'000	2 700	3 035	12 835	9 784	26 505	170,9	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 191	0	0	1 191	3 255	173,3	
		R'000	5 955	0	0	5 955	19 609	229,3	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	73 687	5 250	12 835	107 340	59 375	-44,7
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 918	7 935	1 184	23 088	37 357	61,8
R'000			53 406	48 857	6 370	108 132	229 666	112,4	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	622	3 612	0	3 181	6 110	92,1	
		R'000	3 207	23 621	0	16 878	37 285	120,9	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	56 613	72 478	6 370	125 010	266 951	113,5	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	211 978	169 661	155 622	545 350	888 758	63,0

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2017	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2018	Jan. - Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	768	347	387	1 887	1 314	-30,4	
		square metres	36 424	18 001	19 811	93 038	64 421	-30,8	
		R'000	151 546	90 506	112 543	417 764	336 234	-19,5	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	244	236	221	1 125	917	-18,5	
		square metres	81 375	67 798	66 959	384 547	286 948	-25,4	
		R'000	609 933	567 914	532 007	2 968 603	2 298 844	-22,6	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	816	275	581	3 165	1 653	-47,8	
		square metres	66 615	34 886	66 347	265 441	215 329	-18,9	
		R'000	553 416	289 451	626 936	2 232 982	1 852 518	-17,0	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	112 995	0	0	120 649	1 260	-99,0	
		R'000	1 253 597	0	0	1 307 571	8 807	-99,3	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	2 568 492	947 871	1 271 486	6 926 920	4 496 403	-35,1
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	19 847	13 627	15 296	107 728	124 771	15,8
R'000			213 156	133 109	139 002	1 150 539	1 199 497	4,3	
Shopping space		square metres	8 384	2 391	10 694	82 105	26 197	-68,1	
		R'000	71 564	22 895	93 822	652 429	227 658	-65,1	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	19 560	15 260	16 774	133 025	166 265	25,0	
		R'000	102 221	96 840	85 372	696 054	882 821	26,8	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	0	5 399	16 639	17 466	5,0	
		R'000	0	0	33 068	121 064	134 632	11,2	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	386 941	252 844	351 264	2 620 086	2 444 608	-6,7	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	15 262	19 024	19 214	72 769	76 580	5,2
	R'000		106 426	147 340	150 604	526 759	592 204	12,4	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	5 498	7 250	9 093	33 955	32 287	-4,9	
		R'000	50 645	59 109	62 244	300 996	258 009	-14,3	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	157 071	206 449	212 848	827 755	850 213	2,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	3 112 504	1 407 164	1 835 598	10 374 761	7 791 224	-24,9

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2017	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2018	Jan. - Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	51	24	26	272	106	-61,0	
		square metres	2 416	1 279	1 354	12 640	5 796	-54,1	
		R'000	8 728	6 347	6 445	47 755	30 651	-35,8	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	30	64	54	98	204	108,2	
		square metres	6 218	14 718	10 725	23 878	45 512	90,6	
		R'000	27 720	88 229	60 496	111 255	266 800	139,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	49	0	166	49	-70,5	
		square metres	0	2 769	0	18 319	2 769	-84,9	
		R'000	0	17 100	0	84 195	17 100	-79,7	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 916	391	0	2 307	..	
		R'000	0	13 784	1 864	0	15 648	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	36 448	125 460	68 805	243 205	330 199	35,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	256	0	0	256	..	
		R'000	0	1 219	0	0	1 219	..	
	Shopping space	square metres	7 206	520	785	12 506	1 305	-89,6	
		R'000	33 062	2 476	3 737	58 217	6 213	-89,3	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	438	5 850	551	9 281	6 401	-31,0	
		R'000	2 015	27 852	3 964	41 809	31 816	-23,9	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	214	1 972	214	-89,1	
		R'000	0	0	1 020	9 863	1 020	-89,7	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	35 077	31 547	8 721	109 889	40 268	-63,4
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 122	2 651	2 917	13 204	11 652	-11,8
R'000			14 884	15 667	15 036	57 690	65 187	13,0	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	375	22	0	1 700	3 394	99,6	
		R'000	3 107	42 863	7 332	15 673	70 368	349,0	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	17 991	58 530	22 368	73 363	135 555	84,8	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	89 516	215 537	99 894	426 457	506 022	18,7

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2017	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2018	Jan. - Apr. 2017	Jan. - Apr. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	308	10	9	328	32	-90,2	
		square metres	13 943	629	568	15 079	1 983	-86,8	
		R'000	28 915	3 327	3 005	34 595	10 490	-69,7	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	20	28	32	76	98	28,9	
		square metres	6 475	7 813	8 073	21 120	26 197	24,0	
		R'000	32 646	40 190	41 420	104 817	134 333	28,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	19	0	0	30	21	-30,0	
		square metres	3 790	0	0	5 098	2 706	-46,9	
		R'000	18 950	0	0	26 292	13 819	-47,4	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	7 618	5 752	9 056	57,4	
		R'000	0	0	41 914	28 760	49 521	72,2	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	80 511	43 517	86 339	194 464	208 163	7,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	3 276	0	1 322	3 276	147,8	
		R'000	0	17 330	0	6 714	17 330	158,1	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	5 067	0	158	5 271	3 236,1	
		R'000	0	26 864	0	790	27 943	3 437,1	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	350	1 629	1 588	5 213	4 852	-6,9	
		R'000	1 575	8 617	8 401	25 890	25 667	-0,9	
	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	1 575	52 811	8 401	33 394	70 940	112,4	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	119	376	855	1 174	2 093	78,3	
		R'000	595	1 791	4 465	5 595	10 660	90,5	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	213	0	0	371	632	70,4	
		R'000	1 103	500	500	3 893	7 977	104,9	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	1 698	2 291	4 965	9 488	18 637	96,4	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	83 784	98 619	99 705	237 346	297 740	25,4

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

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

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

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

Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
	2	In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
Purpose of the survey	3	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
Scope of the survey	4	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	5	Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> , (SIC) Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
Collection rate	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for April 2018 was 88,2%. The collection rate for March 2018 was 89,1%.
Statistical unit	7	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	8	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.
Constant prices	9	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2015. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: <i>Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP) Work Groups and Selected Materials Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2016=100) are converted to the base year 2015=100.

- Seasonal adjustment** 10 Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by US Bureau of the Census Economic Research and Analyses Division, 1968.
- 11 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore, the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for building statistics is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at [Click to download building statistics seasonal adjustment May 2017](#)
- Trend cycle** 12 The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.
- Revised figures** 13 Revised figures are due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or to respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. Figures for the latest two years are therefore preliminary. Data are edited at municipal level.
- 14 Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* is published with the revised and updated information at provincial and municipal level for the previous calendar year. Due to this comprehensive revision, the monthly statistical release P5041.1 reflects provincial revision where applicable.
- Related publications** 15 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:
- P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* issued annually.
 - P9101.2: *Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region* issued annually.
 - *Building Statistics* (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.
- Rounding-off of figures** 16 Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.

Symbols and abbreviations

17	..	no meaningful percentage change between two specified periods available since either one or both of the totals are nil
	0	nil or figure too small to publish
	*	revised
	Stats SA	Statistics South Africa
	SIC	Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities
	ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities

Glossary

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

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

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