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## Results for January to December 2016

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:  
January to December 2015 versus January to December 2016**

Estimates at current prices	January to December 2015	January to December 2016	Difference in value between January to December 2015 and January to December 2016	% change between January to December 2015 and January to December 2016
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>50 454 793</b>	<b>54 045 280</b>	<b>3 590 487</b>	<b>7,1</b>
-Dwelling-houses	33 874 365	33 349 818	-524 547	-1,5
-Flats and townhouses	15 282 339	19 181 716	3 899 377	25,5
-Other residential buildings	1 298 089	1 513 746	215 657	16,6
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>24 537 823</b>	<b>26 127 612</b>	<b>1 589 789</b>	<b>6,5</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	<b>26 443 089</b>	<b>27 330 927</b>	<b>887 838</b>	<b>3,4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>101 435 705</b>	<b>107 503 819</b>	<b>6 068 114</b>	<b>6,0</b>

1/ 2015 and 2016 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 6,0% (R6 068,1 million) in 2016 compared with 2015.

All three major building categories recorded increases. The largest percentage increase was recorded for residential buildings (7,1% or R3 590,5 million), followed by non-residential buildings (6,5% or R1 589,8 million) and additions and alterations (3,4% or R887,8 million) – see Table A.

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:  
January to December 2015 versus January to December 2016**

Estimates at current prices	January to December 2015	January to December 2016	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to December 2015	% change between January to December 2015 and January to December 2016	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January to December 2015 and January to December 2016	Difference in value between January to December 2015 and January to December 2016
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000				R'000
Western Cape	25 371 628	29 914 282	25,0	17,9	4,5	4 542 654
Eastern Cape	5 104 765	4 846 333	5,0	-5,1	-0,3	-258 432
Northern Cape	822 245	889 913	0,8	8,2	0,1	67 668
Free State	3 570 148	3 384 250	3,5	-5,2	-0,2	-185 898
KwaZulu-Natal	17 296 333	20 769 866	17,1	20,1	3,4	3 473 533
North West	3 430 819	2 826 389	3,4	-17,6	-0,6	-604 430
Gauteng	38 994 859	39 233 266	38,4	0,6	0,2	238 407
Mpumalanga	4 572 288	3 916 733	4,5	-14,3	-0,6	-655 555
Limpopo	2 272 620	1 722 787	2,2	-24,2	-0,5	-549 833
<b>Total</b>	<b>101 435 705</b>	<b>107 503 819</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>6,0</b>	<b>6,0</b>	<b>6 068 114</b>

1/ 2015 and 2016 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 December 2015 and January to December 2016 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during January to December 2015, divided by 100.

The largest contributions to the total increase of 6,0% (R6 068,1 million) were made by Western Cape (contributing 4,5 percentage points or R4 542,7 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 3,4 percentage points or R3 473,5 million) – see Table B.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to December 2015	January to December 2016	Difference in value between January to December 2015 and January to December 2016	% change between January to December 2015 and January to December 2016
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	50 437 836	50 727 649	289 813	0,6
Non-residential buildings	24 522 529	24 623 958	101 429	0,4
Additions and alterations	26 435 788	25 649 926	-785 862	-3,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>101 396 153</b>	<b>101 001 533</b>	<b>-394 620</b>	<b>-0,4</b>

1/ 2015 and 2016 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 0,4% (-R394,6 million) year-on-year in 2016. Additions and alterations decreased by 3,0% (-R785,9 million). Increases were recorded for residential buildings (0,6% or R289,8 million) and non-residential buildings (0,4% or R101,4 million) – see Table C.

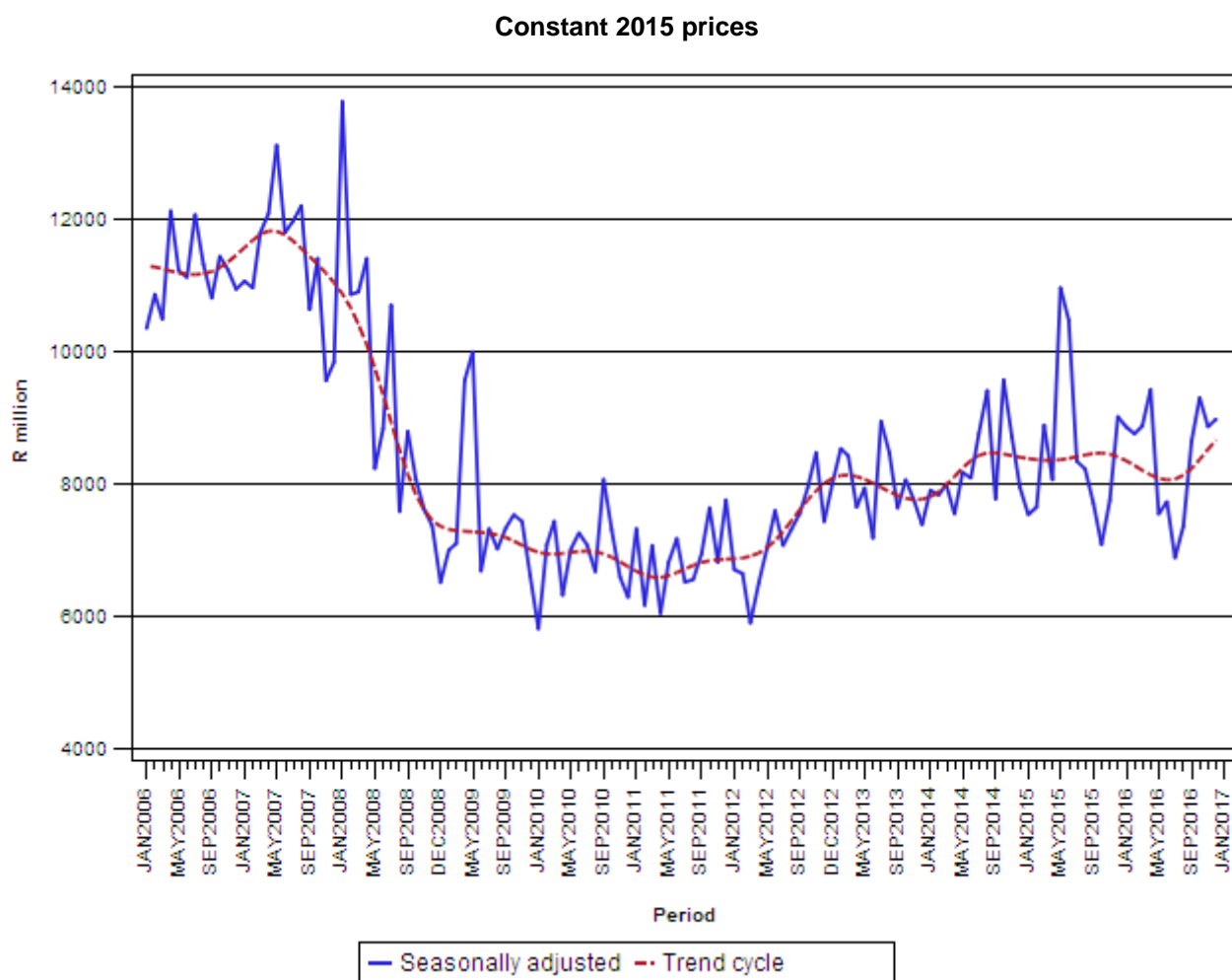
**Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices**

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	July to September 2016	October to December 2016	% change between July to September 2016 and October to December 2016
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	11 430 622	14 316 443	25,2
Non-residential buildings 1/	5 259 236	6 165 042	17,2
Additions and alterations	6 225 491	6 680 983	7,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>22 915 349</b>	<b>27 162 467</b>	<b>18,5</b>

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

### Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed increased by 18,5% during the fourth quarter of 2016 compared with the third quarter of 2016. All three major building categories recorded increases. The largest percentage increase was recorded for residential buildings (25,2%), followed by non-residential buildings (17,2%) and additions and alterations (7,3%) – 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 December 2015 versus January to December 2016**

Estimates at current prices	January to December 2015 1/	January to December 2016 1/	Difference in value between January to December 2015 and January to December 2016	% change between January to December 2015 and January to December 2016
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>32 191 937</b>	<b>34 981 662</b>	<b>2 789 725</b>	<b>8,7</b>
-Dwelling-houses	23 220 913	23 842 656	621 743	2,7
-Flats and townhouses	8 478 448	10 503 470	2 025 022	23,9
-Other residential buildings	492 576	635 536	142 960	29,0
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>14 698 228</b>	<b>15 955 307</b>	<b>1 257 079</b>	<b>8,6</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	<b>9 800 963</b>	<b>10 477 731</b>	<b>676 768</b>	<b>6,9</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>56 691 128</b>	<b>61 414 700</b>	<b>4 723 572</b>	<b>8,3</b>

1/ 2015 and 2016 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 8,3% (R4 723,6 million) in 2016 compared with 2015.

All three major building categories recorded increases. The largest percentage increase was recorded for residential buildings (8,7% or R2 789,7 million), followed by non-residential buildings (8,6% or R1 257,1 million) and additions and alterations (6,9% or R676,8 million) – see Table E.

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:  
January to December 2015 versus January to December 2016**

Estimates at current prices	January to December 2015 1/	January to December 2016 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to December 2015	% change between January to December 2015 and January to December 2016	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January to December 2015 and January to December 2016 2/	Difference in value between January to December 2015 and January to December 2016
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	16 031 647	17 812 988	28,3	11,1	3,1	1 781 341
Eastern Cape	2 149 079	1 741 606	3,8	-19,0	-0,7	-407 473
Northern Cape	456 331	528 389	0,8	15,8	0,1	72 058
Free State	1 353 023	1 468 693	2,4	8,5	0,2	115 670
KwaZulu-Natal	8 476 031	9 207 244	15,0	8,6	1,3	731 213
North West	2 200 860	1 832 191	3,9	-16,8	-0,7	-368 669
Gauteng	23 204 850	26 070 196	40,9	12,3	5,1	2 865 346
Mpumalanga	2 138 202	1 924 724	3,8	-10,0	-0,4	-213 478
Limpopo	681 105	828 669	1,2	21,7	0,3	147 564
<b>Total</b>	<b>56 691 128</b>	<b>61 414 700</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>8,3</b>	<b>8,3</b>	<b>4 723 572</b>

1/ 2015 and 2016 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 December 2015 and January to December 2016 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January to December 2015, divided by 100.

Six provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed in 2016. The largest contributions were recorded for Gauteng (contributing 5,1 percentage points or R2 865,3 million), Western Cape (contributing 3,1 percentage points or R1 781,3 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 1,3 percentage points or R731,2 million) – see Table F.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to December 2015 1/	January to December 2016 1/	Difference in value between January to December 2015 and January to December 2016	% change between January to December 2015 and January to December 2016
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	32 162 368	32 791 823	629 455	2,0
Non-residential buildings	14 670 514	14 992 115	321 601	2,2
Additions and alterations	9 796 930	9 836 673	39 743	0,4
<b>Total</b>	<b>56 629 812</b>	<b>57 620 611</b>	<b>990 799</b>	<b>1,7</b>

1/ 2015 and 2016 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 1,7% (R990,8 million) year-on-year in 2016. All three major building categories recorded increases. The largest percentage increase was recorded for non-residential buildings (2,2% or R321,6 million), followed by residential buildings (2,0% or R629,5 million) and additions and alterations (0,4% or R39,7 million) – see Table G.

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

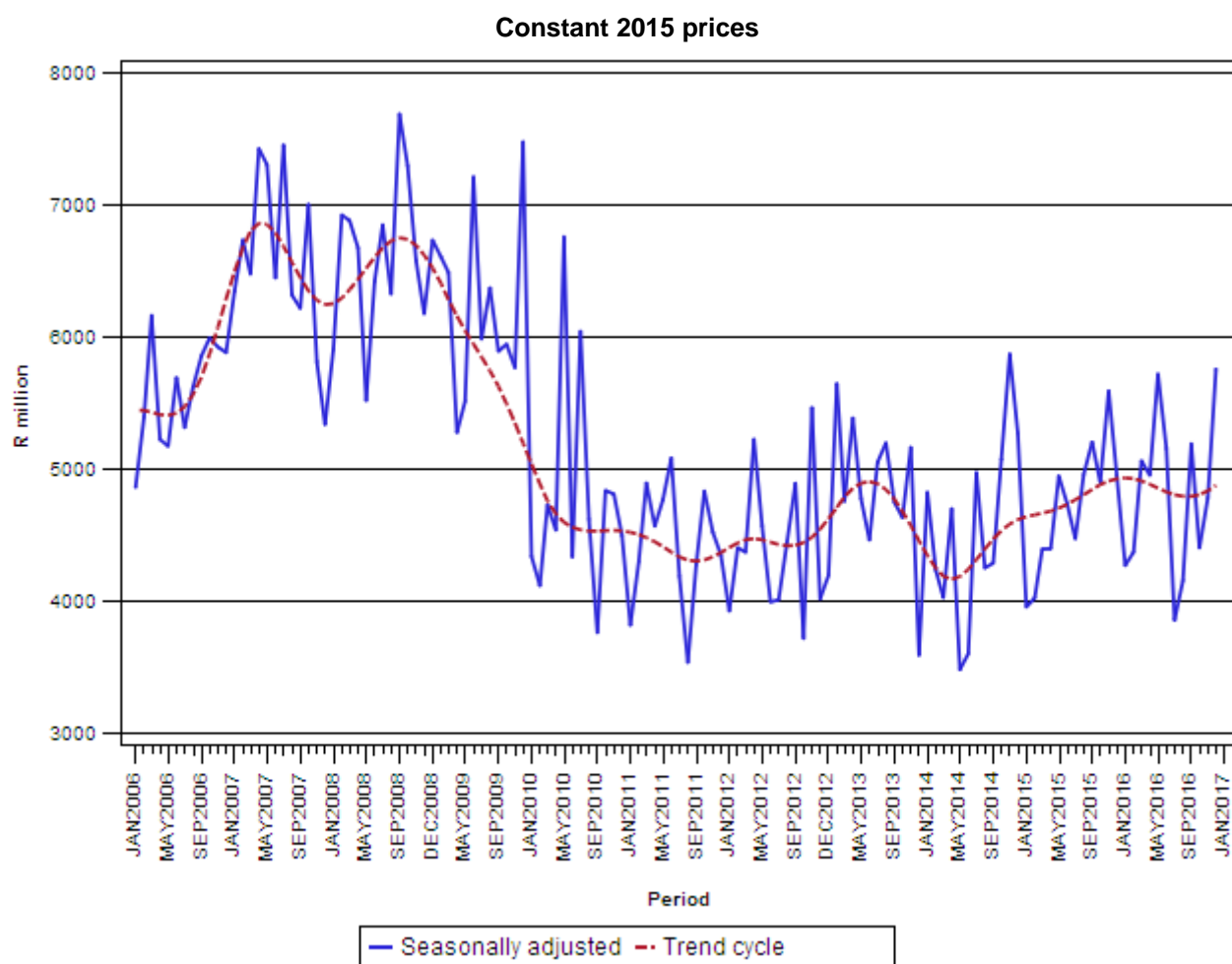
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	July to September 2016	October to December 2016	% change between July to September 2016 and October to December 2016
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	7 502 664	8 876 172	18,3
Non-residential buildings 1/	3 432 767	3 307 586	-3,6
Additions and alterations	2 277 123	2 768 619	21,6
<b>Total</b>	<b>13 212 554</b>	<b>14 952 377</b>	<b>13,2</b>

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 13,2% during the fourth quarter of 2016 compared with the third quarter of 2016. Increases were recorded for additions and alterations (21,6%) and residential buildings (18,3%). A decrease was recorded for non-residential buildings (-3,6%) – 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/
<b>2015</b>	January	3 411 357	5,4	687 316	-48,9	1 669 101	8,7	5 767 774	-5,7
	February	3 825 309	17,1	1 310 712	-36,2	2 328 241	13,2	7 464 262	1,2
	March	4 215 260	21,5	2 150 503	-7,0	2 254 077	15,4	8 619 840	11,5
	April	4 231 730	38,5	1 939 405	12,3	1 979 962	0,2	8 151 097	20,6
	May	4 217 439	2,6	4 478 366	127,3	2 175 725	13,7	10 871 530	36,0
	June	4 515 235	15,4	3 999 192	96,6	2 213 891	15,4	10 728 318	36,4
	July	4 486 702	11,4	2 076 730	-31,2	2 655 555	15,4	9 218 987	-1,4
	August	4 255 093	-10,7	1 899 511	-13,2	2 292 582	-11,7	8 447 186	-11,5
	September	4 701 995	12,3	1 509 865	16,7	2 248 552	-14,2	8 460 412	4,4
	October	4 462 255	-15,2	1 126 314	-63,5	2 306 634	-0,9	7 895 203	-26,1
	November	4 369 235	5,3	1 353 687	-35,9	2 138 157	-6,2	7 861 079	-8,0
	December	3 763 183	27,3	2 006 222	7,1	2 180 612	16,1	7 950 017	18,5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>50 454 793</b>	<b>8,7</b>	<b>24 537 823</b>	<b>-1,9</b>	<b>26 443 089</b>	<b>4,3</b>	<b>101 435 705</b>	<b>4,8</b>
<b>2016</b>	January	2 849 293	-16,5	3 244 246	372,0	1 451 533	-13,0	7 545 072	30,8
	February	4 592 411	20,1	2 247 812	71,5	2 125 304	-8,7	8 965 527	20,1
	March	4 537 940	7,7	2 515 020	17,0	2 056 047	-8,8	9 109 007	5,7
	April	5 000 890	18,2	2 758 347	42,2	2 388 049	20,6	10 147 286	24,5
	May	4 208 361	-0,2	1 580 343	-64,7	2 241 429	3,0	8 030 133	-26,1
	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	-5,4	2 291 169	-0,1	8 484 664	0,4
	September	4 802 689	2,1	2 513 194	66,5	2 695 573	19,9	10 011 456	18,3
	October	5 420 582	21,5	2 488 211	120,9	2 717 674	17,8	10 626 467	34,6
	November	4 826 738	10,5	2 750 077	103,2	2 460 101	15,1	10 036 916	27,7
	December	4 668 512	24,1	1 454 281	-27,5	1 955 695	-10,3	8 078 488	1,6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>54 045 280</b>	<b>7,1</b>	<b>26 127 612</b>	<b>6,5</b>	<b>27 330 927</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>107 503 819</b>	<b>6,0</b>

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/
2015	January	4 513 652	20,4	687 316	-63,3	2 321 347	4,5	7 522 315	-4,1
	February	4 123 465	-8,6	1 310 712	90,7	2 328 382	0,3	7 762 559	3,2
	March	4 340 350	5,3	2 150 503	64,1	2 413 341	3,6	8 904 194	14,7
	April	4 139 205	-4,6	1 939 405	-9,8	1 911 149	-20,8	7 989 759	-10,3
	May	4 176 676	0,9	4 478 366	130,9	2 328 041	21,8	10 983 083	37,5
	June	4 266 653	2,2	3 999 192	-10,7	2 193 900	-5,8	10 459 745	-4,8
	July	4 063 645	-4,8	2 076 730	-48,1	2 297 175	4,7	8 437 550	-19,3
	August	4 185 501	3,0	1 899 511	-8,5	2 194 361	-4,5	8 279 374	-1,9
	September	4 343 902	3,8	1 509 865	-20,5	1 874 644	-14,6	7 728 411	-6,7
	October	3 888 898	-10,5	1 126 314	-25,4	2 161 270	15,3	7 176 482	-7,1
	November	4 544 492	16,9	1 353 687	20,2	2 025 584	-6,3	7 923 763	10,4
	December	4 607 848	1,4	2 006 222	48,2	2 573 595	27,1	9 187 665	16,0
2016	January	3 838 442	-16,7	3 244 246	61,7	2 089 502	-18,8	9 172 190	-0,2
	February	4 365 423	13,7	2 247 812	-30,7	2 103 674	0,7	8 716 909	-5,0
	March	4 537 756	3,9	2 515 020	11,9	2 184 858	3,9	9 237 634	6,0
	April	4 822 595	6,3	2 758 347	9,7	2 321 899	6,3	9 902 841	7,2
	May	4 168 373	-13,6	1 580 343	-42,7	2 264 042	-2,5	8 012 758	-19,1
	June	4 481 167	7,5	1 445 606	-8,5	2 410 551	6,5	8 337 324	4,1
	July	3 682 868	-17,8	1 334 132	-7,7	2 353 361	-2,4	7 370 361	-11,6
	August	4 087 107	11,0	1 796 343	34,6	1 994 242	-15,3	7 877 692	6,9
	September	4 528 191	10,8	2 513 194	39,9	2 322 181	16,4	9 363 566	18,9
	October	5 000 162	10,4	2 488 211	-1,0	2 610 359	12,4	10 098 731	7,9
	November	4 657 688	-6,8	2 750 077	10,5	2 237 705	-14,3	9 645 469	-4,5
	December	5 987 813	28,6	1 454 281	-47,1	2 430 305	8,6	9 872 399	2,4
	<b>Jul. – Sep. 16</b>	<b>12 298 166</b>		<b>5 643 669</b>		<b>6 669 784</b>		<b>24 611 619</b>	
	<b>Oct. – Dec. 16 2/</b>	<b>15 645 663</b>	<b>27,2</b>	<b>6 692 569</b>	<b>18,6</b>	<b>7 278 369</b>	<b>9,1</b>	<b>29 616 599</b>	<b>20,3</b>

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/
2015	January	3 459 794	-0,1	697 075	-51,6	1 692 800	3,0	5 849 669	-10,7
	February	3 887 509	12,8	1 332 024	-38,5	2 366 099	9,1	7 585 632	-2,5
	March	4 257 838	17,6	2 172 225	-10,0	2 276 845	11,7	8 706 908	7,9
	April	4 244 463	33,1	1 945 241	7,9	1 985 920	-3,8	8 175 624	15,9
	May	4 221 661	-1,3	4 482 849	118,6	2 177 903	9,4	10 882 413	30,8
	June	4 501 730	11,2	3 987 230	89,4	2 207 269	11,2	10 696 229	31,4
	July	4 455 513	7,7	2 062 294	-33,5	2 637 095	11,7	9 154 902	-4,6
	August	4 242 366	-12,9	1 893 830	-15,4	2 285 725	-13,9	8 421 921	-13,7
	September	4 692 610	9,7	1 506 851	14,0	2 244 064	-16,2	8 443 525	2,0
	October	4 422 453	-17,4	1 116 268	-64,4	2 286 059	-3,5	7 824 780	-28,0
	November	4 325 975	2,4	1 340 284	-37,7	2 116 987	-8,8	7 783 246	-10,5
	December	3 725 924	23,8	1 986 358	4,1	2 159 022	12,9	7 871 304	15,3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>50 437 836</b>	<b>5,3</b>	<b>24 522 529</b>	<b>-5,1</b>	<b>26 435 788</b>	<b>0,9</b>	<b>101 396 153</b>	<b>1,5</b>
2016	January	2 787 958	-19,4	3 174 409	355,4	1 420 287	-16,1	7 382 654	26,2
	February	4 403 079	13,3	2 155 141	61,8	2 037 684	-13,9	8 595 904	13,3
	March	4 338 375	1,9	2 404 417	10,7	1 965 628	-13,7	8 708 420	0,0
	April	4 744 677	11,8	2 617 028	34,5	2 265 701	14,1	9 627 406	17,8
	May	3 981 420	-5,7	1 495 121	-66,6	2 120 557	-2,6	7 597 098	-30,2
	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	-11,5	2 137 285	-6,5	7 914 799	-6,0
	September	4 467 618	-4,8	2 337 855	55,1	2 507 510	11,7	9 312 983	10,3
	October	5 028 369	13,7	2 308 173	106,8	2 521 033	10,3	9 857 575	26,0
	November	4 440 421	2,6	2 529 970	88,8	2 263 202	6,9	9 233 593	18,6
	December	4 259 591	14,3	1 326 899	-33,2	1 784 393	-17,4	7 370 883	-6,4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>50 727 649</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>24 623 958</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>25 649 926</b>	<b>-3,0</b>	<b>101 001 533</b>	<b>-0,4</b>

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/
<b>2015</b>	January	4 507 055	18,8	697 075	-63,5	2 340 095	3,9	7 544 225	-5,1
	February	3 956 514	-12,2	1 332 024	91,1	2 366 673	1,1	7 655 211	1,5
	March	4 282 559	8,2	2 172 225	63,1	2 439 901	3,1	8 894 685	16,2
	April	4 200 698	-1,9	1 945 241	-10,4	1 926 046	-21,1	8 071 985	-9,2
	May	4 156 570	-1,1	4 482 849	130,5	2 332 346	21,1	10 971 765	35,9
	June	4 301 664	3,5	3 987 230	-11,1	2 188 852	-6,2	10 477 746	-4,5
	July	3 995 497	-7,1	2 062 294	-48,3	2 289 790	4,6	8 347 581	-20,3
	August	4 152 131	3,9	1 893 830	-8,2	2 186 751	-4,5	8 232 712	-1,4
	September	4 330 256	4,3	1 506 851	-20,4	1 873 978	-14,3	7 711 085	-6,3
	October	3 835 037	-11,4	1 116 268	-25,9	2 139 672	14,2	7 090 977	-8,0
	November	4 422 286	15,3	1 340 284	20,1	1 995 376	-6,7	7 757 947	9,4
	December	4 492 675	1,6	1 986 358	48,2	2 543 146	27,5	9 022 179	16,3
<b>2016</b>	January	3 657 895	-18,6	3 174 409	59,8	2 034 400	-20,0	8 866 703	-1,7
	February	4 596 087	25,6	2 155 141	-32,1	2 012 145	-1,1	8 763 373	-1,2
	March	4 384 326	-4,6	2 404 417	11,6	2 091 632	4,0	8 880 375	1,3
	April	4 601 130	4,9	2 617 028	8,8	2 213 896	5,8	9 432 055	6,2
	May	3 916 310	-14,9	1 495 121	-42,9	2 141 368	-3,3	7 552 799	-19,9
	June	4 118 265	5,2	1 353 564	-9,5	2 264 925	5,8	7 736 753	2,4
	July	3 440 279	-16,5	1 245 688	-8,0	2 204 691	-2,7	6 890 658	-10,9
	August	3 829 736	11,3	1 675 693	34,5	1 861 618	-15,6	7 367 047	6,9
	September	4 160 607	8,6	2 337 855	39,5	2 159 182	16,0	8 657 644	17,5
	October	4 585 030	10,2	2 308 173	-1,3	2 415 268	11,9	9 308 471	7,5
	November	4 285 564	-6,5	2 529 970	9,6	2 055 324	-14,9	8 870 858	-4,7
	December	5 445 849	27,1	1 326 899	-47,6	2 210 391	7,5	8 983 138	1,3
	<b>Jul. – Sep. 16</b>	<b>11 430 622</b>		<b>5 259 236</b>		<b>6 225 491</b>		<b>22 915 349</b>	
	<b>Oct. – Dec. 16 2/</b>	<b>14 316 443</b>	<b>25,2</b>	<b>6 165 042</b>	<b>17,2</b>	<b>6 680 983</b>	<b>7,3</b>	<b>27 162 467</b>	<b>18,5</b>

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
<b>2015</b>	January	1 818 640	-2,5	785 616	-17,1	501 685	-35,0	3 105 941	-13,4
	February	2 087 746	9,8	1 019 816	-0,5	675 990	-29,4	3 783 552	-2,6
	March	2 568 046	15,4	858 760	-23,1	1 025 680	29,2	4 452 486	7,6
	April	2 608 404	16,7	730 600	-42,9	903 209	43,4	4 242 213	2,3
	May	3 119 539	67,9	968 348	45,1	797 255	4,0	4 885 142	48,4
	June	2 599 782	33,2	1 057 013	32,2	983 921	50,9	4 640 716	36,3
	July	2 635 346	4,5	1 095 693	-33,7	852 594	12,3	4 583 633	-7,1
	August	2 830 856	18,9	1 420 995	50,9	814 463	-13,1	5 066 314	18,9
	September	3 001 813	18,0	1 646 976	54,1	843 852	5,6	5 492 641	24,5
	October	2 688 004	-6,8	1 693 843	18,8	766 090	-14,9	5 147 937	-1,2
	November	3 436 641	11,9	1 971 370	-22,7	871 502	21,2	6 279 513	-1,0
	December	2 797 120	11,8	1 449 198	-28,3	764 722	10,9	5 011 040	-3,9
	<b>Total</b>	<b>32 191 937</b>	<b>15,2</b>	<b>14 698 228</b>	<b>-5,2</b>	<b>9 800 963</b>	<b>4,5</b>	<b>56 691 128</b>	<b>7,3</b>
<b>2016</b>	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	3 029 411	-11,8	1 682 124	-14,7	1 035 767	18,8	5 747 302	-8,5
	December	4 515 140	61,4	985 304	-32,0	873 119	14,2	6 373 563	27,2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>34 981 662</b>	<b>8,7</b>	<b>15 955 307</b>	<b>8,6</b>	<b>10 477 731</b>	<b>6,9</b>	<b>61 414 700</b>	<b>8,3</b>

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/
<b>2015</b>	January	2 468 196	4,7	785 616	-61,1	659 013	-19,6	3 912 825	-24,7
	February	2 320 195	-6,0	1 019 816	29,8	623 567	-5,4	3 963 578	1,3
	March	2 588 782	11,6	858 760	-15,8	898 105	44,0	4 345 647	9,6
	April	2 771 423	7,1	730 600	-14,9	866 781	-3,5	4 368 804	0,5
	May	3 148 242	13,6	968 348	32,5	816 109	-5,8	4 932 699	12,9
	June	2 729 025	-13,3	1 057 013	9,2	965 695	18,3	4 751 733	-3,7
	July	2 535 927	-7,1	1 095 693	3,7	865 757	-10,3	4 497 377	-5,4
	August	2 766 491	9,1	1 420 995	29,7	784 264	-9,4	4 971 751	10,5
	September	2 749 995	-0,6	1 646 976	15,9	821 398	4,7	5 218 368	5,0
	October	2 516 569	-8,5	1 693 843	2,8	743 524	-9,5	4 953 936	-5,1
	November	2 853 311	13,4	1 971 370	16,4	843 190	13,4	5 667 872	14,4
	December	2 669 329	-6,4	1 449 198	-26,5	908 535	7,7	5 027 062	-11,3
<b>2016</b>	January	2 948 620	10,5	578 503	-60,1	849 932	-6,5	4 377 055	-12,9
	February	2 733 355	-7,3	1 029 861	78,0	800 436	-5,8	4 563 652	4,3
	March	2 663 741	-2,5	1 810 745	75,8	820 276	2,5	5 294 762	16,0
	April	2 349 113	-11,8	2 113 528	16,7	740 001	-9,8	5 202 642	-1,7
	May	3 286 402	39,9	1 819 266	-13,9	928 285	25,4	6 033 954	16,0
	June	3 268 521	-0,5	1 325 164	-27,2	916 736	-1,2	5 510 421	-8,7
	July	2 257 551	-30,9	1 150 587	-13,2	717 449	-21,7	4 125 587	-25,1
	August	2 474 251	9,6	1 205 852	4,8	772 463	7,7	4 452 566	7,9
	September	3 308 158	33,7	1 326 114	10,0	951 960	23,2	5 586 232	25,5
	October	2 849 825	-13,9	928 259	-30,0	981 293	3,1	4 759 377	-14,8
	November	2 524 631	-11,4	1 682 124	81,2	1 010 152	2,9	5 216 906	9,6
	December	4 333 327	71,6	985 304	-41,4	1 029 310	1,9	6 347 941	21,7
	<b>Jul. – Sep. 16</b>	<b>8 039 960</b>		<b>3 682 553</b>		<b>2 441 872</b>		<b>14 164 385</b>	
	<b>Oct. – Dec. 16 2/</b>	<b>9 707 783</b>	<b>20,7</b>	<b>3 595 687</b>	<b>-2,4</b>	<b>3 020 755</b>	<b>23,7</b>	<b>16 324 224</b>	<b>15,2</b>

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/
<b>2015</b>	January	1 844 462	-7,6	796 771	-21,5	508 808	-38,4	3 150 041	-17,9
	February	2 121 693	5,8	1 036 398	-4,1	686 982	-32,0	3 845 073	-6,1
	March	2 593 986	11,7	867 434	-25,6	1 036 040	25,1	4 497 460	4,2
	April	2 616 253	12,1	732 798	-45,1	905 927	37,8	4 254 978	-1,7
	May	3 122 662	61,5	969 317	39,6	798 053	0,0	4 890 032	42,7
	June	2 592 006	28,3	1 053 851	27,3	980 978	45,4	4 626 835	31,3
	July	2 617 027	1,1	1 088 076	-35,9	846 667	8,7	4 551 770	-10,2
	August	2 822 389	15,9	1 416 745	47,1	812 027	-15,2	5 051 161	16,0
	September	2 995 821	15,3	1 643 689	50,6	842 168	3,1	5 481 678	21,6
	October	2 664 028	-9,2	1 678 734	15,7	759 257	-17,0	5 102 019	-3,7
	November	3 402 615	8,8	1 951 851	-24,8	862 873	17,9	6 217 339	-3,7
	December	2 769 426	8,7	1 434 850	-30,3	757 150	7,8	4 961 426	-6,5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>32 162 368</b>	<b>11,5</b>	<b>14 670 514</b>	<b>-8,2</b>	<b>9 796 930</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>56 629 812</b>	<b>3,9</b>
<b>2016</b>	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	2 786 947	-18,1	1 547 492	-20,7	952 868	10,4	5 287 307	-15,0
	December	4 119 653	48,8	899 000	-37,3	796 641	5,2	5 815 294	17,2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>32 791 823</b>	<b>2,0</b>	<b>14 992 115</b>	<b>2,2</b>	<b>9 836 673</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>57 620 611</b>	<b>1,7</b>

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/
<b>2015</b>	January	2 500 028	4,8	796 771	-61,3	662 907	-20,2	3 959 706	-24,9
	February	2 357 434	-5,7	1 036 398	30,1	633 196	-4,5	4 027 028	1,7
	March	2 621 591	11,2	867 434	-16,3	909 100	43,6	4 398 125	9,2
	April	2 793 510	6,6	732 798	-15,5	873 791	-3,9	4 400 099	0,0
	May	3 162 997	13,2	969 317	32,3	818 853	-6,3	4 951 167	12,5
	June	2 719 029	-14,0	1 053 851	8,7	966 986	18,1	4 739 866	-4,3
	July	2 528 359	-7,0	1 088 076	3,2	859 018	-11,2	4 475 452	-5,6
	August	2 762 449	9,3	1 416 745	30,2	784 873	-8,6	4 964 067	10,9
	September	2 744 147	-0,7	1 643 689	16,0	819 623	4,4	5 207 459	4,9
	October	2 487 933	-9,3	1 678 734	2,1	735 854	-10,2	4 902 521	-5,9
	November	2 812 956	13,1	1 951 851	16,3	831 144	12,9	5 595 951	14,1
	December	2 624 777	-6,7	1 434 850	-26,5	894 470	7,6	4 954 097	-11,5
<b>2016</b>	January	2 882 613	9,8	566 050	-60,5	825 537	-7,7	4 274 200	-13,7
	February	2 620 788	-9,1	987 403	74,4	766 918	-7,1	4 375 109	2,4
	March	2 549 402	-2,7	1 731 114	75,3	785 027	2,4	5 065 543	15,8
	April	2 244 291	-12,0	2 005 245	15,8	706 519	-10,0	4 956 056	-2,2
	May	3 121 953	39,1	1 721 160	-14,2	880 410	24,6	5 723 523	15,5
	June	3 056 795	-2,1	1 240 790	-27,9	862 354	-2,1	5 159 939	-9,8
	July	2 115 887	-30,8	1 074 311	-13,4	668 984	-22,4	3 859 182	-25,2
	August	2 310 475	9,2	1 124 862	4,7	723 153	8,1	4 158 490	7,8
	September	3 076 302	33,1	1 233 594	9,7	884 986	22,4	5 194 882	24,9
	October	2 636 885	-14,3	861 094	-30,2	908 972	2,7	4 406 951	-15,2
	November	2 312 638	-12,3	1 547 492	79,7	925 404	1,8	4 785 534	8,6
	December	3 926 649	69,8	899 000	-41,9	934 243	1,0	5 759 892	20,4
	<b>Jul. – Sep. 16</b>	<b>7 502 664</b>		<b>3 432 767</b>		<b>2 277 123</b>		<b>13 212 554</b>	
	<b>Oct. – Dec. 16 2/</b>	<b>8 876 172</b>	<b>18,3</b>	<b>3 307 586</b>	<b>-3,6</b>	<b>2 768 619</b>	<b>21,6</b>	<b>14 952 377</b>	<b>13,2</b>

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

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

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

			Dec. 2015	Nov. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. - Dec. 2015	Jan. - Dec. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 178	980	1 224	22 783	17 318	-24,0
		square metres	58 551	47 711	57 368	1 089 439	837 342	-23,1
		R'000	262 446	231 338	295 547	3 947 637	4 014 406	1,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 120	1 366	1 093	16 981	15 896	-6,4
		square metres	320 434	377 817	299 032	4 621 177	4 343 650	-6,0
		R'000	2 169 413	2 608 820	2 082 873	29 926 728	29 335 412	-2,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 788	2 321	2 557	20 215	22 929	13,4
		square metres	140 409	241 896	254 553	2 048 105	2 366 073	15,5
		R'000	1 246 292	1 964 243	2 278 675	15 282 339	19 181 716	25,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	14 905	4 011	1 865	164 429	194 103	18,0
		R'000	85 032	22 337	11 417	1 298 089	1 513 746	16,6
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 763 183</b>	<b>4 826 738</b>	<b>4 668 512</b>	<b>50 454 793</b>	<b>54 045 280</b>	<b>7,1</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	77 736	120 907	12 037	708 087	583 835	-17,5
		R'000	677 757	1 193 713	124 677	5 730 106	5 223 841	-8,8
	Shopping space	square metres	73 188	77 598	21 938	1 142 388	888 123	-22,3
		R'000	564 389	582 200	200 122	8 402 704	7 053 602	-16,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	105 819	132 746	135 204	1 438 921	1 832 610	27,4
		R'000	581 162	730 485	816 015	7 540 293	10 166 996	34,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	29 254	35 142	49 600	490 413	563 159	14,8
		R'000	182 914	243 679	313 467	2 864 720	3 683 173	28,6
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 006 222</b>	<b>2 750 077</b>	<b>1 454 281</b>	<b>24 537 823</b>	<b>26 127 612</b>	<b>6,5</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	231 990	270 402	211 095	3 135 463	3 032 694	-3,3
		R'000	1 531 066	1 847 545	1 506 310	19 151 475	20 095 610	4,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	77 441	68 709	39 387	917 096	776 127	-15,4
		R'000	649 546	612 556	449 385	7 291 614	7 235 317	-0,8
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 180 612</b>	<b>2 460 101</b>	<b>1 955 695</b>	<b>26 443 089</b>	<b>27 330 927</b>	<b>3,4</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>7 950 017</b>	<b>10 036 916</b>	<b>8 078 488</b>	<b>101 435 705</b>	<b>107 503 819</b>	<b>6,0</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2015 and 2016.

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**

			Dec. 2015	Nov. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. - Dec. 2015	Jan. - Dec. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	319	493	645	5 652	7 152	26,5
		square metres	14 409	23 115	28 105	248 561	326 518	31,4
		R'000	85 489	114 628	158 730	1 350 144	1 827 488	35,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	262	384	350	4 298	4 639	7,9
		square metres	72 742	97 276	83 981	1 085 120	1 141 428	5,2
		R'000	460 855	660 814	565 524	6 833 605	7 595 002	11,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	432	868	594	5 588	5 741	2,7
		square metres	36 502	107 621	73 060	520 257	720 497	38,5
		R'000	278 469	859 185	591 470	3 851 705	5 563 931	44,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	12 634	421	0	76 035	61 831	-18,7
		R'000	66 781	2 625	0	568 465	470 543	-17,2
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>891 594</b>	<b>1 637 252</b>	<b>1 315 724</b>	<b>12 603 919</b>	<b>15 456 964</b>	<b>22,6</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	36 212	31 275	2 650	176 998	125 176	-29,3
		R'000	302 447	257 627	25 774	1 365 170	1 042 456	-23,6
	Shopping space	square metres	7 068	50 553	0	135 363	177 759	31,3
		R'000	55 134	408 965	0	1 052 089	1 440 276	36,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	23 718	15 891	65 276	327 740	377 336	15,1
		R'000	148 817	100 511	430 848	2 082 820	2 513 935	20,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	7 953	5 691	35 936	140 366	202 706	44,4
		R'000	54 743	26 461	229 223	863 827	1 294 060	49,8
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>561 141</b>	<b>793 564</b>	<b>685 845</b>	<b>5 363 906</b>	<b>6 290 727</b>	<b>17,3</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	63 635	89 100	60 339	891 405	882 474	-1,0
		R'000	384 021	571 395	392 252	5 103 275	5 634 891	10,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	20 683	14 295	11 354	224 111	242 755	8,3
		R'000	192 839	177 329	134 640	2 300 528	2 531 700	10,0
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>576 860</b>	<b>748 724</b>	<b>526 892</b>	<b>7 403 803</b>	<b>8 166 591</b>	<b>10,3</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 029 595</b>	<b>3 179 540</b>	<b>2 528 461</b>	<b>25 371 628</b>	<b>29 914 282</b>	<b>17,9</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2015 and 2016.

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**

			Dec. 2015	Nov. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. - Dec. 2015	Jan. - Dec. 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	100	135	61	1 717	1 303	-24,1	
		square metres	5 276	6 434	3 473	78 328	63 273	-19,2	
		R'000	23 993	37 333	19 290	241 924	279 611	15,6	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	59	131	92	1 002	1 157	15,5	
		square metres	15 508	20 722	20 645	238 130	253 937	6,6	
		R'000	87 645	121 309	141 599	1 345 684	1 481 164	10,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2	94	12	308	857	178,2	
		square metres	546	9 313	1 591	37 550	76 367	103,4	
		R'000	3 375	56 892	10 337	205 066	433 345	111,3	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	49	2 415	2 274	-5,8	
		R'000	0	0	331	14 203	9 857	-30,6	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	115 013	215 534	171 557	1 806 877	2 203 977	22,0
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 187	0	0	6 955	13 671	96,6
R'000			6 703	0	0	37 648	93 460	148,2	
Shopping space		square metres	97	300	0	96 989	5 626	-94,2	
		R'000	437	1 350	0	602 863	31 430	-94,8	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	19 394	27 472	3 621	94 770	116 504	22,9	
		R'000	96 678	151 009	19 916	471 175	584 647	24,1	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	5 629	1 253	328	37 853	32 126	-15,1	
		R'000	25 119	8 124	1 476	176 816	158 597	-10,3	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	128 937	160 483	21 392	1 288 502	868 134	-32,6	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	19 002	23 138	17 097	317 762	268 902	-15,4
	R'000		99 815	131 386	103 845	1 617 902	1 429 138	-11,7	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	6 168	13 526	2 070	80 837	72 404	-10,4	
		R'000	23 760	76 085	10 045	391 484	345 084	-11,9	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	123 575	207 471	113 890	2 009 386	1 774 222	-11,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	367 525	583 488	306 839	5 104 765	4 846 333	-5,1	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2015 and 2016.

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**

			Dec. 2015	Nov. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. - Dec. 2015	Jan. - Dec. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	4	1	25	33	32,0
		square metres	0	259	48	1 370	2 195	60,2
		R'000	0	1 567	312	8 226	13 152	59,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	16	7	16	186	185	-0,5
		square metres	3 190	1 608	2 791	37 488	34 677	-7,5
		R'000	20 915	9 636	16 667	212 999	219 395	3,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	4	61	1 425,0
		square metres	0	0	0	648	6 217	859,4
		R'000	0	0	0	4 536	37 970	737,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	6 252	822	-86,9
		R'000	0	0	0	48 550	5 343	-89,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>20 915</b>	<b>11 203</b>	<b>16 979</b>	<b>274 311</b>	<b>275 860</b>	<b>0,6</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	226	102	11 053	10 736,3
		R'000	0	0	1 467	612	65 502	10 602,9
	Shopping space	square metres	948	510	0	16 723	5 095	-69,5
		R'000	4 746	2 295	0	76 531	29 197	-61,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 120	543	1 138	7 794	14 752	89,3
		R'000	30 720	3 530	7 398	45 768	87 806	91,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	9 814	1 511	-84,6
		R'000	0	0	0	46 304	9 000	-80,6
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>35 466</b>	<b>5 825</b>	<b>8 865</b>	<b>169 215</b>	<b>191 505</b>	<b>13,2</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 548	4 553	1 994	53 600	51 572	-3,8
		R'000	23 316	32 653	14 101	314 925	362 085	15,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	69	330	439	7 791	6 320	-18,9
		R'000	3 225	2 064	3 538	63 794	60 463	-5,2
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>26 541</b>	<b>34 717</b>	<b>17 639</b>	<b>378 719</b>	<b>422 548</b>	<b>11,6</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>82 922</b>	<b>51 745</b>	<b>43 483</b>	<b>822 245</b>	<b>889 913</b>	<b>8,2</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2015 and 2016.

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**

			Dec. 2015	Nov. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. - Dec. 2015	Jan. - Dec. 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	159	10	20	2 078	803	-61,4	
		square metres	8 928	588	1 265	114 517	43 002	-62,4	
		R'000	17 839	3 231	7 340	292 177	152 528	-47,8	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	38	89	65	847	859	1,4	
		square metres	7 704	19 639	15 553	170 694	198 418	16,2	
		R'000	40 331	108 688	84 453	892 032	1 081 768	21,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	29	3	12	437	378	-13,5	
		square metres	4 890	697	359	46 342	43 308	-6,5	
		R'000	34 230	4 879	2 513	287 262	284 760	-0,9	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	388	823	1 153	24 294	12 419	-48,9	
		R'000	2 034	4 859	8 100	137 676	75 693	-45,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	94 434	121 657	102 406	1 609 147	1 594 749	-0,9
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	8 005	15 929	99,0
R'000			0	0	0	53 820	124 819	131,9	
Shopping space		square metres	3 004	0	1 037	91 276	12 505	-86,3	
		R'000	12 976	0	5 633	543 161	83 565	-84,6	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	2 757	2 086	7 699	67 004	60 234	-10,1	
		R'000	12 407	10 708	37 502	327 320	287 456	-12,2	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	2 648	342	10 007	15 391	53,8	
		R'000	0	12 750	1 539	54 439	102 585	88,4	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	25 383	23 458	44 674	978 740	598 425	-38,9	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 163	13 766	12 544	151 267	153 517	1,5
	R'000		52 611	72 333	66 893	745 881	802 341	7,6	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	653	3 434	223	32 391	27 413	-15,4	
		R'000	4 791	20 806	5 335	236 380	388 735	64,5	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	57 402	93 139	72 228	982 261	1 191 076	21,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	177 219	238 254	219 308	3 570 148	3 384 250	-5,2	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2015 and 2016.

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**

			Dec. 2015	Nov. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. - Dec. 2015	Jan. - Dec. 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	28	31	10	295	328	11,2	
		square metres	1 558	1 453	671	17 149	16 761	-2,3	
		R'000	13 125	6 399	6 030	127 602	118 514	-7,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	130	79	78	1 615	1 339	-17,1	
		square metres	40 169	23 577	26 552	497 478	415 788	-16,4	
		R'000	364 464	213 599	251 470	4 288 001	3 687 941	-14,0	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	124	285	531	2 346	3 853	64,2	
		square metres	25 465	26 238	61 441	323 819	393 401	21,5	
		R'000	246 819	274 196	583 218	2 772 866	3 697 281	33,3	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 249	0	0	32 183	6 314	-80,4	
		R'000	13 364	0	0	395 451	34 299	-91,3	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	637 772	494 194	840 718	7 583 920	7 538 035	-0,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	14 622	82 840	771	126 387	180 596	42,9	
		R'000	145 257	869 821	8 096	933 959	1 805 655	93,3	
	Shopping space	square metres	10 291	1 525	18 913	157 905	338 780	114,5	
		R'000	65 278	13 325	182 177	1 273 864	3 086 880	142,3	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	21 144	34 850	38 795	359 660	437 656	21,7	
		R'000	114 462	199 891	227 017	1 871 227	2 471 864	32,1	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	9 950	670	2 999	85 447	91 838	7,5	
		R'000	69 650	6 079	21 133	565 532	640 247	13,2	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	394 647	1 089 116	438 423	4 644 582	8 004 646	72,3
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	33 866	31 280	30 866	358 105	366 096	2,2
R'000			301 205	289 784	304 756	2 949 206	3 300 999	11,9	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	20 007	9 758	8 975	243 666	188 028	-22,8	
		R'000	233 639	115 735	114 080	2 118 625	1 926 186	-9,1	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	534 844	405 519	418 836	5 067 831	5 227 185	3,1	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 567 263	1 988 829	1 697 977	17 296 333	20 769 866	20,1	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2015 and 2016.

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**

			Dec. 2015	Nov. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. - Dec. 2015	Jan. - Dec. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	5	2	1 078	112	-89,6
		square metres	196	288	130	56 218	6 757	-88,0
		R'000	952	1 456	780	179 955	31 525	-82,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	55	82	46	995	908	-8,7
		square metres	13 334	22 101	11 455	240 451	230 553	-4,1
		R'000	65 646	118 040	56 227	1 187 410	1 189 124	0,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	56	45	55	1 174	871	-25,8
		square metres	8 598	3 102	5 623	108 434	68 148	-37,2
		R'000	40 562	17 953	26 243	574 783	348 922	-39,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	2 332	0	1 431	3 961	176,8
		R'000	0	12 826	0	7 349	22 148	201,4
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>107 160</b>	<b>150 275</b>	<b>83 250</b>	<b>1 949 497</b>	<b>1 591 719</b>	<b>-18,4</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	128	620	8 640	2 487	-71,2
		R'000	0	896	3 100	46 526	12 625	-72,9
	Shopping space	square metres	939	610	0	44 210	24 097	-45,5
		R'000	4 226	3 660	0	240 794	130 423	-45,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	356	5 393	1 771	32 046	53 549	67,1
		R'000	1 424	24 267	9 919	147 332	246 079	67,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	2 456	36 653	13 200	-64,0
		R'000	0	0	12 158	188 514	69 367	-63,2
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>5 650</b>	<b>28 823</b>	<b>25 177</b>	<b>623 166</b>	<b>458 494</b>	<b>-26,4</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 872	9 833	8 371	142 908	140 029	-2,0
		R'000	37 909	48 215	44 286	678 568	677 706	-0,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 953	110	1 261	26 286	14 753	-43,9
		R'000	15 133	800	15 621	179 588	98 470	-45,2
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>53 042</b>	<b>49 015</b>	<b>59 907</b>	<b>858 156</b>	<b>776 176</b>	<b>-9,6</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>165 852</b>	<b>228 113</b>	<b>168 334</b>	<b>3 430 819</b>	<b>2 826 389</b>	<b>-17,6</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2015 and 2016.

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**

			Dec. 2015	Nov. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. - Dec. 2015	Jan. - Dec. 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	356	266	414	10 302	6 351	-38,4	
		square metres	17 591	13 374	19 934	488 261	311 414	-36,2	
		R'000	80 993	56 109	85 140	1 385 794	1 311 337	-5,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	397	450	333	5 722	4 915	-14,1	
		square metres	128 507	154 137	105 438	1 767 262	1 579 595	-10,6	
		R'000	928 965	1 178 658	811 586	12 376 437	11 599 332	-6,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 114	977	1 347	9 366	10 585	13,0	
		square metres	61 681	89 380	111 998	907 016	994 805	9,7	
		R'000	627 603	725 729	1 062 958	7 077 194	8 496 693	20,1	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	6 285	94 657	1 406,1	
		R'000	0	0	0	49 008	841 369	1 616,8	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 637 561	1 960 496	1 959 684	20 888 433	22 248 731	6,5
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	23 771	5 939	7 770	351 077	193 666	-44,8
R'000			213 630	61 744	86 240	3 124 419	1 855 825	-40,6	
Shopping space		square metres	3 280	22 840	978	462 630	254 687	-44,9	
		R'000	28 907	146 810	7 325	3 757 237	1 899 492	-49,4	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	21 094	46 511	16 904	430 971	682 597	58,4	
		R'000	121 034	240 569	83 415	2 025 224	3 547 000	75,1	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	3 930	18 373	3 705	132 049	162 722	23,2	
		R'000	24 581	159 807	29 070	789 711	1 198 271	51,7	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	388 152	608 930	206 050	9 696 591	8 500 588	-12,3	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	78 416	82 414	69 514	987 721	955 200	-3,3	
		R'000	559 553	621 824	533 742	6 678 560	6 882 301	3,1	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	21 925	21 068	12 371	255 320	186 804	-26,8	
		R'000	146 889	187 308	132 278	1 731 275	1 601 646	-7,5	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	706 442	809 132	666 020	8 409 835	8 483 947	0,9
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 732 155	3 378 558	2 831 754	38 994 859	39 233 266	0,6	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2015 and 2016.

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**

			Dec. 2015	Nov. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. - Dec. 2015	Jan. - Dec. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	203	23	35	1 358	1 014	-25,3
		square metres	9 934	1 315	1 617	69 300	53 999	-22,1
		R'000	36 945	6 190	7 300	281 262	213 857	-24,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	129	81	88	1 682	1 262	-25,0
		square metres	29 381	22 501	24 144	405 768	304 384	-25,0
		R'000	152 650	114 208	114 391	1 950 688	1 576 596	-19,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	24	14	0	428	437	2,1
		square metres	1 999	1 294	0	37 202	40 502	8,9
		R'000	11 594	5 850	0	184 452	206 293	11,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	634	299	663	9 282	10 248	10,4
		R'000	2 853	1 347	2 986	49 360	46 349	-6,1
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>204 042</b>	<b>127 595</b>	<b>124 677</b>	<b>2 465 762</b>	<b>2 043 095</b>	<b>-17,1</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 422	150	0	22 154	33 572	51,5
		R'000	7 110	750	0	131 169	186 214	42,0
	Shopping space	square metres	22 708	1 260	787	79 303	55 040	-30,6
		R'000	218 714	5 795	3 985	492 205	280 319	-43,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 326	0	0	90 240	70 864	-21,5
		R'000	28 547	0	0	442 783	335 074	-24,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 792	2 598	3 306	17 660	32 443	83,7
		R'000	8 821	11 949	16 228	83 210	150 923	81,4
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>263 192</b>	<b>18 494</b>	<b>20 213</b>	<b>1 149 367</b>	<b>952 530</b>	<b>-17,1</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 639	10 492	8 328	176 266	151 605	-14,0
		R'000	48 962	50 206	36 537	793 565	696 318	-12,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 793	5 842	2 642	29 107	29 279	0,6
		R'000	20 530	30 403	32 088	163 594	224 790	37,4
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>69 492</b>	<b>80 609</b>	<b>68 625</b>	<b>957 159</b>	<b>921 108</b>	<b>-3,8</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>536 726</b>	<b>226 698</b>	<b>213 515</b>	<b>4 572 288</b>	<b>3 916 733</b>	<b>-14,3</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2015 and 2016.

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**

			Dec. 2015	Nov. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. - Dec. 2015	Jan. - Dec. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	13	36	278	222	-20,1
		square metres	659	885	2 125	15 735	13 423	-14,7
		R'000	3 110	4 425	10 625	80 553	66 394	-17,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	34	63	25	634	632	-0,3
		square metres	9 899	16 256	8 473	178 786	184 870	3,4
		R'000	47 942	83 868	40 956	839 872	905 090	7,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	7	35	6	564	146	-74,1
		square metres	728	4 251	481	66 837	22 828	-65,8
		R'000	3 640	19 559	1 936	324 475	112 521	-65,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	136	0	6 252	1 577	-74,8
		R'000	0	680	0	28 027	8 145	-70,9
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>54 692</b>	<b>108 532</b>	<b>53 517</b>	<b>1 272 927</b>	<b>1 092 150</b>	<b>-14,2</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	522	575	0	7 769	7 685	-1,1
		R'000	2 610	2 875	0	36 783	37 285	1,4
	Shopping space	square metres	24 853	0	223	57 989	14 534	-74,9
		R'000	173 971	0	1 002	363 960	72 020	-80,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 910	0	0	28 696	19 118	-33,4
		R'000	27 073	0	0	126 644	93 135	-26,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	3 909	528	20 564	11 222	-45,4
		R'000	0	18 509	2 640	96 367	60 123	-37,6
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>203 654</b>	<b>21 384</b>	<b>3 642</b>	<b>623 754</b>	<b>262 563</b>	<b>-57,9</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 849	5 826	2 042	56 429	63 299	12,2
		R'000	23 674	29 749	9 898	269 593	309 831	14,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 190	346	52	17 587	8 371	-52,4
		R'000	8 740	2 026	1 760	106 346	58 243	-45,2
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>32 414</b>	<b>31 775</b>	<b>11 658</b>	<b>375 939</b>	<b>368 074</b>	<b>-2,1</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>290 760</b>	<b>161 691</b>	<b>68 817</b>	<b>2 272 620</b>	<b>1 722 787</b>	<b>-24,2</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2015 and 2016.

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**

			Dec. 2015	Nov. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. - Dec. 2015	Jan. - Dec. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 339	1 565	1 428	16 012	15 562	-2,8
		square metres	67 103	73 401	70 479	791 335	754 023	-4,7
		R'000	239 255	379 175	311 930	3 061 368	3 344 829	9,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	977	1 055	1 110	12 161	12 236	0,6
		square metres	245 011	263 726	338 312	3 158 281	3 067 088	-2,9
		R'000	1 622 235	1 810 838	2 446 220	20 159 545	20 497 827	1,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	927	935	2 121	11 493	13 691	19,1
		square metres	119 763	105 010	207 243	1 175 415	1 371 463	16,7
		R'000	923 266	808 083	1 651 210	8 478 448	10 503 470	23,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 926	5 178	17 129	73 155	73 317	0,2
		R'000	12 364	31 315	105 780	492 576	635 536	29,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 797 120</b>	<b>3 029 411</b>	<b>4 515 140</b>	<b>32 191 937</b>	<b>34 981 662</b>	<b>8,7</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	70 283	53 285	17 584	604 604	504 926	-16,5
		R'000	644 147	421 996	129 840	4 697 010	4 143 021	-11,8
	Shopping space	square metres	48 470	60 988	34 365	545 840	516 164	-5,4
		R'000	350 979	417 343	289 000	3 709 605	4 045 022	9,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	84 315	82 338	68 511	994 020	1 077 824	8,4
		R'000	445 971	440 720	401 412	5 124 538	5 859 837	14,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 426	63 111	28 058	183 576	307 146	67,3
		R'000	8 101	402 065	165 052	1 167 075	1 907 427	63,4
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 449 198</b>	<b>1 682 124</b>	<b>985 304</b>	<b>14 698 228</b>	<b>15 955 307</b>	<b>8,6</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	78 054	118 547	83 779	1 160 751	1 224 180	5,5
		R'000	484 850	714 513	553 593	6 452 664	7 247 585	12,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	36 821	36 272	36 825	431 340	376 880	-12,6
		R'000	279 872	321 254	319 526	3 348 299	3 230 146	-3,5
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>764 722</b>	<b>1 035 767</b>	<b>873 119</b>	<b>9 800 963</b>	<b>10 477 731</b>	<b>6,9</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>5 011 040</b>	<b>5 747 302</b>	<b>6 373 563</b>	<b>56 691 128</b>	<b>61 414 700</b>	<b>8,3</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2015 and 2016.

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**

			Dec. 2015	Nov. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. - Dec. 2015	Jan. - Dec. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	373	594	513	5 201	4 679	-10,0
		square metres	17 525	26 156	21 524	239 134	208 163	-13,0
		R'000	69 854	146 940	114 293	1 027 794	1 018 978	-0,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	340	334	333	3 391	3 499	3,2
		square metres	84 917	74 950	80 390	812 878	810 936	-0,2
		R'000	532 639	488 352	504 785	4 941 628	5 089 060	3,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	467	269	817	3 085	4 265	38,2
		square metres	43 906	38 520	60 318	321 505	423 871	31,8
		R'000	303 082	291 612	441 320	2 302 818	3 216 622	39,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 093	1 171	15 867	15 261	23 394	53,3
		R'000	8 198	5 935	97 635	96 391	154 053	59,8
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>913 773</b>	<b>932 839</b>	<b>1 158 033</b>	<b>8 368 631</b>	<b>9 478 713</b>	<b>13,3</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	8 680	45 164	9 233	202 912	148 919	-26,6
		R'000	69 266	342 248	58 489	1 342 802	1 013 282	-24,5
	Shopping space	square metres	18 484	31 703	5 774	118 193	77 611	-34,3
		R'000	146 418	222 075	27 138	874 472	535 184	-38,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	22 045	17 584	26 545	240 136	261 430	8,9
		R'000	155 125	119 859	161 709	1 463 633	1 659 806	13,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	917	35 393	18 953	78 424	130 066	65,8
		R'000	5 749	228 191	91 939	485 623	822 760	69,4
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>376 558</b>	<b>912 373</b>	<b>339 275</b>	<b>4 166 530</b>	<b>4 031 032</b>	<b>-3,3</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	35 684	56 269	37 475	472 421	543 063	15,0
		R'000	187 163	286 665	214 999	2 290 098	2 798 706	22,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	15 440	16 083	15 363	126 381	155 051	22,7
		R'000	121 141	169 702	138 183	1 206 388	1 504 537	24,7
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>308 304</b>	<b>456 367</b>	<b>353 182</b>	<b>3 496 486</b>	<b>4 303 243</b>	<b>23,1</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 598 635</b>	<b>2 301 579</b>	<b>1 850 490</b>	<b>16 031 647</b>	<b>17 812 988</b>	<b>11,1</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2015 and 2016.

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**

			Dec. 2015	Nov. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. - Dec. 2015	Jan. - Dec. 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	38	58	11	854	1 213	42,0	
		square metres	2 005	2 353	571	40 447	55 159	36,4	
		R'000	10 976	13 980	2 295	130 422	237 389	82,0	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	40	56	32	595	697	17,1	
		square metres	9 094	11 687	8 163	119 235	135 595	13,7	
		R'000	49 749	63 042	45 204	593 552	751 485	26,6	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	12	8	20	147	373	153,7	
		square metres	1 431	1 194	1 670	16 058	35 205	119,2	
		R'000	7 999	6 920	11 287	83 642	197 513	136,1	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	2 735	0	8 838	5 865	-33,6	
		R'000	0	11 006	0	43 639	26 562	-39,1	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	68 724	94 948	58 786	851 255	1 212 949	42,5
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	200	0	3 484	4 836	38,8
R'000			0	1 111	0	19 948	27 800	39,4	
Shopping space		square metres	5 234	0	0	61 100	6 470	-89,4	
		R'000	26 569	0	0	267 514	32 182	-88,0	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	7 257	2 351	0	109 628	10 228	-90,7	
		R'000	40 319	14 973	0	517 231	50 678	-90,2	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	12	0	0	4 355	446	-89,8	
		R'000	66	0	0	21 366	2 198	-89,7	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	66 954	16 084	0	826 059	112 858	-86,3	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 977	11 269	4 459	76 428	61 679	-19,3	
		R'000	15 228	61 158	21 261	326 837	304 392	-6,9	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 551	2 169	2 760	30 290	22 342	-26,2	
		R'000	17 955	12 641	13 771	144 928	111 407	-23,1	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	33 183	73 799	35 032	471 765	415 799	-11,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	168 861	184 831	93 818	2 149 079	1 741 606	-19,0	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2015 and 2016.

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**

			Dec. 2015	Nov. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. - Dec. 2015	Jan. - Dec. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	1	0	38	5	-86,8
		square metres	0	73	0	2 111	336	-84,1
		R'000	0	475	0	11 761	1 891	-83,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	2	4	0	179	92	-48,6
		square metres	644	759	0	27 703	17 709	-36,1
		R'000	3 578	5 364	0	157 900	121 918	-22,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	12	0	0	54	5	-90,7
		square metres	861	0	0	3 801	761	-80,0
		R'000	3 875	0	0	20 045	5 006	-75,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	158	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	948	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>7 453</b>	<b>5 839</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>189 706</b>	<b>129 763</b>	<b>-31,6</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	88	0	0	2 557	325	-87,3
		R'000	528	0	0	14 683	1 463	-90,0
	Shopping space	square metres	366	0	320	1 149	860	-25,2
		R'000	1 647	0	1 920	6 222	4 351	-30,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	1 119	0	3 198	8 200	156,4
		R'000	0	7 274	0	16 363	53 301	225,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	225	170	1 505	1 197	-20,5
		R'000	0	1 463	1 105	6 773	6 578	-2,9
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 175</b>	<b>8 737</b>	<b>3 025</b>	<b>44 041</b>	<b>65 693</b>	<b>49,2</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 930	612	746	26 375	38 762	47,0
		R'000	11 919	3 737	4 844	152 169	279 931	84,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	507	343	344	11 405	6 040	-47,0
		R'000	3 097	1 973	5 004	70 415	53 002	-24,7
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>15 016</b>	<b>5 710</b>	<b>9 848</b>	<b>222 584</b>	<b>332 933</b>	<b>49,6</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>24 644</b>	<b>20 286</b>	<b>12 873</b>	<b>456 331</b>	<b>528 389</b>	<b>15,8</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2015 and 2016.

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**

			Dec. 2015	Nov. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. - Dec. 2015	Jan. - Dec. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	217	33	88	2 016	347	-82,8
		square metres	12 313	1 921	5 294	111 621	19 627	-82,4
		R'000	22 705	9 764	29 100	261 653	71 507	-72,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	11	30	21	288	316	9,7
		square metres	2 297	6 307	2 383	51 060	61 255	20,0
		R'000	10 917	37 212	12 999	242 992	329 447	35,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	53	56	0	266	1 380	418,8
		square metres	7 916	4 126	0	34 690	79 795	130,0
		R'000	44 762	28 882	0	176 495	463 323	162,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	24 876	308	-98,8
		R'000	0	0	0	143 813	1 642	-98,9
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>78 384</b>	<b>75 858</b>	<b>42 099</b>	<b>824 953</b>	<b>865 919</b>	<b>5,0</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 222	0	0	4 627	6 572	42,0
		R'000	17 776	0	0	32 158	46 510	44,6
	Shopping space	square metres	434	0	0	21 331	18 668	-12,5
		R'000	2 471	0	0	139 521	139 582	0,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	5 621	40 159	614,4
		R'000	0	0	0	24 419	197 716	709,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	500	0	6 362	980	-84,6
		R'000	0	2 250	0	35 206	4 650	-86,8
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>20 247</b>	<b>2 250</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>231 304</b>	<b>388 458</b>	<b>67,9</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 819	4 141	1 039	32 331	33 872	4,8
		R'000	9 261	20 324	4 898	148 809	157 511	5,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 476	455	356	19 585	8 014	-59,1
		R'000	14 345	3 740	2 229	147 957	56 805	-61,6
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>23 606</b>	<b>24 064</b>	<b>7 127</b>	<b>296 766</b>	<b>214 316</b>	<b>-27,8</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>122 237</b>	<b>102 172</b>	<b>49 226</b>	<b>1 353 023</b>	<b>1 468 693</b>	<b>8,5</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2015 and 2016.

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**

			Dec. 2015	Nov. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. - Dec. 2015	Jan. - Dec. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	18	8	238	225	-5,5
		square metres	796	1 060	410	14 005	13 025	-7,0
		R'000	5 906	8 774	2 041	124 493	108 716	-12,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	73	79	66	812	770	-5,2
		square metres	24 476	20 603	21 101	220 437	214 403	-2,7
		R'000	201 187	160 677	187 320	1 757 706	1 781 476	1,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	168	89	20	999	762	-23,7
		square metres	40 520	15 512	5 443	177 977	132 490	-25,6
		R'000	389 739	148 470	48 295	1 500 620	1 212 306	-19,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 272	0	6 407	33 346	420,5
		R'000	0	14 374	0	57 326	372 728	550,2
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>596 832</b>	<b>332 295</b>	<b>237 656</b>	<b>3 440 145</b>	<b>3 475 226</b>	<b>1,0</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	48 497	5 966	0	100 681	102 320	1,6
		R'000	479 169	62 643	0	968 650	892 417	-7,9
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	11 687	96 539	184 373	91,0
		R'000	0	0	122 714	843 306	1 746 566	107,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	7 325	2 823	3 474	209 407	213 270	1,8
		R'000	39 555	16 091	19 456	1 121 826	1 141 477	1,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	14 374	0	15 030	19 820	31,9
		R'000	0	84 410	0	108 008	123 497	14,3
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>518 724</b>	<b>163 144</b>	<b>142 170</b>	<b>3 041 790</b>	<b>3 903 957</b>	<b>28,3</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 997	10 681	8 784	147 678	137 488	-6,9
		R'000	92 693	101 774	82 780	1 317 873	1 242 913	-5,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	8 924	4 352	2 931	86 522	71 423	-17,5
		R'000	70 300	48 742	37 664	676 223	585 148	-13,5
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>162 993</b>	<b>150 516</b>	<b>120 444</b>	<b>1 994 096</b>	<b>1 828 061</b>	<b>-8,3</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 278 549</b>	<b>645 955</b>	<b>500 270</b>	<b>8 476 031</b>	<b>9 207 244</b>	<b>8,6</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2015 and 2016.

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**

			Dec. 2015	Nov. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. - Dec. 2015	Jan. - Dec. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	41	21	71	441	521,1
		square metres	241	2 469	1 240	4 535	26 890	492,9
		R'000	935	9 876	4 960	18 653	101 637	444,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	32	51	35	785	1 110	41,4
		square metres	6 486	12 865	7 493	170 308	189 874	11,5
		R'000	32 701	69 801	40 791	800 963	896 683	12,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	60	9	126	1 130	635	-43,8
		square metres	4 672	1 744	7 069	81 505	48 442	-40,6
		R'000	26 109	9 642	43 108	400 604	250 481	-37,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	833	0	0	2 060	0	-100,0
		R'000	4 166	0	0	9 074	0	-100,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>63 911</b>	<b>89 319</b>	<b>88 859</b>	<b>1 229 294</b>	<b>1 248 801</b>	<b>1,6</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 200	0	0	12 826	7 360	-42,6
		R'000	6 000	0	0	67 785	38 280	-43,5
	Shopping space	square metres	0	968	0	56 338	23 039	-59,1
		R'000	0	4 310	0	298 321	115 281	-61,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	4 791	0	25 245	11 393	-54,9
		R'000	0	25 871	0	108 650	58 460	-46,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	6 484	6 571	1,3
		R'000	0	0	0	30 712	31 487	2,5
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>6 000</b>	<b>30 181</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>505 468</b>	<b>243 508</b>	<b>-51,8</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	18	660	294	86 462	69 030	-20,2
		R'000	101	3 472	1 232	356 445	297 223	-16,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	768	948	245	18 682	8 895	-52,4
		R'000	4 608	4 611	2 220	109 653	42 659	-61,1
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>4 709</b>	<b>8 083</b>	<b>3 452</b>	<b>466 098</b>	<b>339 882</b>	<b>-27,1</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>74 620</b>	<b>127 583</b>	<b>92 311</b>	<b>2 200 860</b>	<b>1 832 191</b>	<b>-16,8</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2015 and 2016.

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**

			Dec. 2015	Nov. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. - Dec. 2015	Jan. - Dec. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	557	743	702	6 321	7 490	18,5
		square metres	28 156	35 547	37 219	315 399	371 109	17,7
		R'000	109 072	173 625	143 392	1 234 269	1 566 582	26,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	391	412	518	4 920	4 601	-6,5
		square metres	95 423	114 430	195 209	1 482 103	1 368 550	-7,7
		R'000	682 141	881 353	1 546 898	10 399 432	10 285 170	-1,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	137	472	1 122	5 199	5 833	12,2
		square metres	18 500	39 166	130 356	493 137	612 111	24,1
		R'000	137 952	298 913	1 095 265	3 772 588	4 967 183	31,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	1 262	13 619	8 901	-34,6
		R'000	0	0	8 145	132 842	73 378	-44,8
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>929 165</b>	<b>1 353 891</b>	<b>2 793 700</b>	<b>15 539 131</b>	<b>16 892 313</b>	<b>8,7</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	8 836	1 604	8 351	259 500	221 439	-14,7
		R'000	67 608	14 169	71 351	2 168 207	2 055 013	-5,2
	Shopping space	square metres	23 952	23 367	13 944	150 466	154 475	2,7
		R'000	173 874	168 188	126 666	1 111 293	1 214 619	9,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	47 410	47 088	35 732	358 320	487 918	36,2
		R'000	209 582	227 406	208 545	1 681 568	2 476 829	47,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	11 610	8 935	52 233	131 877	152,5
		R'000	0	81 465	72 008	383 311	840 465	119,3
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>451 064</b>	<b>491 228</b>	<b>478 570</b>	<b>5 344 379</b>	<b>6 586 926</b>	<b>23,2</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	20 234	29 108	25 362	207 521	258 151	24,4
		R'000	142 503	213 421	200 432	1 384 591	1 817 244	31,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	5 430	11 922	13 174	130 404	90 313	-30,7
		R'000	32 064	78 894	105 896	936 749	773 713	-17,4
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>174 567</b>	<b>292 315</b>	<b>306 328</b>	<b>2 321 340</b>	<b>2 590 957</b>	<b>11,6</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 554 796</b>	<b>2 137 434</b>	<b>3 578 598</b>	<b>23 204 850</b>	<b>26 070 196</b>	<b>12,3</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2015 and 2016.

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**

			Dec. 2015	Nov. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. - Dec. 2015	Jan. - Dec. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	129	66	73	1 072	1 008	-6,0
		square metres	5 667	3 138	3 464	52 702	50 251	-4,7
		R'000	17 890	12 321	12 137	196 923	191 237	-2,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	69	69	80	957	874	-8,7
		square metres	16 456	17 125	17 604	213 599	198 508	-7,1
		R'000	84 481	80 120	78 256	970 081	901 994	-7,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1	4	0	348	176	-49,4
		square metres	75	192	0	20 308	12 077	-40,5
		R'000	338	864	0	91 747	56 798	-38,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	1 959	1 001	-48,9
		R'000	0	0	0	8 816	4 505	-48,9
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>102 709</b>	<b>93 305</b>	<b>90 393</b>	<b>1 267 567</b>	<b>1 154 534</b>	<b>-8,9</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	12 625	9 265	-26,6
		R'000	0	0	0	55 918	48 780	-12,8
	Shopping space	square metres	0	4 950	2 640	36 736	17 631	-52,0
		R'000	0	22 770	10 562	151 657	95 718	-36,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	6 582	1 959	32 430	37 413	15,4
		R'000	0	29 246	8 479	147 194	183 517	24,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	497	1 009	0	2 558	7 500	193,2
		R'000	2 286	4 286	0	13 176	32 304	145,2
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 286</b>	<b>56 302</b>	<b>19 041</b>	<b>367 945</b>	<b>360 319</b>	<b>-2,1</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 913	5 544	5 222	107 460	76 054	-29,2
		R'000	23 630	22 645	21 157	457 373	320 333	-30,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	725	0	1 281	6 428	13 140	104,4
		R'000	16 362	951	12 918	45 317	89 538	97,6
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>39 992</b>	<b>23 596</b>	<b>34 075</b>	<b>502 690</b>	<b>409 871</b>	<b>-18,5</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>144 987</b>	<b>173 203</b>	<b>143 509</b>	<b>2 138 202</b>	<b>1 924 724</b>	<b>-10,0</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2015 and 2016.

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**

			Dec. 2015	Nov. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. - Dec. 2015	Jan. - Dec. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	11	12	201	154	-23,4
		square metres	400	684	757	11 381	9 463	-16,9
		R'000	1 917	3 420	3 712	55 400	46 892	-15,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	19	20	25	234	277	18,4
		square metres	5 218	5 000	5 969	60 958	70 258	15,3
		R'000	24 842	24 917	29 967	295 291	340 594	15,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	17	28	16	265	262	-1,1
		square metres	1 882	4 556	2 387	26 434	26 711	1,0
		R'000	9 410	22 780	11 935	129 889	134 238	3,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	135	344	154,8
		R'000	0	0	0	675	1 720	154,8
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>36 169</b>	<b>51 117</b>	<b>45 614</b>	<b>481 255</b>	<b>523 444</b>	<b>8,8</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	760	351	0	5 392	3 890	-27,9
		R'000	3 800	1 825	0	26 859	19 476	-27,5
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	3 988	33 037	728,4
		R'000	0	0	0	17 299	161 539	833,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	278	0	801	10 035	7 813	-22,1
		R'000	1 390	0	3 223	43 654	38 053	-12,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	16 625	8 689	-47,7
		R'000	0	0	0	82 900	43 488	-47,5
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>5 190</b>	<b>1 825</b>	<b>3 223</b>	<b>170 712</b>	<b>262 556</b>	<b>53,8</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	482	263	398	4 075	6 081	49,2
		R'000	2 352	1 317	1 990	18 469	29 332	58,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	371	1 643	1 662	1,2
		R'000	0	0	1 641	10 669	13 337	25,0
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 352</b>	<b>1 317</b>	<b>3 631</b>	<b>29 138</b>	<b>42 669</b>	<b>46,4</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>43 711</b>	<b>54 259</b>	<b>52 468</b>	<b>681 105</b>	<b>828 669</b>	<b>21,7</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2015 and 2016.

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

<b>Introduction</b>	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.
<b>Purpose of the survey</b>	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.
<b>Scope of the survey</b>	4	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• passing of building plans; and</li> <li>• final inspection of completed buildings.</li> </ul>
<b>Classification</b>	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.
<b>Collection rate</b>	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for December 2016 was 93,6%. The improved collection rate for November 2016 was 93,6%.
<b>Statistical unit</b>	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.
<b>Survey methodology and design</b>	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.
<b>Constant prices</b>	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.

- 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 2016.pdf](#)
- 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**

<b>17</b>	..	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

<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Extensions to existing buildings as well as internal and external alterations of existing buildings.
<b>Blocks of flats</b>	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.
<b>Dwelling-house</b>	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.
<b>Local government institutions</b>	Include – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District municipalities;</li> <li>• Metropolitan municipalities; and</li> <li>• Local municipalities.</li> </ul>
<b>Municipality</b>	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).
<b>District municipality</b>	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)).
<b>Metropolitan municipality</b>	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)).
<b>Local municipality</b>	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.
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	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.
<b>Other residential buildings</b>	Institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, old people’s homes, hostels, hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation, entertainment centres and casinos.
<b>Percentage change</b>	<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>

<b>Reference period</b>	One calendar month.
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Buildings that are used primarily as residences. Includes dwelling-houses, flats, townhouses and other residential buildings.
<b>Townhouses</b>	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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