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Results for January 2015

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:
January 2014 versus January 2015**

Estimates at current prices	January 2014 1/	January 2015 1/	Difference in value between January 2014 and January 2015	% change between January 2014 and January 2015
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	3 235 268	3 456 237	220 969	6,8
-Dwelling-houses	2 347 824	2 442 933	95 109	4,1
-Flats and townhouses	713 018	944 716	231 698	32,5
-Other residential buildings	174 426	68 588	-105 838	-60,7
Non-residential buildings	1 344 728	594 353	-750 375	-55,8
Additions and alterations	1 535 551	1 683 540	147 989	9,6
Total	6 115 547	5 734 130	-381 417	-6,2

1/ 2014 and 2015 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total value of recorded building plans passed at current prices

The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 6,2% (-R381,4 million) in January 2015 compared with January 2014 (see Table A).

Non-residential buildings fell by R750,4 million (-55,8%), mainly as a result of decreases in industrial and warehouse space (-R364,6 million) and office and banking space (-R347,1 million) (see Table 9, page 17).

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January 2014 versus January 2015**

Estimates at current prices	January 2014 1/	January 2015 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January 2014	% change between January 2014 and January 2015	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January 2014 and January 2015 2/	Difference in value between January 2014 and January 2015
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	1 357 002	1 742 782	22,2	28,4	6,3	385 780
Eastern Cape	250 878	258 079	4,1	2,9	0,1	7 201
Northern Cape	194 879	24 060	3,2	-87,7	-2,8	-170 819
Free State	337 577	206 568	5,5	-38,8	-2,1	-131 009
KwaZulu-Natal	970 845	902 093	15,9	-7,1	-1,1	-68 752
North West	285 726	250 774	4,7	-12,2	-0,6	-34 952
Gauteng	2 345 343	1 918 682	38,4	-18,2	-7,0	-426 661
Mpumalanga	270 915	277 607	4,4	2,5	0,1	6 692
Limpopo	102 382	153 485	1,7	49,9	0,8	51 103
Total	6 115 547	5 734 130	100,0	-6,2	-6,2	-381 417

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2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between Jan. 2014 and Jan. 2015 with the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during Jan. 2014, divided by 100.

Five provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of building plans passed in January 2015. The decrease in the value of building plans passed was dominated by Gauteng (contributing -7,0 percentage points or -R426,7 million). Western Cape (contributing 6,3 percentage points or R385,8 million) was a significant positive contributor (see Table B).

**Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2010 prices:
January 2014 versus January 2015**

Estimates at constant 2010 prices	January 2014 1/	January 2015 1/	Difference in value between January 2014 and January 2015	% change between January 2014 and January 2015
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	2 651 859	2 687 587	35 728	1,3
Non-residential buildings	1 102 236	462 172	-640 064	-58,1
Additions and alterations	1 258 648	1 309 129	50 481	4,0
Total	5 012 743	4 458 888	-553 855	-11,0

1/ 2014 and 2015 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 2010 prices) decreased by 11,0% (-R553,9 million) year-on-year in January 2015. This was largely the result of a decline in non-residential buildings (-58,1% or -R640,1 million) (see Table C).

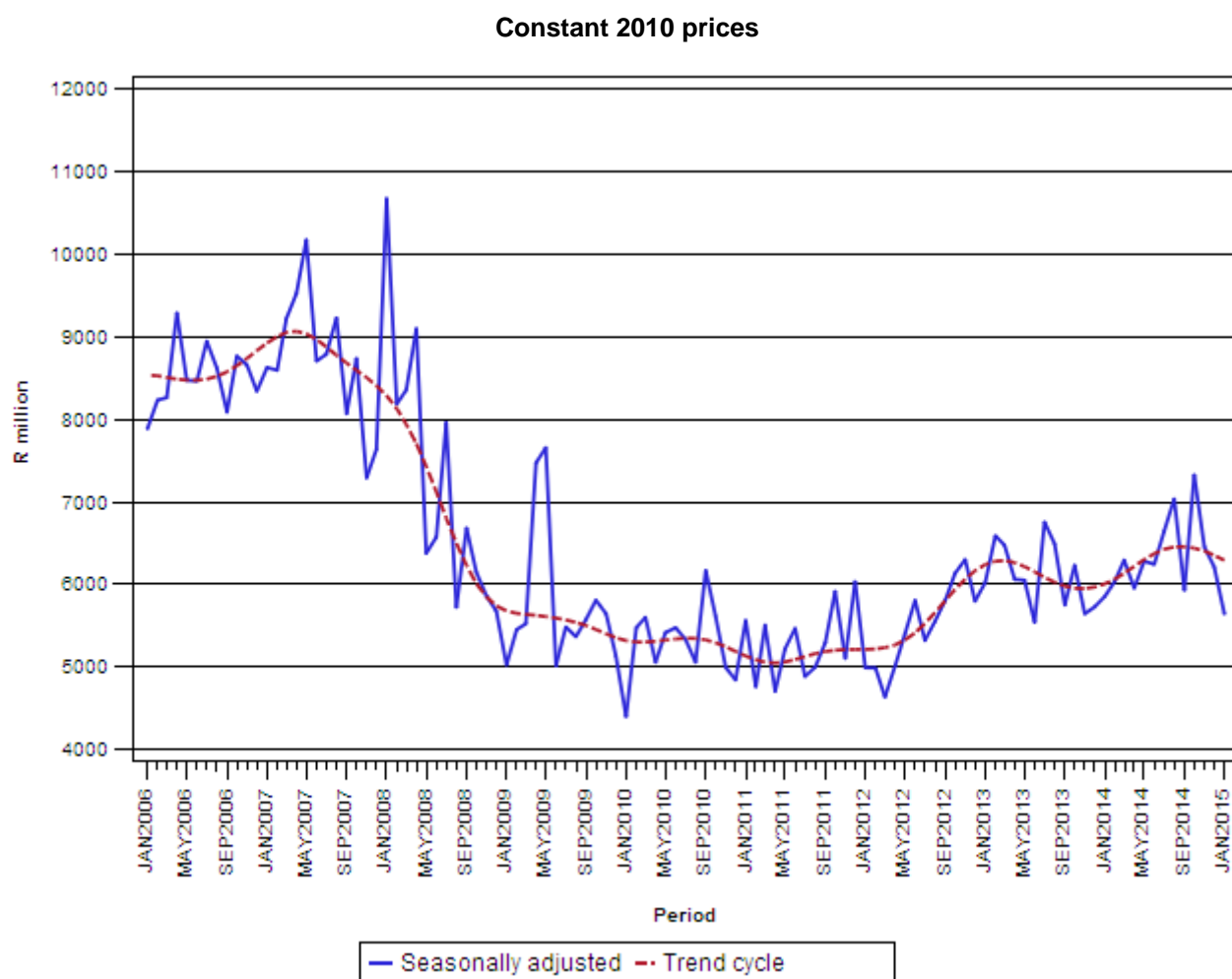
**Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by
larger municipalities at constant 2010 prices**

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2010 prices	August to October 2014	November 2014 to January 2015	% change between August to October 2014 and November 2014 to January 2015
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 948 236	9 605 863	-3,4
Non-residential buildings 1/	5 048 150	3 572 579	-29,2
Additions and alterations	5 298 700	5 134 592	-3,1
Total	20 295 086	18 313 034	-9,8

1/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 11 and 12 on page 38.

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed decreased by 9,8% in the three months ended January 2015 compared with the previous three months. Non-residential buildings (-29,2%) was the biggest contributor to the decrease (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 2014 versus January 2015**

Estimates at current prices	January 2014 1/	January 2015 1/	Difference in value between January 2014 and January 2015	% change between January 2014 and January 2015
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	1 864 951	1 816 533	-48 418	-2,6
-Dwelling-houses	1 474 960	1 453 073	-21 887	-1,5
-Flats and townhouses	283 724	359 540	75 816	26,7
-Other residential buildings	106 267	3 920	-102 347	-96,3
Non-residential buildings	947 942	785 616	-162 326	-17,1
Additions and alterations	772 015	504 694	-267 321	-34,6
Total	3 584 908	3 106 843	-478 065	-13,3

1/ 2014 and 2015 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

As indicated in Table E, the value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 13,3% (-R478,1 million) in January 2015 compared with January 2014.

Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-34,6% or -R267,3 million), non-residential buildings (-17,1% or -R162,3 million) and residential buildings (-2,6% or -R48,4 million).

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January 2014 versus January 2015**

Estimates at current prices	January 2014 1/	January 2015 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January 2014	% change between January 2014 and January 2015	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January 2014 and January 2015 2/	Difference in value between January 2014 and January 2015
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	943 702	559 014	26,3	-40,8	-10,7	-384 688
Eastern Cape	133 783	85 802	3,7	-35,9	-1,3	-47 981
Northern Cape	20 468	5 623	0,6	-72,5	-0,4	-14 845
Free State	41 743	13 941	1,2	-66,6	-0,8	-27 802
KwaZulu-Natal	379 312	265 213	10,6	-30,1	-3,2	-114 099
North West	188 087	215 725	5,2	14,7	0,8	27 638
Gauteng	1 699 536	1 813 181	47,4	6,7	3,2	113 645
Mpumalanga	131 268	127 312	3,7	-3,0	-0,1	-3 956
Limpopo	47 009	21 032	1,3	-55,3	-0,7	-25 977
Total	3 584 908	3 106 843	100,0	-13,3	-13,3	-478 065

1/ 2014 and 2015 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 Jan. 2014 and Jan. 2015 with the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during Jan. 2014, divided by 100.

Seven provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings reported as completed during January 2015. The year-on-year decrease was dominated by Western Cape (contributing -10,7 percentage points or -R384,7 million) (see Table F).

**Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2010 prices:
January 2014 versus January 2015**

Estimates at constant 2010 prices	January 2014 1/	January 2015 1/	Difference in value between January 2014 and January 2015	% change between January 2014 and January 2015
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	1 577 690	1 441 170	-136 520	-8,7
Non-residential buildings	846 377	659 074	-187 303	-22,1
Additions and alterations	673 661	413 684	-259 977	-38,6
Total	3 097 728	2 513 928	-583 800	-18,8

1/ 2014 and 2015 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 2010 prices) decreased by 18,8% (-R583,8 million) year-on-year in January 2015. Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-38,6% or -R260,0 million), non-residential buildings (-22,1% or -R187,3 million) and residential buildings (-8,7% or -R136,5 million) (see Table G).

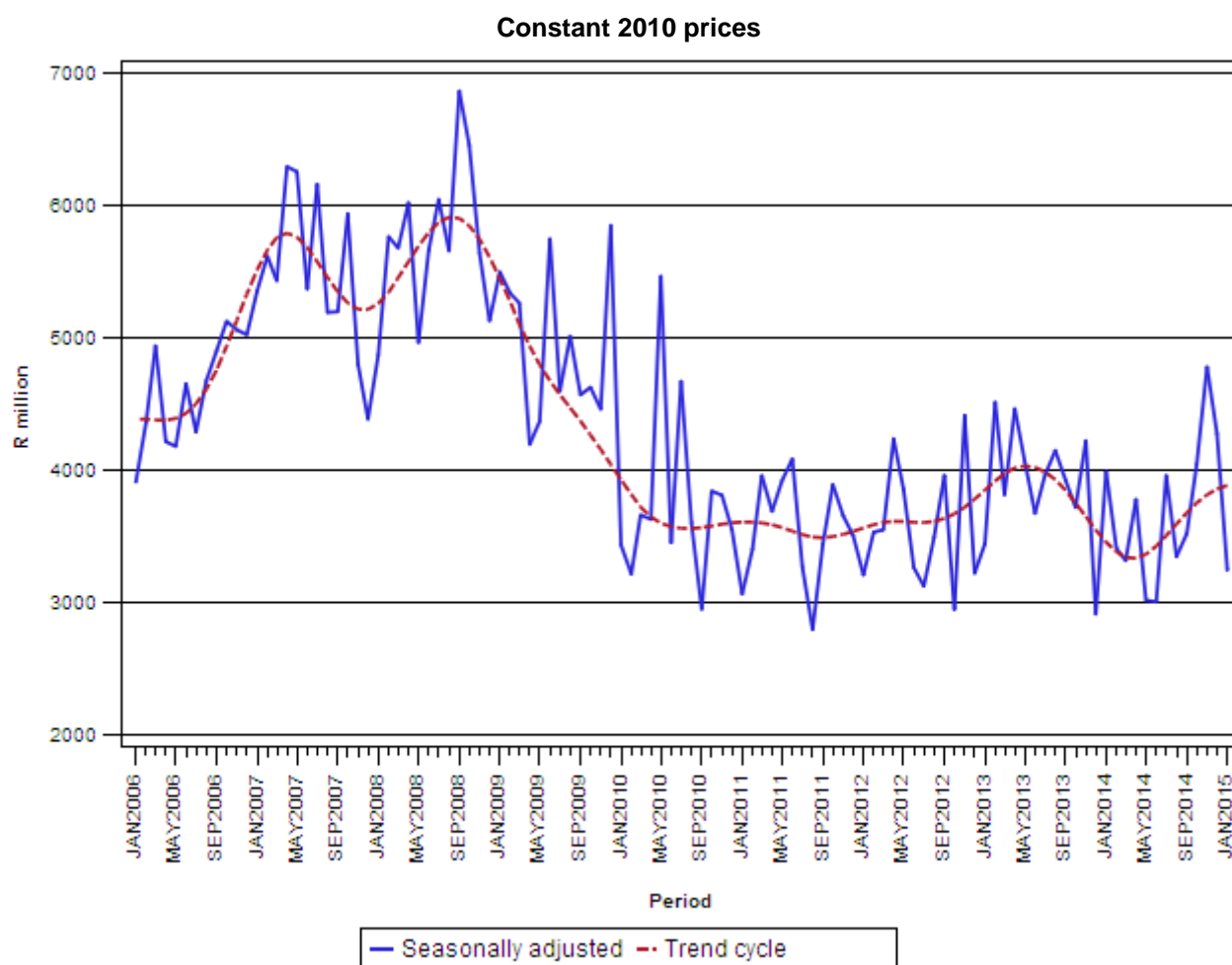
Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2010 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2010 prices	August to October 2014	November 2014 to January 2015	% change between August to October 2014 and November 2014 to January 2015
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 898 781	5 934 425	0,6
Non-residential buildings 1/	2 941 195	4 545 467	54,5
Additions and alterations	2 081 206	1 829 085	-12,1
Total	10 921 181	12 308 977	12,7

1/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 11 and 12 on page 38.

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 12,7% in the three months ended January 2015 compared with the previous three months. Non-residential buildings (54,5%) was the largest contributor to the increase (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/
2014	January	3 235 268	48,9	1 344 728	-43,7	1 535 551	3,0	6 115 547	1,1
	February	3 267 441	-1,3	2 053 955	-5,3	2 056 519	2,3	7 377 915	-1,5
	March	3 468 612	17,4	2 275 160	7,6	1 952 793	15,3	7 696 565	13,8
	April	3 041 339	-2,6	1 726 454	2,1	1 976 731	-10,7	6 744 524	-4,0
	May	4 133 303	16,3	1 970 370	-1,5	1 913 499	-6,1	8 017 172	5,6
	June	3 911 224	20,4	2 034 001	59,6	1 918 240	3,5	7 863 465	23,3
	July	4 028 934	3,7	3 020 132	18,2	2 300 350	-4,7	9 349 416	5,6
	August	4 684 967	32,0	2 188 628	-12,4	2 596 407	20,7	9 470 002	15,5
	September	4 186 488	33,6	1 212 471	-32,0	2 621 773	13,8	8 020 732	11,1
	October	5 263 607	32,0	3 057 974	31,4	2 328 749	4,9	10 650 330	24,8
	November	4 149 299	40,8	2 113 168	11,0	2 279 226	-3,1	8 541 693	18,6
	December	2 955 810	21,2	1 872 912	15,4	1 876 985	14,8	6 705 707	17,7
	Total	46 326 292	20,9	24 869 953	2,2	25 356 823	4,0	96 553 068	11,0
2015	January	3 456 237	6,8	594 353	-55,8	1 683 540	9,6	5 734 130	-6,2

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 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/
2014	January	3 839 892	15,2	1 344 728	-17,2	1 985 458	-3,6	7 170 078	2,2
	February	3 362 683	-12,4	2 053 955	52,7	2 051 889	3,3	7 468 527	4,2
	March	3 413 360	1,5	2 275 160	10,8	2 079 264	1,3	7 767 784	4,0
	April	3 573 479	4,7	1 726 454	-24,1	2 133 015	2,6	7 432 948	-4,3
	May	3 895 567	9,0	1 970 370	14,1	2 036 922	-4,5	7 902 858	6,3
	June	3 892 995	-0,1	2 034 001	3,2	1 974 785	-3,1	7 901 781	0,0
	July	3 387 852	-13,0	3 020 132	48,5	2 025 867	2,6	8 433 851	6,7
	August	4 249 421	25,4	2 188 628	-27,5	2 508 247	23,8	8 946 297	6,1
	September	4 167 193	-1,9	1 212 471	-44,6	2 197 332	-12,4	7 576 996	-15,3
	October	4 302 305	3,2	3 057 974	152,2	2 030 079	-7,6	9 390 358	23,9
	November	4 108 406	-4,5	2 113 168	-30,9	2 089 965	2,9	8 311 539	-11,5
	December	3 904 849	-5,0	1 872 912	-11,4	2 221 307	6,3	7 999 068	-3,8
2015	January	4 415 807	13,1	594 353	-68,3	2 320 457	4,5	7 330 617	-8,4
	Aug. – Oct. 14	12 718 919		6 459 073		6 735 658		25 913 651	
	Nov. 14 – Jan. 15 2/	12 429 062	-2,3	4 580 433	-29,1	6 631 729	-1,5	23 641 224	-8,8

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 11 and 12 on page 38.

Table 3 – Value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2010 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/
2014	January	2 651 859	39,9	1 102 236	-47,1	1 258 648	-3,2	5 012 743	-5,1
	February	2 641 424	-8,0	1 660 432	-11,7	1 662 505	-4,7	5 964 361	-8,2
	March	2 772 671	9,8	1 818 673	0,7	1 560 986	7,9	6 152 330	6,4
	April	2 431 126	-8,3	1 380 059	-3,8	1 580 121	-15,9	5 391 306	-9,6
	May	3 296 095	8,9	1 571 268	-7,8	1 525 916	-12,1	6 393 279	-1,1
	June	3 101 684	12,5	1 613 006	49,2	1 521 205	-3,3	6 235 895	15,3
	July	3 169 893	-2,7	2 376 186	10,8	1 809 874	-10,6	7 355 953	-1,0
	August	3 671 604	23,9	1 715 226	-17,8	2 034 802	13,2	7 421 632	8,4
	September	3 278 377	26,0	949 468	-35,9	2 053 072	7,3	6 280 917	4,7
	October	4 102 578	24,3	2 383 456	23,7	1 815 081	-1,3	8 301 115	17,5
	November	3 236 583	32,8	1 648 337	4,7	1 777 867	-8,6	6 662 787	11,8
	December	2 307 424	14,6	1 462 070	9,1	1 465 250	8,5	5 234 744	11,3
	Total	36 661 318	13,5	19 680 417	-4,2	20 065 327	-2,4	76 407 062	4,1
2015	January	2 687 587	1,3	462 172	-58,1	1 309 129	4,0	4 458 888	-11,0

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 4 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2010 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/
2014	January	3 151 642	16,6	1 102 236	-17,8	1 601 182	-5,0	5 855 060	2,2
	February	2 739 495	-13,1	1 660 432	50,6	1 640 432	2,5	6 040 360	3,2
	March	2 819 501	2,9	1 818 673	9,5	1 657 454	1,0	6 295 627	4,2
	April	2 890 965	2,5	1 380 059	-24,1	1 684 385	1,6	5 955 408	-5,4
	May	3 072 281	6,3	1 571 268	13,9	1 639 157	-2,7	6 282 706	5,5
	June	3 057 342	-0,5	1 613 006	2,7	1 574 517	-3,9	6 244 865	-0,6
	July	2 665 074	-12,8	2 376 186	47,3	1 601 323	1,7	6 642 583	6,4
	August	3 359 072	26,0	1 715 226	-27,8	1 963 489	22,6	7 037 787	5,9
	September	3 251 307	-3,2	949 468	-44,6	1 729 564	-11,9	5 930 339	-15,7
	October	3 337 857	2,7	2 383 456	151,0	1 605 647	-7,2	7 326 960	23,6
	November	3 170 849	-5,0	1 648 337	-30,8	1 634 562	1,8	6 453 748	-11,9
	December	3 037 196	-4,2	1 462 070	-11,3	1 713 532	4,8	6 212 798	-3,7
2015	January	3 397 818	11,9	462 172	-68,4	1 786 498	4,3	5 646 488	-9,1
	Aug. – Oct. 14	9 948 236		5 048 150		5 298 700		20 295 086	
	Nov. 14 – Jan. 15 2/	9 605 863	-3,4	3 572 579	-29,2	5 134 592	-3,1	18 313 034	-9,8

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 11 and 12 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/
2014	January	1 864 951	14,2	947 942	135,7	772 015	-1,9	3 584 908	27,0
	February	1 901 135	-10,4	1 024 739	-31,8	957 322	-22,4	3 883 196	-20,1
	March	2 225 573	12,2	1 117 237	3,6	793 665	-31,5	4 136 475	-2,0
	April	2 235 694	-2,0	1 279 830	1,7	629 675	-53,9	4 145 199	-15,5
	May	1 858 144	-4,0	667 245	-45,9	766 606	-26,5	3 291 995	-21,8
	June	1 952 010	-2,4	799 842	-28,1	651 885	-21,8	3 403 737	-13,8
	July	2 522 008	6,1	1 653 772	41,6	758 975	-35,0	4 934 755	4,7
	August	2 380 745	0,9	941 925	-38,1	936 852	-6,3	4 259 522	-12,7
	September	2 543 242	3,9	1 068 777	-1,2	799 479	-23,3	4 411 498	-3,5
	October	2 882 645	19,1	1 426 294	38,1	899 738	-12,0	5 208 677	16,4
	November	3 072 324	27,0	2 550 356	29,9	718 978	-18,8	6 341 658	20,4
	December	2 502 517	28,9	2 020 839	169,8	689 403	4,2	5 212 759	55,5
	Total	27 940 988	7,8	15 498 798	9,9	9 374 593	-23,2	52 814 379	1,1
2015	January	1 816 533	-2,6	785 616	-17,1	504 694	-34,6	3 106 843	-13,3

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	2 635 876	47,9	947 942	26,6	1 047 143	28,4	4 630 961	38,4
	February	2 061 055	-21,8	1 024 739	8,1	860 096	-17,9	3 945 891	-14,8
	March	2 109 403	2,3	1 117 237	9,0	591 409	-31,2	3 818 050	-3,2
	April	2 551 452	21,0	1 279 830	14,6	737 748	24,7	4 569 029	19,7
	May	2 061 190	-19,2	667 245	-47,9	816 709	10,7	3 545 144	-22,4
	June	2 073 807	0,6	799 842	19,9	701 575	-14,1	3 575 223	0,8
	July	2 350 423	13,3	1 653 772	106,8	685 001	-2,4	4 689 196	31,2
	August	2 238 689	-4,8	941 925	-43,0	837 709	22,3	4 018 323	-14,3
	September	2 399 521	7,2	1 068 777	13,5	788 805	-5,8	4 257 103	5,9
	October	2 617 255	9,1	1 426 294	33,5	868 125	10,1	4 911 674	15,4
	November	2 525 407	-3,5	2 550 356	78,8	690 178	-20,5	5 765 941	17,4
	December	2 320 066	-8,1	2 020 839	-20,8	849 654	23,1	5 190 559	-10,0
2015	January	2 541 527	9,5	785 616	-61,1	688 391	-19,0	4 015 534	-22,6
	Aug. – Oct. 14	7 255 465		3 436 996		2 494 639		13 187 100	
	Nov. 14 – Jan. 15 2/	7 387 000	1,8	5 356 811	55,9	2 228 223	-10,7	14 972 034	13,5

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 11 and 12 on page 38.

Table 7 – Value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2010 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/
2014	January	1 577 690	7,2	846 377	122,9	673 661	-7,2	3 097 728	20,2
	February	1 604 474	-16,0	914 946	-35,4	830 288	-26,3	3 349 708	-24,8
	March	1 871 420	5,2	994 868	-1,7	678 346	-35,6	3 544 634	-7,8
	April	1 870 720	-8,1	1 136 616	-3,5	534 529	-56,7	3 541 865	-20,4
	May	1 550 914	-9,8	589 960	-48,6	652 986	-30,6	2 793 860	-26,6
	June	1 622 819	-8,3	704 707	-31,8	552 913	-26,2	2 880 439	-18,9
	July	2 083 259	-0,3	1 443 082	33,9	636 724	-38,9	4 163 065	-1,1
	August	1 937 886	-6,2	816 934	-41,2	782 667	-12,3	3 537 487	-18,6
	September	2 055 674	-3,4	913 485	-7,0	664 019	-28,4	3 633 178	-10,0
	October	2 318 466	11,6	1 210 776	29,5	744 816	-18,0	4 274 058	9,0
	November	2 477 900	18,9	2 172 365	22,7	594 688	-24,0	5 244 953	13,1
	December	2 009 778	20,7	1 714 028	154,7	569 284	-2,3	4 293 090	47,0
	Total	22 981 000	0,8	13 458 144	3,6	7 914 921	-27,8	44 354 065	-5,1
2015	January	1 441 170	-8,7	659 074	-22,1	413 684	-38,6	2 513 928	-18,8

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 8 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2010 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/
2014	January	2 238 770	46,5	846 377	25,8	908 665	27,1	3 993 812	36,9
	February	1 751 366	-21,8	914 946	8,1	744 174	-18,1	3 410 486	-14,6
	March	1 819 555	3,9	994 868	8,7	505 730	-32,0	3 320 153	-2,6
	April	2 016 410	10,8	1 136 616	14,2	628 637	24,3	3 781 663	13,9
	May	1 724 681	-14,5	589 960	-48,1	705 243	12,2	3 019 884	-20,1
	June	1 721 398	-0,2	704 707	19,4	581 470	-17,6	3 007 575	-0,4
	July	1 941 661	12,8	1 443 082	104,8	578 018	-0,6	3 962 761	31,8
	August	1 828 584	-5,8	816 934	-43,4	704 045	21,8	3 349 563	-15,5
	September	1 952 497	6,8	913 485	11,8	657 326	-6,6	3 523 308	5,2
	October	2 117 700	8,5	1 210 776	32,5	719 835	9,5	4 048 310	14,9
	November	2 041 879	-3,6	2 172 365	79,4	568 504	-21,0	4 782 748	18,1
	December	1 864 602	-8,7	1 714 028	-21,1	699 054	23,0	4 277 685	-10,6
2015	January	2 027 944	8,8	659 074	-61,5	561 527	-19,7	3 248 544	-24,1
	Aug. – Oct. 14	5 898 781		2 941 195		2 081 206		10 921 181	
	Nov. 14 – Jan. 15 2/	5 934 425	0,6	4 545 467	54,5	1 829 085	-12,1	12 308 977	12,7

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

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

3/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 11 and 12 on page 38.

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

			Jan. 2014	Dec. 2014	Jan. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	2 342	1 519	1 433	-38,8
		Square metres	123 502	71 020	69 564	-43,7
		R'000	378 601	319 647	259 741	-31,4
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	1 254	1 158	1 266	1,0
		Square metres	328 376	309 536	349 634	6,5
		R'000	1 969 223	1 964 717	2 183 192	10,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	1 111	635	1 446	30,2
		Square metres	117 475	77 620	130 995	11,5
		R'000	713 018	590 800	944 716	32,5
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	40 808	10 913	10 833	-73,5
		R'000	174 426	80 646	68 588	-60,7
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	3 235 268	2 955 810	3 456 237	6,8
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	58 643	99 565	8 123	-86,1
		R'000	405 890	823 770	58 752	-85,5
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	10 977	24 509	17 435	58,8
		R'000	60 686	148 130	90 836	49,7
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	134 648	101 575	55 101	-59,1
		R'000	674 140	536 695	309 517	-54,1
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	33 053	45 587	20 726	-37,3
		R'000	204 012	364 317	135 248	-33,7
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 344 728	1 872 912	594 353	-55,8
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	210 793	231 905	200 416	-4,9
		R'000	1 144 789	1 363 903	1 154 761	0,9
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	57 093	67 530	71 198	24,7
		R'000	390 762	513 082	528 779	35,3
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 535 551	1 876 985	1 683 540	9,6
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	6 115 547	6 705 707	5 734 130	-6,2

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2014 and Jan. 2015.

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

			Jan. 2014	Dec. 2014	Jan. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	607	608	328	-46,0
		Square metres	26 796	26 007	14 798	-44,8
		R'000	92 674	137 157	85 583	-7,7
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	250	313	468	87,2
		Square metres	60 233	80 114	122 302	103,0
		R'000	372 439	496 194	790 112	112,1
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	132	128	338	156,1
		Square metres	16 967	15 968	25 831	52,2
		R'000	113 407	120 220	176 162	55,3
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	1 421	960	..
		R'000	0	7 816	5 760	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	578 520	761 387	1 057 617	82,8
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	40 575	40 513	398
R'000			267 677	251 935	2 614	-99,0
2. Shopping space		Square metres	2 606	4 093	1 677	-35,6
		R'000	20 301	25 940	14 484	-28,7
3. Industrial and warehouse space		Square metres	14 604	36 767	26 815	83,6
		R'000	83 161	221 026	167 778	101,8
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		Square metres	7 017	30 938	2 100	-70,1
		R'000	36 725	266 261	12 762	-65,2
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	407 864	765 162	197 638	-51,5
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	51 738	80 592	59 894
	R'000		252 407	433 775	326 380	29,3
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	14 683	15 230	16 677	13,6
		R'000	118 211	183 583	161 147	36,3
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	370 618	617 358	487 527	31,5
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 357 002	2 143 907	1 742 782	28,4

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2014 and Jan. 2015.

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

			Jan. 2014	Dec. 2014	Jan. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	20	78	23	15,0
		Square metres	1 204	3 751	1 369	13,7
		R'000	5 399	9 295	6 035	11,8
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	52	57	58	11,5
		Square metres	13 589	12 641	11 676	-14,1
		R'000	63 893	67 184	63 690	-0,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	3	10	15	400,0
		Square metres	255	1 501	1 520	496,1
		R'000	1 288	7 024	8 345	547,9
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	554	..
		R'000	0	0	3 601	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	70 580	83 503	81 671	15,7
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	272	0	0	..
		R'000	1 112	0	0	..
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	4 733	2 626	1 001	-78,9
		R'000	23 630	11 817	4 221	-82,1
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	14 729	3 159	2 865	-80,5
		R'000	59 333	14 216	15 521	-73,8
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	211	0	0	..
		R'000	945	0	0	..
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	85 020	26 033	19 742	-76,8
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	18 089	19 609	19 998	10,6
		R'000	80 382	104 911	108 603	35,1
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	3 616	6 980	10 097	179,2
		R'000	14 896	32 346	48 063	222,7
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	95 278	137 257	156 666	64,4
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	250 878	246 793	258 079	2,9

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2014 and Jan. 2015.

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

			Jan. 2014	Dec. 2014	Jan. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	0	3	0	..
		Square metres	0	122	0	..
		R'000	0	671	0	..
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	17	16	10	-41,2
		Square metres	3 178	4 531	2 363	-25,6
		R'000	13 735	22 170	11 698	-14,8
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	..
		Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	28 948	0	0	..
		R'000	130 266	0	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	144 001	22 841	11 698	-91,9
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	892	894	0	..
		R'000	4 460	4 917	0	..
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	448	0	..
		R'000	0	2 016	0	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	2 289	0	0	..
		R'000	10 602	0	0	..
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	0	109	..
		R'000	0	0	414	..
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	15 062	6 933	414	-97,3
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	4 830	2 895	2 296	-52,5
		R'000	21 056	14 895	11 893	-43,5
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	3 618	490	0	..
		R'000	14 760	4 215	55	-99,6
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	35 816	19 110	11 948	-66,6
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	194 879	48 884	24 060	-87,7

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2014 and Jan. 2015.

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

			Jan. 2014	Dec. 2014	Jan. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	94	119	213	126,6
		Square metres	4 817	6 347	12 048	150,1
		R'000	14 154	14 895	26 886	90,0
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	93	70	75	-19,4
		Square metres	19 466	13 652	14 461	-25,7
		R'000	86 255	69 305	74 668	-13,4
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	107	33	17	-84,1
		Square metres	22 336	4 194	646	-97,1
		R'000	122 849	25 149	3 876	-96,8
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	10 934	0	0	..
		R'000	40 009	0	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	263 267	109 349	105 430	-60,0
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	512	315	0	..
		R'000	1 853	1 890	0	..
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	1 079	46	556	-48,5
		R'000	5 395	230	2 780	-48,5
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	711	2 026	0	..
		R'000	2 500	9 117	0	..
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	9 748	11 237	2 780	-71,5
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	12 300	15 405	13 464	9,5
		R'000	53 439	72 290	62 697	17,3
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	1 245	5 064	5 610	350,6
		R'000	11 123	30 850	35 661	220,6
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	64 562	103 140	98 358	52,3
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	337 577	223 726	206 568	-38,8

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2014 and Jan. 2015.

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

			Jan. 2014	Dec. 2014	Jan. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	16	36	25	56,3
		Square metres	1 012	2 002	1 365	34,9
		R'000	7 386	12 162	9 447	27,9
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	113	108	121	7,1
		Square metres	36 639	30 154	38 984	6,4
		R'000	266 629	250 733	310 963	16,6
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	82	191	104	26,8
		Square metres	13 565	34 509	10 665	-21,4
		R'000	80 736	288 867	78 547	-2,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	362	7 776	2 442	574,6
		R'000	2 177	65 108	24 176	1 010,5
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	356 928	616 870	423 133	18,5
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	2 845	995	..
		R'000	0	26 459	5 445	..
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	267	4 433	734	174,9
		R'000	2 296	35 697	6 826	197,3
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	38 664	36 179	18 763	-51,5
		R'000	210 874	192 565	93 497	-55,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	16 535	2 378	13 443	-18,7
		R'000	100 402	18 599	89 574	-10,8
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	313 572	273 320	195 342	-37,7
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	24 389	28 782	21 663	-11,2
		R'000	179 740	223 077	169 113	-5,9
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	16 264	26 893	14 115	-13,2
		R'000	120 605	180 299	114 505	-5,1
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	300 345	403 376	283 618	-5,6
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	970 845	1 293 566	902 093	-7,1

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2014 and Jan. 2015.

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

			Jan. 2014	Dec. 2014	Jan. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	6	7	506	8 333,3
		Square metres	433	474	22 807	5 167,2
		R'000	1 662	2 166	56 126	3 277,0
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	98	44	61	-37,8
		Square metres	22 687	12 126	17 326	-23,6
		R'000	103 035	61 051	84 730	-17,8
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	200	15	107	-46,5
		Square metres	18 433	1 109	6 908	-62,5
		R'000	99 250	4 871	39 851	-59,8
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	564	0	0	..
		R'000	1 974	0	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	205 921	68 088	180 707	-12,2
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	0	849	..
		R'000	0	0	4 245	..
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	2 167	944	2 193	1,2
		R'000	8 588	3 777	13 014	51,5
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	1 320	1 000	468	-64,5
		R'000	5 160	4 000	1 872	-63,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	704	0	0	..
		R'000	3 520	0	0	..
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	17 268	7 777	19 131	10,8
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	12 953	10 817	10 314	-20,4
		R'000	56 632	51 860	44 593	-21,3
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	1 242	268	1 178	-5,2
		R'000	5 905	1 824	6 343	7,4
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	62 537	53 684	50 936	-18,6
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	285 726	129 549	250 774	-12,2

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2014 and Jan. 2015.

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

			Jan. 2014	Dec. 2014	Jan. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	1 490	538	211	-85,8
		Square metres	83 223	26 598	10 771	-87,1
		R'000	232 293	121 835	50 711	-78,2
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	435	365	290	-33,3
		Square metres	130 555	118 016	94 985	-27,2
		R'000	860 797	813 882	638 227	-25,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	474	224	860	81,4
		Square metres	37 142	18 576	84 899	128,6
		R'000	258 010	136 711	635 568	146,3
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	750	..
		R'000	0	0	7 479	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	1 351 100	1 072 428	1 331 985	-1,4
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	16 392	53 171	4 192	-74,4
		R'000	130 788	530 221	39 101	-70,1
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	4 249	430	..
		R'000	0	35 628	2 985	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	57 641	19 165	2 253	-96,1
		R'000	285 718	78 963	14 201	-95,0
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	7 308	11 793	4 188	-42,7
		R'000	57 892	77 309	27 771	-52,0
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	474 398	722 121	84 058	-82,3
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	68 574	59 893	53 278	-22,3
		R'000	425 394	401 598	350 768	-17,5
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	14 762	12 361	21 689	46,9
		R'000	94 451	73 564	151 871	60,8
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	519 845	475 162	502 639	-3,3
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	2 345 343	2 269 711	1 918 682	-18,2

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2014 and Jan. 2015.

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

			Jan. 2014	Dec. 2014	Jan. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	72	115	111	54,2
		Square metres	3 720	4 803	5 537	48,8
		R'000	13 614	17 345	21 042	54,6
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	159	158	117	-26,4
		Square metres	31 925	30 717	28 796	-9,8
		R'000	156 753	149 688	127 052	-18,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	68	34	0	..
		Square metres	4 165	1 763	0	..
		R'000	18 743	7 958	0	..
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	1 330	375	..
		R'000	0	5 985	1 688	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	189 110	180 976	149 782	-20,8
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	1 271	0	..
		R'000	0	5 846	0	..
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	2 373	8 099	..
		R'000	0	9 880	34 173	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	4 690	3 279	3 937	-16,1
		R'000	16 792	16 808	16 648	-0,9
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	1 029	0	633	-38,5
		R'000	3 656	0	3 588	-1,9
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	20 448	32 534	54 409	166,1
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	12 171	10 045	16 065	32,0
		R'000	50 978	44 474	65 589	28,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	1 663	12	1 794	7,9
		R'000	10 379	1 109	7 827	-24,6
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	61 357	45 583	73 416	19,7
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	270 915	259 093	277 607	2,5

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2014 and Jan. 2015.

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

			Jan. 2014	Dec. 2014	Jan. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	37	15	16	-56,8
		Square metres	2 297	916	869	-62,2
		R'000	11 419	4 121	3 911	-65,8
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	37	27	66	78,4
		Square metres	10 104	7 585	18 741	85,5
		R'000	45 687	34 510	82 052	79,6
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	45	0	5	-88,9
		Square metres	4 612	0	526	-88,6
		R'000	18 735	0	2 367	-87,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	386	5 752	..
		R'000	0	1 737	25 884	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	75 841	40 368	114 214	50,6
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	556	1 689	..
		R'000	0	2 502	7 347	..
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	125	5 297	2 745	2 096,0
		R'000	476	23 145	12 353	2 495,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	249	478	253	1,6
		R'000	872	2 148	1 139	30,6
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 348	27 795	20 839	1 445,9
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	5 749	3 867	3 444	-40,1
		R'000	24 761	17 023	15 125	-38,9
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	0	232	38	..
		R'000	432	5 292	3 307	665,5
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	25 193	22 315	18 432	-26,8
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	102 382	90 478	153 485	49,9

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2014 and Jan. 2015.

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

			Jan. 2014	Dec. 2014	Jan. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	974	1 298	944	-3,1
		Square metres	48 760	63 844	46 764	-4,1
		R'000	156 796	212 615	183 555	17,1
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	836	978	698	-16,5
		Square metres	219 782	243 188	202 260	-8,0
		R'000	1 318 164	1 519 388	1 269 518	-3,7
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	446	1 241	579	29,8
		Square metres	45 803	116 176	51 807	13,1
		R'000	283 724	766 914	359 540	26,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	17 621	800	980	-94,4
		R'000	106 267	3 600	3 920	-96,3
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	1 864 951	2 502 517	1 816 533	-2,6
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	17 283	54 677	43 025	148,9
		R'000	138 393	470 277	358 711	159,2
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	10 884	23 271	19 658	80,6
		R'000	54 678	155 204	124 998	128,6
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	113 900	223 017	47 401	-58,4
		R'000	474 707	1 238 205	218 405	-54,0
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	36 767	27 111	9 633	-73,8
		R'000	280 164	157 153	83 502	-70,2
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	947 942	2 020 839	785 616	-17,1
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	109 493	83 324	73 326	-33,0
		R'000	541 747	470 267	379 788	-29,9
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	34 525	31 777	16 016	-53,6
		R'000	230 268	219 136	124 906	-45,8
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	772 015	689 403	504 694	-34,6
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	3 584 908	5 212 759	3 106 843	-13,3

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2014 and Jan. 2015.

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

			Jan. 2014	Dec. 2014	Jan. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	470	219	317	-32,6
		Square metres	20 272	10 433	13 290	-34,4
		R'000	57 185	43 540	49 445	-13,5
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	127	293	136	7,1
		Square metres	36 367	69 743	36 263	-0,3
		R'000	196 738	409 025	205 218	4,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	160	449	38	-76,3
		Square metres	12 575	40 490	3 876	-69,2
		R'000	83 842	266 609	26 600	-68,3
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	17 201	0	0	..
		R'000	103 537	0	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	441 302	719 174	281 263	-36,3
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	7 648	17 750	165	-97,8
		R'000	57 818	137 517	743	-98,7
		2. Shopping space	Square metres	1 643	2 626	8 891
	R'000	7 065	18 659	57 792	718,0	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	25 827	104 204	4 475	-82,7
		R'000	118 932	649 544	23 473	-80,3
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	3 335	16 163	0	..
		R'000	12 803	101 843	0	..
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	196 618	907 563	82 008	-58,3
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	44 861	34 677	28 218
R'000			192 513	176 226	129 570	-32,7
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	18 012	10 270	8 466	-53,0
		R'000	113 269	81 310	66 173	-41,6
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	305 782	257 536	195 743	-36,0
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	943 702	1 884 273	559 014	-40,8

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2014 and Jan. 2015.

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

			Jan. 2014	Dec. 2014	Jan. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	20	133	100	400,0
		Square metres	1 264	5 907	4 205	232,7
		R'000	4 483	14 815	9 571	113,5
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	31	65	27	-12,9
		Square metres	7 304	11 047	5 594	-23,4
		R'000	35 028	59 540	26 031	-25,7
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	11	103	24	118,2
		Square metres	1 419	5 509	1 281	-9,7
		R'000	6 386	26 430	5 682	-11,0
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	420	0	0	..
		R'000	2 730	0	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	48 627	100 785	41 284	-15,1
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	234	0	0	..
		R'000	819	0	0	..
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	2 014	933	730	-63,8
		R'000	8 412	4 562	4 745	-43,6
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	8 515	634	206	-97,6
		R'000	29 361	2 536	1 109	-96,2
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	424	232	611	44,1
		R'000	1 323	1 123	2 750	107,9
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	39 915	8 221	8 604	-78,4
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	9 294	5 425	7 735	-16,8
		R'000	37 069	23 336	33 923	-8,5
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	1 901	1 189	200	-89,5
		R'000	8 172	5 065	1 991	-75,6
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	45 241	28 401	35 914	-20,6
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	133 783	137 407	85 802	-35,9

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2014 and Jan. 2015.

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

			Jan. 2014	Dec. 2014	Jan. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	1	0	0	..
		Square metres	41	0	0	..
		R'000	205	0	0	..
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	7	0	2	-71,4
		Square metres	2 058	0	396	-80,8
		R'000	9 385	0	1 846	-80,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	..
		Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	9 590	0	1 846	-80,8
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	3 250	0	..
		R'000	0	18 850	0	..
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	513	0	..
		R'000	0	2 155	0	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	0	0	495	..
		R'000	0	0	2 008	..
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	21 005	2 008	..
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	2 358	922	337	-85,7
		R'000	10 878	4 610	1 769	-83,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	10 878	4 610	1 769	-83,7
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	20 468	25 615	5 623	-72,5

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2014 and Jan. 2015.

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

			Jan. 2014	Dec. 2014	Jan. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	35	221	13	-62,9
		Square metres	1 785	11 955	610	-65,8
		R'000	3 225	21 273	862	-73,3
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	9	9	8	-11,1
		Square metres	3 045	1 349	1 824	-40,1
		R'000	14 160	6 119	8 958	-36,7
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	38	0	0	..
		Square metres	2 636	0	0	..
		R'000	14 498	0	0	..
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	31 883	27 392	9 820	-69,2
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	202	0	..
		R'000	0	909	0	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	190	0	..
		R'000	0	665	0	..
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	1 574	0	..
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	567	1 600	805	42,0
		R'000	2 099	6 343	3 150	50,1
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	88	0	0	..
		R'000	7 761	790	971	-87,5
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	9 860	7 133	4 121	-58,2
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	41 743	36 099	13 941	-66,6

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2014 and Jan. 2015.

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

			Jan. 2014	Dec. 2014	Jan. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	18	8	35	94,4
		Square metres	1 011	450	2 441	141,4
		R'000	6 423	2 051	22 458	249,6
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	55	43	35	-36,4
		Square metres	16 844	13 979	10 440	-38,0
		R'000	123 697	115 763	77 263	-37,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	57	11	25	-56,1
		Square metres	10 776	2 453	5 374	-50,1
		R'000	61 143	16 927	38 436	-37,1
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	191 263	134 741	138 157	-27,8
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	190	0	1 070	463,2
		R'000	855	0	9 951	1 063,9
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	648	4 895	..
		R'000	0	6 026	41 891	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	15 858	85 802	1 939	-87,8
		R'000	75 723	428 985	10 665	-85,9
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	3 316	10 297	225	-93,2
		R'000	15 439	51 485	2 066	-86,6
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	92 017	486 496	64 573	-29,8
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	12 145	8 768	6 216	-48,8
		R'000	87 099	82 205	49 739	-42,9
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	1 484	9 063	2 198	48,1
		R'000	8 933	64 338	12 744	42,7
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	96 032	146 543	62 483	-34,9
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	379 312	767 780	265 213	-30,1

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2014 and Jan. 2015.

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

			Jan. 2014	Dec. 2014	Jan. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	2	40	3	50,0
		Square metres	124	2 435	203	63,7
		R'000	432	9 836	734	69,9
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	121	45	65	-46,3
		Square metres	15 391	11 703	14 523	-5,6
		R'000	66 101	60 269	59 715	-9,7
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	61	152	218	257,4
		Square metres	9 206	8 333	15 059	63,6
		R'000	47 482	45 014	60 840	28,1
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	980	..
		R'000	0	0	3 920	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	114 015	115 119	125 209	9,8
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	0	1 687	..
		R'000	0	0	10 122	..
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	6 614	0	0	..
		R'000	34 393	0	0	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	4 856	0	12 067	148,5
		R'000	16 505	0	48 268	192,4
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	160	0	0	..
		R'000	480	0	0	..
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	51 378	0	58 390	13,6
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	3 546	4 537	7 317	106,3
		R'000	15 116	18 328	28 728	90,1
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	1 915	5 509	448	-76,6
		R'000	7 578	28 543	3 398	-55,2
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	22 694	46 871	32 126	41,6
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	188 087	161 990	215 725	14,7

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2014 and Jan. 2015.

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

			Jan. 2014	Dec. 2014	Jan. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	341	552	416	22,0
		Square metres	19 309	27 175	22 601	17,0
		R'000	65 388	104 041	86 915	32,9
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	416	389	356	-14,4
		Square metres	121 036	110 250	115 327	-4,7
		R'000	799 981	754 851	805 609	0,7
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	91	481	274	201,1
		Square metres	7 301	52 406	26 217	259,1
		R'000	61 867	380 501	227 982	268,5
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	927 236	1 239 393	1 120 506	20,8
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	7 893	29 692	40 103	408,1
		R'000	73 626	295 047	337 895	358,9
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	613	17 483	0	..
		R'000	4 808	118 996	0	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	51 464	32 377	28 219	-45,2
		R'000	202 709	157 140	132 882	-34,4
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	29 369	229	8 797	-70,0
		R'000	249 464	2 037	78 686	-68,5
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	530 607	573 220	549 463	3,6
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	27 511	17 293	16 055	-41,6
		R'000	157 278	116 298	103 583	-34,1
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	11 125	3 148	4 704	-57,7
		R'000	84 415	26 392	39 629	-53,1
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	241 693	142 690	143 212	-40,7
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 699 536	1 955 303	1 813 181	6,7

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2014 and Jan. 2015.

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

			Jan. 2014	Dec. 2014	Jan. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	69	118	40	-42,0
		Square metres	3 946	5 048	2 380	-39,7
		R'000	14 950	15 074	9 025	-39,6
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	54	112	57	5,6
		Square metres	14 266	19 875	14 224	-0,3
		R'000	57 612	86 654	68 391	18,7
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	23	10	0	..
		Square metres	1 265	630	0	..
		R'000	5 693	2 835	0	..
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	800	0	..
		R'000	0	3 600	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	78 255	108 163	77 416	-1,1
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	2 750	0	..
		R'000	0	14 025	0	..
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	0	5 142	..
		R'000	0	0	20 570	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	4 261	0	0	..
		R'000	17 441	0	0	..
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	163	0	0	..
		R'000	655	0	0	..
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	18 096	14 025	20 570	13,7
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	8 092	8 981	6 643	-17,9
		R'000	34 777	37 878	29 326	-15,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	0	2 598	0	..
		R'000	140	12 698	0	..
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	34 917	50 576	29 326	-16,0
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	131 268	172 764	127 312	-3,0

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2014 and Jan. 2015.

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

			Jan. 2014	Dec. 2014	Jan. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	18	7	20	11,1
		Square metres	1 008	441	1 034	2,6
		R'000	4 505	1 985	4 545	0,9
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	16	22	12	-25,0
		Square metres	3 471	5 242	3 669	5,7
		R'000	15 462	27 167	16 487	6,6
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	5	35	0	..
		Square metres	625	6 355	0	..
		R'000	2 813	28 598	0	..
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	22 780	57 750	21 032	-7,7
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	1 318	1 235	0	..
		R'000	5 275	4 838	0	..
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	866	0	..
		R'000	0	3 897	0	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	3 119	0	0	..
		R'000	14 036	0	0	..
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	19 311	8 735	0	..
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	1 119	1 121	0
R'000			4 918	5 043	0	..
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	4 918	5 043	0	..
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	47 009	71 528	21 032	-55,3

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2014 and Jan. 2015.

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

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

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

Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
	2	In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
Purpose of the survey	3	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
Scope of the survey	4	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	5	Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> , (SIC) <i>Fifth Edition</i> , Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
Collection rate	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for January 2015 was 93,6%. The improved collection rate for December 2014 was 95,5%.
Statistical unit	7	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	8	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 86 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.
Constant prices	9	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2010. 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 2010=100.

- 10** The value of buildings completed at constant prices is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with the price index which is used to calculate building plans passed at constant prices (see paragraph 9). Since the completion of buildings may extend over a few months to a few years, the current value of buildings completed is deflated by price indices which prevailed at the time the plans were passed. Therefore, the duration of the completion of different types of buildings are taken into account in ascertaining the deflators e.g. the value of dwelling-houses completed at constant prices at January 2010 is obtained by deflating the current value of dwelling-houses completed for January 2010 with the price index of a month six months prior to January 2010. Furthermore, the value of other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and additions and alterations at constant prices is obtained by deflating the current values with price indices of 12 months, 18 months and 12 months prior to the relevant month, respectively.

- Seasonal adjustment**
- 11** 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.
- 12** 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 January 2015.pdf](#)
- Trend cycle**
- 13** 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**
- 14** 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.
- 15** 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**
- 16** 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.
 - *Bulletin of Statistics* issued quarterly.
 - *South African Statistics* issued annually.
 - *Building Statistics* (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.
- Rounding-off of figures**
- 17** Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.

**Symbols and
abbreviations**

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

Glossary

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

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

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