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Results for January 2016

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

Estimates at current prices	January 2015 1/	January 2016 1/	Difference in value between January 2015 and January 2016	% change between January 2015 and January 2016
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	3 411 357	2 830 290	-581 067	-17,0
-Dwelling-houses	2 431 580	2 074 348	-357 232	-14,7
-Flats and townhouses	911 189	755 339	-155 850	-17,1
-Other residential buildings	68 588	603	-67 985	-99,1
Non-residential buildings	605 147	3 157 377	2 552 230	421,8
Additions and alterations	1 669 101	1 483 887	-185 214	-11,1
Total	5 685 605	7 471 554	1 785 949	31,4

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 31,4% (R1 785,9 million) in January 2016 compared with January 2015.

Non-residential buildings rose by 421,8% (R2 552,2 million) – see Table A. There were large year-on-year increases in plans passed for shopping space in KwaZulu-Natal (R1 974,1 million) and Gauteng (R444,8 million) – see Tables 14 and 16, pages 22 and 24.

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

Estimates at current prices	January 2015 1/	January 2016 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January 2015	% change between January 2015 and January 2016	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January 2015 and January 2016	Difference in value between January 2015 and January 2016
	R'000	R'000			2/	
Western Cape	1 742 782	1 177 216	30,7	-32,5	-9,9	-565 566
Eastern Cape	256 055	212 038	4,5	-17,2	-0,8	-44 017
Northern Cape	24 060	54 561	0,4	126,8	0,5	30 501
Free State	229 904	202 760	4,0	-11,8	-0,5	-27 144
KwaZulu-Natal	902 093	2 772 892	15,9	207,4	32,9	1 870 799
North West	250 774	161 842	4,4	-35,5	-1,6	-88 932
Gauteng	1 848 845	2 441 991	32,5	32,1	10,4	593 146
Mpumalanga	277 607	357 682	4,9	28,8	1,4	80 075
Limpopo	153 485	90 572	2,7	-41,0	-1,1	-62 913
Total	5 685 605	7 471 554	100,0	31,4	31,4	1 785 949

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2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between Jan. 2015 and Jan. 2016 with the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during Jan. 2015, divided by 100.

The largest contributions to the total of 31,4% (R1 785,9 million) were made by KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 32,9 percentage points or R1 870,8 million), Gauteng (contributing 10,4 percentage points or R593,1 million) and Western Cape (contributing -9,9 percentage points or -R565,6 million) – see Table B.

**Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2010 prices:
January 2015 versus January 2016**

Estimates at constant 2010 prices	January 2015 1/	January 2016 1/	Difference in value between January 2015 and January 2016	% change between January 2015 and January 2016
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	2 652 688	2 124 842	-527 846	-19,9
Non-residential buildings	470 565	2 370 403	1 899 838	403,7
Additions and alterations	1 297 901	1 114 029	-183 872	-14,2
Total	4 421 154	5 609 274	1 188 120	26,9

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 2010 prices) increased by 26,9% (R1 188,1 million) year-on-year in January 2016. Non-residential buildings rose by 403,7% (R1 899,8 million) – see Table C. There were large year-on-year increases in plans passed for shopping space in KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng – see Tables 14 and 16, pages 22 and 24.

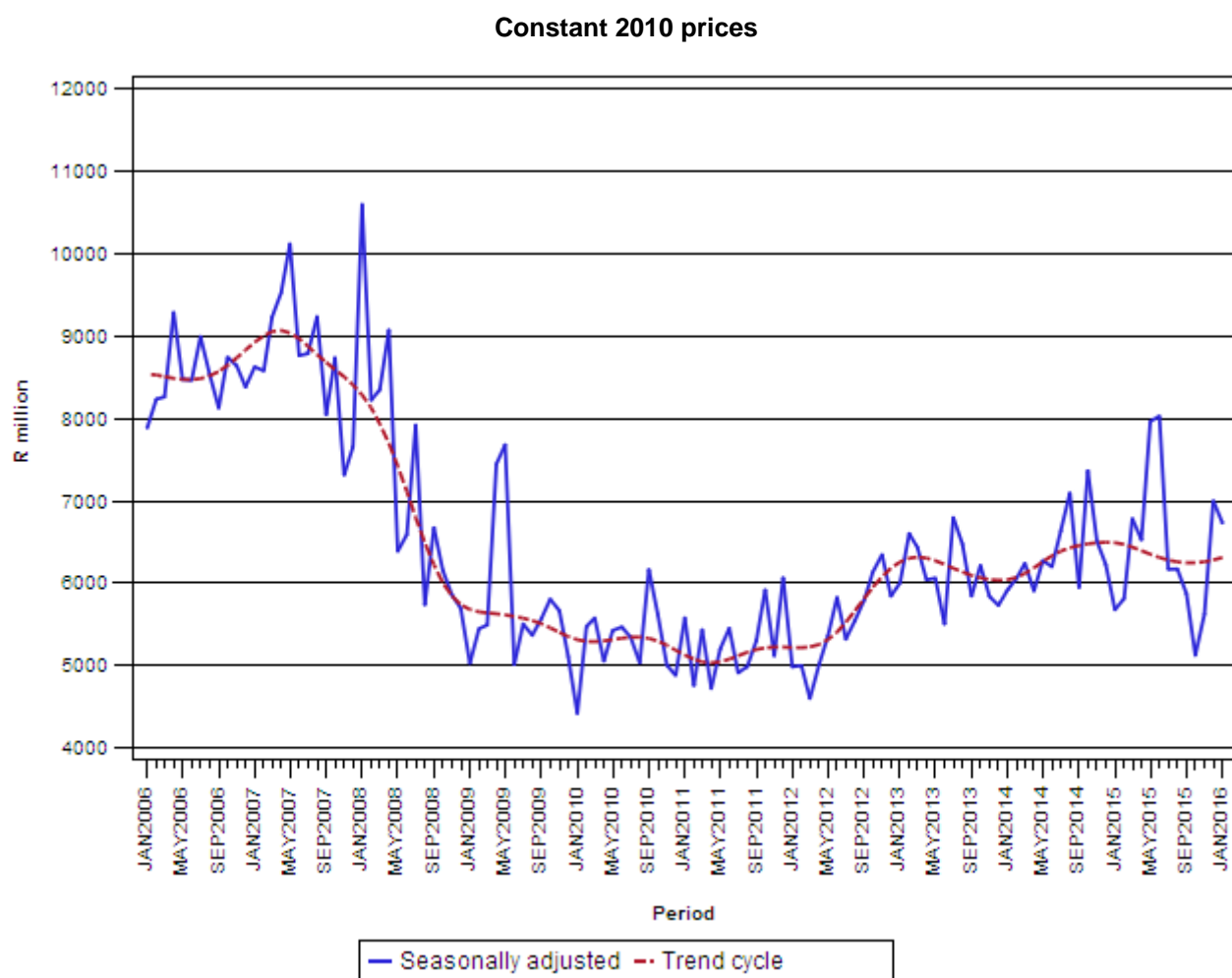
**Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by
larger municipalities at constant 2010 prices**

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2010 prices	August to October 2015	November 2015 to January 2016	% change between August to October 2015 and November 2015 to January 2016
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 973 751	9 512 738	6,0
Non-residential buildings 1/	3 424 061	4 863 222	42,0
Additions and alterations	4 774 573	4 986 210	4,4
Total	17 172 385	19 362 169	12,8

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 increased by 12,8% during the three months ended January 2016 compared with the previous three months. Non-residential buildings rose by 42,0% – 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 2015 versus January 2016**

Estimates at current prices	January 2015 1/	January 2016 1/	Difference in value between January 2015 and January 2016	% change between January 2015 and January 2016
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	1 818 640	2 210 462	391 822	21,5
-Dwelling-houses	1 455 180	1 346 279	-108 901	-7,5
-Flats and townhouses	359 540	847 660	488 120	135,8
-Other residential buildings	3 920	16 523	12 603	321,5
Non-residential buildings	785 616	497 387	-288 229	-36,7
Additions and alterations	501 685	653 305	151 620	30,2
Total	3 105 941	3 361 154	255 213	8,2

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 8,2% (R255,2 million) in January 2016 compared with January 2015 – see Table E.

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

Estimates at current prices	January 2015 1/	January 2016 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January 2015	% change between January 2015 and January 2016	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January 2015 and January 2016	Difference in value between January 2015 and January 2016
	R'000	R'000			2/	
Western Cape	559 014	726 576	18,0	30,0	5,4	167 562
Eastern Cape	85 802	50 101	2,8	-41,6	-1,1	-35 701
Northern Cape	5 623	29 680	0,2	427,8	0,8	24 057
Free State	13 941	42 409	0,4	204,2	0,9	28 468
KwaZulu-Natal	265 213	446 178	8,5	68,2	5,8	180 965
North West	215 725	122 099	6,9	-43,4	-3,0	-93 626
Gauteng	1 812 279	1 760 501	58,3	-2,9	-1,7	-51 778
Mpumalanga	127 312	145 537	4,1	14,3	0,6	18 225
Limpopo	21 032	38 073	0,7	81,0	0,5	17 041
Total	3 105 941	3 361 154	100,0	8,2	8,2	255 213

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 Jan. 2015 and Jan. 2016 with the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during Jan. 2015, divided by 100.

Six provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed in January 2016. The largest contributions were recorded for KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 5,8 percentage points or R181,0 million) and Western Cape (contributing 5,4 percentage points or R167,6 million) – see Table F.

**Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2010 prices:
January 2015 versus January 2016**

Estimates at constant 2010 prices	January 2015 1/	January 2016 1/	Difference in value between January 2015 and January 2016	% change between January 2015 and January 2016
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	1 442 828	1 696 557	253 729	17,6
Non-residential buildings	659 074	391 335	-267 739	-40,6
Additions and alterations	411 217	508 013	96 796	23,5
Total	2 513 119	2 595 905	82 786	3,3

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 2010 prices) increased by 3,3% (R82,8 million) year-on-year in January 2016 – see Table G.

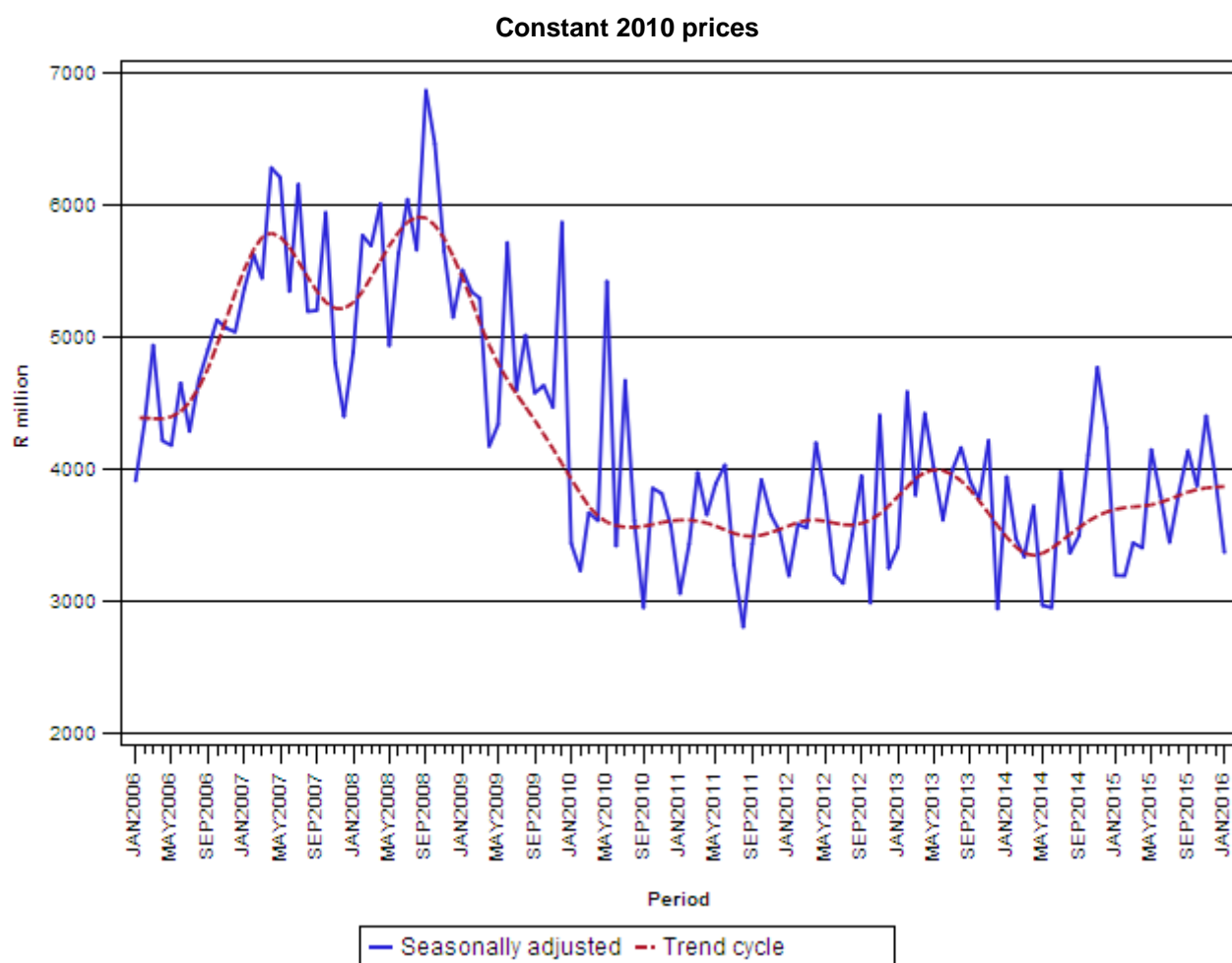
Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2010 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2010 prices	August to October 2015	November 2015 to January 2016	% change between August to October 2015 and November 2015 to January 2016
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 192 071	6 549 562	5,8
Non-residential buildings 1/	3 819 262	3 112 645	-18,5
Additions and alterations	1 827 532	2 071 913	13,4
Total	11 838 866	11 734 120	-0,9

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 decreased by 0,9% during the three months ended January 2016 compared with the previous three months – 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/
2015	January	3 411 357	5,4	605 147	-55,0	1 669 101	8,7	5 685 605	-7,0
	February	3 825 309	17,1	1 179 924	-42,6	2 328 241	13,2	7 333 474	-0,6
	March	4 171 252	20,3	2 150 503	-5,5	2 254 077	15,4	8 575 832	11,4
	April	4 231 730	39,1	1 939 405	12,3	1 979 962	0,2	8 151 097	20,9
	May	4 217 439	2,6	4 007 877	103,4	2 175 725	13,7	10 401 041	30,1
	June	4 515 235	15,4	3 972 054	95,3	2 213 891	15,4	10 701 180	36,1
	July	4 486 702	11,4	1 898 845	-37,1	2 655 555	15,4	9 041 102	-3,3
	August	4 255 093	-10,7	1 850 190	-15,5	2 292 582	-11,7	8 397 865	-12,0
	September	4 701 995	12,3	1 509 865	16,7	2 248 552	-14,2	8 460 412	4,4
	October	3 909 559	-25,7	1 126 314	-63,2	2 306 634	-0,9	7 342 507	-31,1
	November	4 285 873	3,3	1 277 790	-39,5	2 138 157	-6,2	7 701 820	-9,8
	December	3 715 285	25,7	2 006 222	7,1	2 171 504	15,7	7 893 011	17,7
	Total	49 726 829	7,2	23 524 136	-5,7	26 433 981	4,2	99 684 946	3,1
2016	January	2 830 290	-17,0	3 157 377	421,8	1 483 887	-11,1	7 471 554	31,4

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	4 409 842	14,5	605 147	-67,7	2 330 497	4,3	7 345 486	-7,7
	February	4 013 832	-9,0	1 179 924	95,0	2 308 241	-1,0	7 501 997	2,1
	March	4 368 496	8,8	2 150 503	82,3	2 268 606	-1,7	8 787 605	17,1
	April	4 371 239	0,1	1 939 405	-9,8	2 148 151	-5,3	8 458 795	-3,7
	May	4 019 680	-8,0	4 007 877	106,7	2 338 460	8,9	10 366 016	22,5
	June	4 325 614	7,6	3 972 054	-0,9	2 210 785	-5,5	10 508 453	1,4
	July	3 891 448	-10,0	1 898 845	-52,2	2 309 663	4,5	8 099 955	-22,9
	August	4 043 720	3,9	1 850 190	-2,6	2 191 973	-5,1	8 085 883	-0,2
	September	4 231 964	4,7	1 509 865	-18,4	1 889 690	-13,8	7 631 519	-5,6
	October	3 496 694	-17,4	1 126 314	-25,4	2 161 937	14,4	6 784 945	-11,1
	November	4 283 144	22,5	1 277 790	13,4	1 880 671	-13,0	7 441 605	9,7
	December	4 643 305	8,4	2 006 222	57,0	2 601 247	38,3	9 250 774	24,3
2016	January	3 644 744	-21,5	3 157 377	57,4	2 125 743	-18,3	8 927 864	-3,5
	Aug. – Oct. 15	11 772 378		4 486 369		6 243 600		22 502 347	
	Nov. 15 – Jan. 16 2/	12 571 193	6,8	6 441 389	43,6	6 607 661	5,8	25 620 243	13,9

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/
2015	January	2 652 688	0,0	470 565	-57,3	1 297 901	3,1	4 421 154	-11,8
	February	2 979 213	12,8	918 944	-44,7	1 813 272	9,1	5 711 429	-4,2
	March	3 226 026	16,4	1 663 189	-8,5	1 743 292	11,7	6 632 507	7,8
	April	3 250 177	33,7	1 489 558	7,9	1 520 708	-3,8	6 260 443	16,1
	May	3 234 232	-1,3	3 073 525	95,6	1 668 501	9,3	7 976 258	25,1
	June	3 449 377	11,2	3 034 419	88,1	1 691 284	11,2	8 175 080	31,1
	July	3 414 537	7,7	1 445 088	-39,2	2 020 970	11,7	6 880 595	-6,5
	August	3 253 129	-12,9	1 414 518	-17,5	1 752 739	-13,9	6 420 386	-14,2
	September	3 594 797	9,7	1 154 331	13,9	1 719 076	-16,3	6 468 204	1,9
	October	2 968 534	-27,6	855 212	-64,1	1 751 431	-3,5	5 575 177	-32,8
	November	3 251 800	0,4	969 492	-41,2	1 622 274	-8,7	5 843 566	-12,3
	December	2 821 021	22,3	1 523 327	4,2	1 648 826	12,5	5 993 174	14,5
	Total	38 095 531	3,8	18 012 168	-8,8	20 250 274	0,9	76 357 973	-0,2
2016	January	2 124 842	-19,9	2 370 403	403,7	1 114 029	-14,2	5 609 274	26,9

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 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/
2015	January	3 414 724	12,4	470 565	-67,8	1 794 315	3,9	5 679 604	-8,8
	February	3 123 895	-8,5	918 944	95,3	1 772 506	-1,2	5 815 345	2,4
	March	3 378 788	8,2	1 663 189	81,0	1 742 997	-1,7	6 784 975	16,7
	April	3 390 138	0,3	1 489 558	-10,4	1 648 118	-5,4	6 527 814	-3,8
	May	3 100 338	-8,5	3 073 525	106,3	1 790 755	8,7	7 964 618	22,0
	June	3 288 956	6,1	3 034 419	-1,3	1 704 446	-4,8	8 027 821	0,8
	July	2 959 007	-10,0	1 445 088	-52,4	1 767 115	3,7	6 171 209	-23,1
	August	3 085 896	4,3	1 414 518	-2,1	1 672 262	-5,4	6 172 675	0,0
	September	3 271 499	6,0	1 154 331	-18,4	1 446 451	-13,5	5 872 282	-4,9
	October	2 616 356	-20,0	855 212	-25,9	1 655 860	14,5	5 127 428	-12,7
	November	3 213 929	22,8	969 492	13,4	1 444 418	-12,8	5 627 838	9,8
	December	3 530 702	9,9	1 523 327	57,1	1 947 439	34,8	7 001 468	24,4
2016	January	2 768 107	-21,6	2 370 403	55,6	1 594 353	-18,1	6 732 863	-3,8
	Aug. – Oct. 15	8 973 751		3 424 061		4 774 573		17 172 385	
	Nov. 15 – Jan. 16 2/	9 512 738	6,0	4 863 222	42,0	4 986 210	4,4	19 362 169	12,8

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/
2015	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
	Total	32 191 937	15,2	14 698 228	-5,2	9 800 963	4,5	56 691 128	7,3
2016	January	2 210 462	21,5	497 387	-36,7	653 305	30,2	3 361 154	8,2

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2015	January	2 497 063	5,5	785 616	-61,1	680 275	-19,1	3 962 954	-24,2
	February	2 309 123	-7,5	1 019 816	29,8	638 773	-6,1	3 967 713	0,1
	March	2 557 947	10,8	858 760	-15,8	926 239	45,0	4 342 946	9,5
	April	2 754 824	7,7	730 600	-14,9	835 933	-9,7	4 321 357	-0,5
	May	3 398 782	23,4	968 348	32,5	841 850	0,7	5 208 981	20,5
	June	2 761 680	-18,7	1 057 013	9,2	966 946	14,9	4 785 639	-8,1
	July	2 460 627	-10,9	1 095 693	3,7	790 697	-18,2	4 347 017	-9,2
	August	2 666 337	8,4	1 420 995	29,7	747 400	-5,5	4 834 732	11,2
	September	2 797 544	4,9	1 646 976	15,9	825 775	10,5	5 270 295	9,0
	October	2 497 327	-10,7	1 693 843	2,8	756 579	-8,4	4 947 749	-6,1
	November	2 813 845	12,7	1 971 370	16,4	856 627	13,2	5 641 842	14,0
	December	2 681 597	-4,7	1 449 198	-26,5	934 686	9,1	5 065 481	-10,2
2016	January	2 992 138	11,6	497 387	-65,7	882 173	-5,6	4 371 698	-13,7
	Aug. – Oct. 15	7 961 208		4 761 814		2 329 754		15 052 776	
	Nov. 15 – Jan. 16 2/	8 487 580	6,6	3 917 955	-17,7	2 673 486	14,8	15 079 021	0,2

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/
2015	January	1 442 828	-8,5	659 074	-22,1	411 217	-39,0	2 513 119	-18,9
	February	1 646 859	2,6	851 977	-6,9	546 475	-34,2	3 045 311	-9,1
	March	2 021 858	8,0	713 256	-28,3	819 888	20,9	3 555 002	0,3
	April	2 046 444	9,4	604 801	-46,8	721 990	35,1	3 373 235	-4,8
	May	2 451 254	58,1	800 950	35,8	635 770	-2,6	3 887 974	39,2
	June	2 038 001	25,6	872 843	23,9	780 270	41,1	3 691 114	28,1
	July	2 054 194	-1,4	898 109	-37,8	670 806	5,4	3 623 109	-13,0
	August	2 209 477	14,0	1 148 743	40,6	638 294	-18,4	3 996 514	13,0
	September	2 330 159	13,4	1 316 528	44,1	660 808	-0,5	4 307 495	18,6
	October	2 072 671	-10,6	1 353 991	11,8	597 108	-19,8	4 023 770	-5,9
	November	2 649 547	6,9	1 572 065	-27,6	679 799	14,3	4 901 411	-6,5
	December	2 152 461	7,1	1 149 245	-33,0	596 973	4,9	3 898 679	-9,2
	Total	25 115 753	9,3	11 941 582	-11,3	7 759 398	-2,0	44 816 733	1,0
2016	January	1 696 557	17,6	391 335	-40,6	508 013	23,5	2 595 905	3,3

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 8 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 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/
2015	January	1 985 798	3,9	659 074	-61,5	553 261	-19,9	3 198 133	-25,9
	February	1 829 974	-7,8	851 977	29,3	514 550	-7,0	3 196 501	-0,1
	March	1 994 621	9,0	713 256	-16,3	736 850	43,2	3 444 727	7,8
	April	2 130 275	6,8	604 801	-15,2	671 636	-8,9	3 406 711	-1,1
	May	2 675 026	25,6	800 950	32,4	674 627	0,4	4 150 603	21,8
	June	2 160 116	-19,2	872 843	9,0	766 825	13,7	3 799 784	-8,5
	July	1 924 911	-10,9	898 109	2,9	624 880	-18,5	3 447 901	-9,3
	August	2 083 056	8,2	1 148 743	27,9	588 569	-5,8	3 820 368	10,8
	September	2 177 641	4,5	1 316 528	14,6	648 859	10,2	4 143 028	8,4
	October	1 931 374	-11,3	1 353 991	2,8	590 104	-9,1	3 875 470	-6,5
	November	2 169 691	12,3	1 572 065	16,1	664 976	12,7	4 406 732	13,7
	December	2 079 026	-4,2	1 149 245	-26,9	726 150	9,2	3 954 421	-10,3
2016	January	2 300 845	10,7	391 335	-65,9	680 787	-6,2	3 372 967	-14,7
	Aug. – Oct. 15	6 192 071		3 819 262		1 827 532		11 838 866	
	Nov. 15 – Jan. 16 2/	6 549 562	5,8	3 112 645	-18,5	2 071 913	13,4	11 734 120	-0,9

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. 2015	Dec. 2015	Jan. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 575	1 178	1 350	-14,3
		Square metres	75 198	58 551	63 722	-15,3
		R'000	266 748	262 446	266 978	0,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 259	1 120	1 076	-14,5
		Square metres	346 721	320 434	275 223	-20,6
		R'000	2 164 832	2 169 413	1 807 370	-16,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 374	1 788	1 208	-12,1
		Square metres	125 347	140 409	101 708	-18,9
		R'000	911 189	1 246 292	755 339	-17,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	10 833	4 714	134	-98,8
		R'000	68 588	37 134	603	-99,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	3 411 357	3 715 285	2 830 290	-17,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	Square metres	8 123	77 736	13 292	63,6
		R'000	58 752	677 757	90 730	54,4
	Shopping space	Square metres	17 435	73 188	253 734	1 355,3
		R'000	90 836	564 389	2 451 203	2 598,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	56 962	105 819	66 947	17,5
		R'000	320 311	581 162	354 561	10,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	20 726	29 254	35 625	71,9
		R'000	135 248	182 914	260 883	92,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	605 147	2 006 222	3 157 377	421,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	Square metres	197 893	231 990	175 503	-11,3
		R'000	1 139 761	1 531 066	1 119 819	-1,7
	Other buildings 4/	Square metres	70 974	75 417	50 786	-28,4
		R'000	529 340	640 438	364 068	-31,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 669 101	2 171 504	1 483 887	-11,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	5 685 605	7 893 011	7 471 554	31,4

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2015 and Jan 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

			Jan. 2015	Dec. 2015	Jan. 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit					
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	328	319	336	2,4	
		Square metres	14 798	14 409	14 935	0,9	
		R'000	85 583	85 489	85 662	0,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	468	262	252	-46,2	
		Square metres	122 302	72 742	59 665	-51,2	
		R'000	790 112	460 855	385 394	-51,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	338	432	248	-26,6	
		Square metres	25 831	36 502	31 126	20,5	
		R'000	176 162	278 469	227 852	29,3	
	Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	960	2 443	0	..	
		R'000	5 760	18 883	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 057 617	843 696	698 908	-33,9
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	Square metres	398	36 212	0	..
R'000			2 614	302 447	0	..	
Shopping space		Square metres	1 677	7 068	0	..	
		R'000	14 484	55 134	0	..	
Industrial and warehouse space		Square metres	26 815	23 718	6 975	-74,0	
		R'000	167 778	148 817	50 852	-69,7	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		Square metres	2 100	7 953	6 080	189,5	
		R'000	12 762	54 743	35 863	181,0	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	197 638	561 141	86 715	-56,1	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	Square metres	59 894	63 635	47 377	-20,9
	R'000		326 380	384 021	299 366	-8,3	
	Other buildings 4/	Square metres	16 677	18 659	11 682	-30,0	
		R'000	161 147	183 731	92 227	-42,8	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	487 527	567 752	391 593	-19,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 742 782	1 972 589	1 177 216	-32,5	

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2015 and Jan 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

			Jan. 2015	Dec. 2015	Jan. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	23	100	28	21,7
		Square metres	1 369	5 276	1 857	35,6
		R'000	6 035	23 993	9 658	60,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	56	59	47	-16,1
		Square metres	11 379	15 508	9 655	-15,2
		R'000	62 442	87 645	54 310	-13,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	15	2	18	20,0
		Square metres	1 520	546	2 148	41,3
		R'000	8 345	3 375	10 645	27,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	554	0	0	..
		R'000	3 601	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	80 423	115 013	74 613	-7,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	Square metres	0	1 187	0	..
		R'000	0	6 703	0	..
	Shopping space	Square metres	1 001	97	1 000	-0,1
		R'000	4 221	437	4 000	-5,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	2 865	19 394	7 224	152,1
		R'000	15 521	96 678	33 082	113,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	5 629	420	..
		R'000	0	25 119	2 010	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	19 742	128 937	39 092	98,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	Square metres	19 813	19 002	15 490	-21,8
		R'000	107 827	99 815	90 663	-15,9
	Other buildings 4/	Square metres	10 097	6 168	2 412	-76,1
		R'000	48 063	23 760	7 670	-84,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	155 890	123 575	98 333	-36,9
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	256 055	367 525	212 038	-17,2

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2015 and Jan 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

			Jan. 2015	Dec. 2015	Jan. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	3	..
		Square metres	0	0	230	..
		R'000	0	0	1 380	..
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	10	16	13	30,0
		Square metres	2 363	3 190	2 682	13,5
		R'000	11 698	20 915	16 906	44,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	26	..
		Square metres	0	0	3 587	..
		R'000	0	0	20 900	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	11 698	20 915	39 186	235,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	Square metres	0	948	0	..
		R'000	0	4 746	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	0	5 120	216	..
		R'000	0	30 720	1 296	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	109	0	0	..
		R'000	414	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	414	35 466	1 296	213,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	Square metres	2 296	3 548	2 032	-11,5
		R'000	11 893	23 316	12 199	2,6
	Other buildings 4/	Square metres	0	69	0	
		R'000	55	3 225	1 880	3 318,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	11 948	26 541	14 079	17,8
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	24 060	82 922	54 561	126,8

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2015 and Jan 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

			Jan. 2015	Dec. 2015	Jan. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	213	159	76	-64,3
		Square metres	12 048	8 928	4 342	-64,0
		R'000	26 886	17 839	17 698	-34,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	81	38	71	-12,3
		Square metres	15 673	7 704	15 075	-3,8
		R'000	80 278	40 331	80 881	0,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	17	29	20	17,6
		Square metres	646	4 890	1 570	143,0
		R'000	3 876	34 230	10 989	183,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	388	134	..
		R'000	0	2 034	603	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	111 040	94 434	110 171	-0,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	Square metres	556	3 004	0	..
		R'000	2 780	12 976	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	1 861	2 757	839	-54,9
		R'000	10 794	12 407	3 776	-65,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	0	1 598	..
		R'000	0	0	7 467	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	13 574	25 383	11 243	-17,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	Square metres	14 690	10 163	12 813	-12,8
		R'000	69 629	52 611	66 653	-4,3
	Other buildings 4/	Square metres	5 610	653	2 265	-59,6
		R'000	35 661	4 791	14 693	-58,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	105 290	57 402	81 346	-22,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	229 904	177 219	202 760	-11,8

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2015 and Jan 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

			Jan. 2015	Dec. 2015	Jan. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	25	28	21	-16,0
		Square metres	1 365	1 558	1 270	-7,0
		R'000	9 447	13 125	9 408	-0,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	121	130	92	-24,0
		Square metres	38 984	40 169	31 012	-20,4
		R'000	310 963	364 464	247 607	-20,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	104	124	56	-46,2
		Square metres	10 665	25 465	10 643	-0,2
		R'000	78 547	246 819	92 493	17,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	2 442	1 249	0	..
		R'000	24 176	13 364	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	423 133	637 772	349 508	-17,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	Square metres	995	14 622	220	-77,9
		R'000	5 445	145 257	771	-85,8
	Shopping space	Square metres	734	10 291	198 504	26 944,1
		R'000	6 826	65 278	1 980 915	28 920,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	18 763	21 144	13 567	-27,7
		R'000	93 497	114 462	69 184	-26,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	13 443	9 950	731	-94,6
		R'000	89 574	69 650	3 290	-96,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	195 342	394 647	2 054 160	951,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	Square metres	21 663	33 866	20 379	-5,9
		R'000	169 113	301 205	183 049	8,2
	Other buildings 4/	Square metres	14 115	20 007	25 804	82,8
		R'000	114 505	233 639	186 175	62,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	283 618	534 844	369 224	30,2
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	902 093	1 567 263	2 772 892	207,4

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2015 and Jan 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

			Jan. 2015	Dec. 2015	Jan. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	506	3	10	-98,0
		Square metres	22 807	196	686	-97,0
		R'000	56 126	952	3 091	-94,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	61	55	59	-3,3
		Square metres	17 326	13 334	14 601	-15,7
		R'000	84 730	65 646	74 828	-11,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	107	56	34	-68,2
		Square metres	6 908	8 598	2 260	-67,3
		R'000	39 851	40 562	9 492	-76,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	180 707	107 160	87 411	-51,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	Square metres	849	0	0	..
		R'000	4 245	0	0	..
	Shopping space	Square metres	2 193	939	0	..
		R'000	13 014	4 226	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	468	356	3 529	654,1
		R'000	1 872	1 424	19 355	933,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	0	852	..
		R'000	0	0	4 686	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	19 131	5 650	24 041	25,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	Square metres	10 314	7 872	9 716	-5,8
		R'000	44 593	37 909	44 893	0,7
	Other buildings 4/	Square metres	1 178	2 953	1 087	-7,7
		R'000	6 343	15 133	5 497	-13,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	50 936	53 042	50 390	-1,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	250 774	165 852	161 842	-35,5

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2015 and Jan 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

			Jan. 2015	Dec. 2015	Jan. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	353	356	602	70,5
		Square metres	16 405	17 591	26 961	64,3
		R'000	57 718	80 993	83 024	43,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	279	397	380	36,2
		Square metres	91 157	128 507	103 637	13,7
		R'000	615 505	928 965	736 281	19,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	788	1 114	806	2,3
		Square metres	79 251	61 681	50 374	-36,4
		R'000	602 041	627 603	382 968	-36,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	750	0	0	..
		R'000	7 479	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 282 743	1 637 561	1 202 273	-6,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	Square metres	4 192	23 771	8 980	114,2
		R'000	39 101	213 630	68 420	75,0
	Shopping space	Square metres	430	3 280	51 503	11 877,4
		R'000	2 985	28 907	447 747	14 899,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	2 253	21 094	27 662	1 127,8
		R'000	14 201	121 034	145 607	925,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	4 188	3 930	22 911	447,1
		R'000	27 771	24 581	193 825	597,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	84 058	388 152	855 599	917,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	Square metres	49 714	78 416	49 697	0,0
		R'000	329 612	559 553	337 341	2,3
	Other buildings 4/	Square metres	21 465	21 925	6 988	-67,4
		R'000	152 432	146 889	46 778	-69,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	482 044	706 442	384 119	-20,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 848 845	2 732 155	2 441 991	32,1

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2015 and Jan 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

			Jan. 2015	Dec. 2015	Jan. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	111	203	264	137,8
		Square metres	5 537	9 934	12 804	131,2
		R'000	21 042	36 945	53 872	156,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	117	129	124	6,0
		Square metres	28 796	29 381	27 334	-5,1
		R'000	127 052	152 650	155 162	22,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	24	0	..
		Square metres	0	1 999	0	..
		R'000	0	11 594	0	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	375	634	0	..
		R'000	1 688	2 853	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	149 782	204 042	209 034	39,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	Square metres	0	1 422	4 092	..
		R'000	0	7 110	21 539	..
	Shopping space	Square metres	8 099	22 708	2 727	-66,3
		R'000	34 173	218 714	18 541	-45,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	3 937	6 326	5 878	49,3
		R'000	16 648	28 547	26 939	61,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	633	1 792	2 772	337,9
		R'000	3 588	8 821	12 751	255,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	54 409	263 192	79 770	46,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	Square metres	16 065	10 639	13 477	-16,1
		R'000	65 589	48 962	64 313	-1,9
	Other buildings 4/	Square metres	1 794	3 793	0	..
		R'000	7 827	20 530	4 565	-41,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	73 416	69 492	68 878	-6,2
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	277 607	536 726	357 682	28,8

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2015 and Jan 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

			Jan. 2015	Dec. 2015	Jan. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	16	10	10	-37,5
		Square metres	869	659	637	-26,7
		R'000	3 911	3 110	3 185	-18,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	66	34	38	-42,4
		Square metres	18 741	9 899	11 562	-38,3
		R'000	82 052	47 942	56 001	-31,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	5	7	0	..
		Square metres	526	728	0	..
		R'000	2 367	3 640	0	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	5 752	0	0	..
		R'000	25 884	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	114 214	54 692	59 186	-48,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	Square metres	1 689	522	0	..
		R'000	7 347	2 610	0	..
	Shopping space	Square metres	2 745	24 853	0	..
		R'000	12 353	173 971	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	0	5 910	1 057	..
		R'000	0	27 073	4 470	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	253	0	261	3,2
		R'000	1 139	0	991	-13,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	20 839	203 654	5 461	-73,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	Square metres	3 444	4 849	4 522	31,3
		R'000	15 125	23 674	21 342	41,1
	Other buildings 4/	Square metres	38	1 190	548	1 342,1
		R'000	3 307	8 740	4 583	38,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	18 432	32 414	25 925	40,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	153 485	290 760	90 572	-41,0

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2015 and Jan 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

			Jan. 2015	Dec. 2015	Jan. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	940	1 339	1 028	9,4
		Square metres	46 564	67 103	48 175	3,5
		R'000	182 368	239 255	186 600	2,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	701	977	730	4,1
		Square metres	202 815	245 011	175 265	-13,6
		R'000	1 272 812	1 622 235	1 159 679	-8,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	579	927	967	67,0
		Square metres	51 807	119 763	98 518	90,2
		R'000	359 540	923 266	847 660	135,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	980	1 926	3 211	227,7
		R'000	3 920	12 364	16 523	321,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 818 640	2 797 120	2 210 462	21,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	Square metres	43 025	70 283	26 678	-38,0
		R'000	358 711	644 147	253 839	-29,2
	Shopping space	Square metres	19 658	48 470	9 709	-50,6
		R'000	124 998	350 979	68 543	-45,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	47 401	84 315	25 459	-46,3
		R'000	218 405	445 971	143 963	-34,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	9 633	1 426	5 782	-40,0
		R'000	83 502	8 101	31 042	-62,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	785 616	1 449 198	497 387	-36,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	Square metres	72 819	78 054	74 118	1,8
		R'000	376 779	484 850	438 037	16,3
	Other buildings 4/	Square metres	16 016	36 821	22 615	41,2
		R'000	124 906	279 872	215 268	72,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	501 685	764 722	653 305	30,2
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 105 941	5 011 040	3 361 154	8,2

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2015 and Jan 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

			Jan. 2015	Dec. 2015	Jan. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	317	373	238	-24,9
		Square metres	13 290	17 525	10 451	-21,4
		R'000	49 445	69 854	52 778	6,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	136	340	173	27,2
		Square metres	36 263	84 917	41 105	13,4
		R'000	205 218	532 639	247 757	20,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	38	467	110	189,5
		Square metres	3 876	43 906	12 962	234,4
		R'000	26 600	303 082	101 721	282,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	1 093	0	..
		R'000	0	8 198	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	281 263	913 773	402 256	43,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	Square metres	165	8 680	0	..
		R'000	743	69 266	0	..
	Shopping space	Square metres	8 891	18 484	6 612	-25,6
		R'000	57 792	146 418	51 806	-10,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	4 475	22 045	2 902	-35,2
		R'000	23 473	155 125	17 052	-27,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	917	1 746	..
		R'000	0	5 749	7 685	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	82 008	376 558	76 543	-6,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	Square metres	28 218	35 684	30 923	9,6
		R'000	129 570	187 163	148 111	14,3
	Other buildings 4/	Square metres	8 466	15 440	9 810	15,9
		R'000	66 173	121 141	99 666	50,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	195 743	308 304	247 777	26,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	559 014	1 598 635	726 576	30,0

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2015 and Jan 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

			Jan. 2015	Dec. 2015	Jan. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	100	38	31	-69,0
		Square metres	4 205	2 005	1 553	-63,1
		R'000	9 571	10 976	7 634	-20,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	27	40	20	-25,9
		Square metres	5 594	9 094	3 472	-37,9
		R'000	26 031	49 749	18 936	-27,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	24	12	7	-70,8
		Square metres	1 281	1 431	937	-26,9
		R'000	5 682	7 999	4 716	-17,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	41 284	68 724	31 286	-24,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	Square metres	730	5 234	0	..
		R'000	4 745	26 569	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	206	7 257	120	-41,7
		R'000	1 109	40 319	706	-36,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	611	12	0	..
		R'000	2 750	66	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	8 604	66 954	706	-91,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	Square metres	7 735	2 977	2 668	-65,5
		R'000	33 923	15 228	13 481	-60,3
	Other buildings 4/	Square metres	200	3 551	1 110	455,0
		R'000	1 991	17 955	4 628	132,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	35 914	33 183	18 109	-49,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	85 802	168 861	50 101	-41,6

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2015 and Jan 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

			Jan. 2015	Dec. 2015	Jan. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	0	..
		Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	2	2	4	100,0
		Square metres	396	644	660	66,7
		R'000	1 846	3 578	3 276	77,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	12	0	..
		Square metres	0	861	0	..
		R'000	0	3 875	0	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 846	7 453	3 276	77,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	Square metres	0	88	0	..
		R'000	0	528	0	..
	Shopping space	Square metres	0	366	0	..
		R'000	0	1 647	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	495	0	0	..
		R'000	2 008	0	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 008	2 175	0	..
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	Square metres	337	1 930	3 799	1 027,3
		R'000	1 769	11 919	26 314	1 387,5
	Other buildings 4/	Square metres	0	507	0	..
		R'000	0	3 097	90	..
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 769	15 016	26 404	1 392,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	5 623	24 644	29 680	427,8

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2015 and Jan 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

			Jan. 2015	Dec. 2015	Jan. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	13	217	31	138,5
		Square metres	610	12 313	1 779	191,6
		R'000	862	22 705	9 231	970,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	8	11	21	162,5
		Square metres	1 824	2 297	3 665	100,9
		R'000	8 958	10 917	21 047	135,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	53	0	..
		Square metres	0	7 916	0	..
		R'000	0	44 762	0	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	9 820	78 384	30 278	208,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	Square metres	0	2 222	0	..
		R'000	0	17 776	0	..
	Shopping space	Square metres	0	434	0	..
		R'000	0	2 471	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	20 247	0	..
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	Square metres	805	1 819	2 071	157,3
		R'000	3 150	9 261	10 446	231,6
	Other buildings 4/	Square metres	0	1 476	0	..
		R'000	971	14 345	1 685	73,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	4 121	23 606	12 131	194,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	13 941	122 237	42 409	204,2

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2015 and Jan 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

			Jan. 2015	Dec. 2015	Jan. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	35	15	26	-25,7
		Square metres	2 441	796	1 457	-40,3
		R'000	22 458	5 906	13 973	-37,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	35	73	46	31,4
		Square metres	10 440	24 476	12 139	16,3
		R'000	77 263	201 187	103 340	33,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	25	168	31	24,0
		Square metres	5 374	40 520	4 579	-14,8
		R'000	38 436	389 739	31 331	-18,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	2 833	..
		R'000	0	0	14 165	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	138 157	596 832	162 809	17,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	Square metres	1 070	48 497	15 316	1 331,4
		R'000	9 951	479 169	153 160	1 439,1
	Shopping space	Square metres	4 895	0	595	-87,8
		R'000	41 891	0	2 678	-93,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	1 939	7 325	0	..
		R'000	10 665	39 555	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	225	0	0	..
		R'000	2 066	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	64 573	518 724	155 838	141,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	Square metres	6 216	8 997	11 485	84,8
		R'000	49 739	92 693	96 748	94,5
	Other buildings 4/	Square metres	2 198	8 924	4 101	86,6
		R'000	12 744	70 300	30 783	141,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	62 483	162 993	127 531	104,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	265 213	1 278 549	446 178	68,2

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2015 and Jan 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

			Jan. 2015	Dec. 2015	Jan. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	4	17	466,7
		Square metres	203	241	1 077	430,5
		R'000	734	935	3 966	440,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	65	32	81	24,6
		Square metres	14 523	6 486	12 145	-16,4
		R'000	59 715	32 701	55 647	-6,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	218	60	71	-67,4
		Square metres	15 059	4 672	9 088	-39,7
		R'000	60 840	26 109	43 269	-28,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	980	833	0	..
		R'000	3 920	4 166	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	125 209	63 911	102 882	-17,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	Square metres	1 687	1 200	0	..
		R'000	10 122	6 000	0	..
	Shopping space	Square metres	0	0	997	..
		R'000	0	0	4 487	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	12 067	0	0	..
		R'000	48 268	0	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	0	874	..
		R'000	0	0	3 978	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	58 390	6 000	8 465	-85,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	Square metres	7 317	18	797	-89,1
		R'000	28 728	101	3 201	-88,9
	Other buildings 4/	Square metres	448	768	1 678	274,6
		R'000	3 398	4 608	7 551	122,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	32 126	4 709	10 752	-66,5
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	215 725	74 620	122 099	-43,4

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2015 and Jan 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

			Jan. 2015	Dec. 2015	Jan. 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit					
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	412	557	586	42,2	
		Square metres	22 401	28 156	26 706	19,2	
		R'000	85 728	109 072	78 857	-8,0	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	359	391	300	-16,4	
		Square metres	115 882	95 423	80 935	-30,2	
		R'000	808 903	682 141	616 724	-23,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	274	137	724	164,2	
		Square metres	26 217	18 500	68 560	161,5	
		R'000	227 982	137 952	655 071	187,3	
	Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	378	.	
		R'000	0	0	2 358	.	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 122 613	929 165	1 353 010	20,5
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	Square metres	40 103	8 836	10 271	-74,4
R'000			337 895	67 608	95 465	-71,7	
Shopping space		Square metres	0	23 952	718	.	
		R'000	0	173 874	6 031	.	
Industrial and warehouse space		Square metres	28 219	47 410	18 308	-35,1	
		R'000	132 882	209 582	108 765	-18,1	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		Square metres	8 797	0	3 162	-64,1	
		R'000	78 686	0	19 379	-75,4	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	549 463	451 064	229 640	-58,2	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	Square metres	15 548	20 234	16 962	9,1	
		R'000	100 574	142 503	117 369	16,7	
	Other buildings 4/	Square metres	4 704	5 430	4 184	-11,1	
		R'000	39 629	32 064	60 482	52,6	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	140 203	174 567	177 851	26,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 812 279	1 554 796	1 760 501	-2,9	

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2015 and Jan 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

			Jan. 2015	Dec. 2015	Jan. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	40	129	89	122,5
		Square metres	2 380	5 667	4 620	94,1
		R'000	9 025	17 890	17 501	93,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	57	69	69	21,1
		Square metres	14 224	16 456	16 937	19,1
		R'000	68 391	84 481	74 374	8,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	1	9	.
		Square metres	0	75	814	.
		R'000	0	338	3 662	.
	Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	.
		R'000	0	0	0	.
	Total residential buildings		R'000	77 416	102 709	95 537
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	Square metres	0	0	599	.
		R'000	0	0	2 754	.
	Shopping space	Square metres	5 142	0	787	-84,7
		R'000	20 570	0	3 541	-82,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	0	0	3 669	.
		R'000	0	0	15 370	.
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	497	0	.
		R'000	0	2 286	0	.
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	20 570	2 286	21 665
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	Square metres	6 643	5 913	5 114	-23,0
		R'000	29 326	23 630	20 952	-28,6
	Other buildings 4/	Square metres	0	725	1 732	.
		R'000	0	16 362	7 383	.
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	29 326	39 992	28 335
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	127 312	144 987	145 537	14,3

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2015 and Jan 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

			Jan. 2015	Dec. 2015	Jan. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	20	6	10	-50,0
		Square metres	1 034	400	532	-48,5
		R'000	4 545	1 917	2 660	-41,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	12	19	16	33,3
		Square metres	3 669	5 218	4 207	14,7
		R'000	16 487	24 842	18 578	12,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	17	15	..
		Square metres	0	1 882	1 578	..
		R'000	0	9 410	7 890	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	21 032	36 169	29 128	38,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	Square metres	0	760	492	..
		R'000	0	3 800	2 460	..
	Shopping space	Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	0	278	460	..
		R'000	0	1 390	2 070	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	5 190	4 530	..
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	Square metres	0	482	299	..
		R'000	0	2 352	1 415	..
	Other buildings 4/	Square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	3 000	..
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	0	2 352	4 415	..
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	21 032	43 711	38 073	81,0

1/ The percentage change between Jan. 2015 and Jan 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

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 2016 was 93,6%. The improved collection rate for December 2015 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 85 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.
Constant prices	9	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 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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