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## Results for January 2017

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

Estimates at current prices	January 2016 1/	January 2017 1/	Difference in value between January 2016 and January 2017	% change between January 2016 and January 2017
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>2 976 023</b>	<b>3 161 447</b>	<b>185 424</b>	<b>6,2</b>
-Dwelling-houses	2 108 985	1 859 519	-249 466	-11,8
-Flats and townhouses	739 705	1 288 602	548 897	74,2
-Other residential buildings	127 333	13 326	-114 007	-89,5
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>3 244 246</b>	<b>1 731 491</b>	<b>-1 512 755</b>	<b>-46,6</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1 451 533</b>	<b>1 703 058</b>	<b>251 525</b>	<b>17,3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 671 802</b>	<b>6 595 996</b>	<b>-1 075 806</b>	<b>-14,0</b>

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

### Total value of recorded building plans passed at current prices

The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 14,0% (-R1 075,8 million) in January 2017 compared with January 2016.

Non-residential buildings fell by 46,6% (-R1 512,8 million) – see Table A. There were large year-on-year decreases in plans passed for shopping space in KwaZulu-Natal (-R1 980,9 million) and Gauteng (-R366,7 million) – see Tables 14 and 16, pages 22 and 24.

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

Estimates at current prices	January 2016 1/	January 2017 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January 2016	% change between January 2016 and January 2017	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January 2016 and January 2017 2/	Difference in value between January 2016 and January 2017
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	1 177 216	1 366 427	15,3	16,1	2,5	189 211
Eastern Cape	294 680	196 136	3,8	-33,4	-1,3	-98 544
Northern Cape	54 561	38 402	0,7	-29,6	-0,2	-16 159
Free State	146 569	208 479	1,9	42,2	0,8	61 910
KwaZulu-Natal	2 899 622	905 906	37,8	-68,8	-26,0	-1 993 716
North West	161 842	589 765	2,1	264,4	5,6	427 923
Gauteng	2 489 058	2 958 152	32,4	18,8	6,1	469 094
Mpumalanga	357 682	171 107	4,7	-52,2	-2,4	-186 575
Limpopo	90 572	161 622	1,2	78,4	0,9	71 050
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 671 802</b>	<b>6 595 996</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>-14,0</b>	<b>-14,0</b>	<b>-1 075 806</b>

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2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January 2016 and January 2017 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during January 2016, divided by 100.

The largest contribution to the total decrease of 14,0% (-R1 075,8 million) was made by KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -26,0 percentage points or -R1 993,7 million), mainly due to a large year-on-year decrease in shopping space (-R1 980,9 million) – see Table B.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January 2016 1/	January 2017 1/	Difference in value between January 2016 and January 2017	% change between January 2016 and January 2017
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	2 911 960	2 879 278	-32 682	-1,1
Non-residential buildings	3 174 409	1 576 950	-1 597 459	-50,3
Additions and alterations	1 420 287	1 551 055	130 768	9,2
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 506 656</b>	<b>6 007 283</b>	<b>-1 499 373</b>	<b>-20,0</b>

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

### Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 20,0% (-R1 499,4 million) year-on-year in January 2017. Non-residential buildings fell by 50,3% (-R1 597,5 million) – see Table C. There were large year-on-year decreases in plans passed for shopping space in KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng – see Tables 14 and 16, pages 22 and 24.

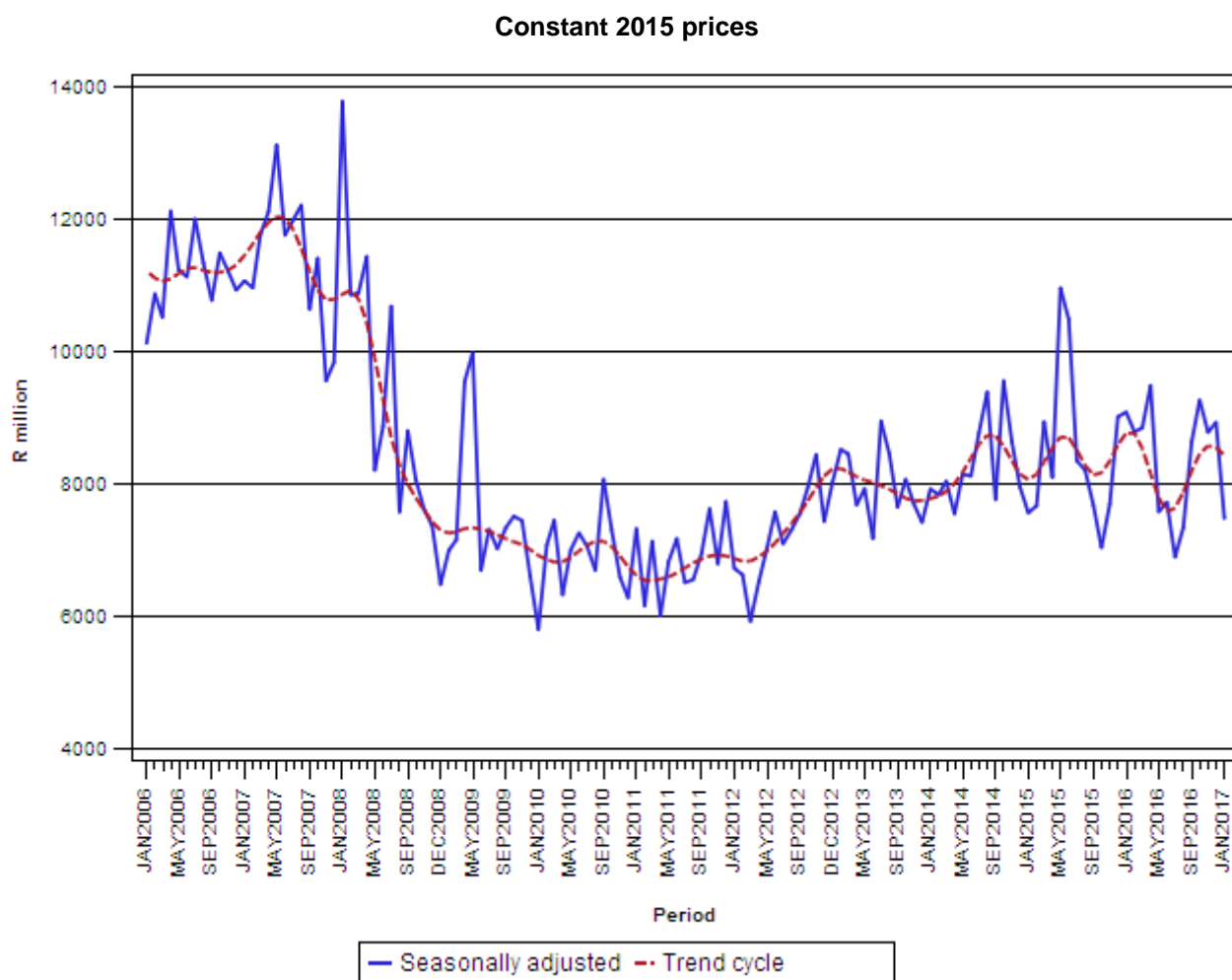
**Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by  
larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices**

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	August to October 2016	November 2016 to January 2017	% change between August to October 2016 and November 2016 to January 2017
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	12 508 014	13 384 423	7,0
Non-residential buildings 1/	6 321 759	5 444 031	-13,9
Additions and alterations	6 432 718	6 385 236	-0,7
<b>Total</b>	<b>25 262 491</b>	<b>25 213 691</b>	<b>-0,2</b>

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

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed decreased by 0,2% during the three months ended January 2017 compared with the previous three months. Non-residential buildings fell by 13,9% – 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 2016 versus January 2017**

Estimates at current prices	January 2016 1/	January 2017 1/	Difference in value between January 2016 and January 2017	% change between January 2016 and January 2017
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>2 208 305</b>	<b>2 359 273</b>	<b>150 968</b>	<b>6,8</b>
-Dwelling-houses	1 323 851	1 561 927	238 076	18,0
-Flats and townhouses	867 406	654 455	-212 951	-24,6
-Other residential buildings	17 048	142 891	125 843	738,2
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>578 503</b>	<b>1 324 149</b>	<b>745 646</b>	<b>128,9</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	<b>651 330</b>	<b>755 314</b>	<b>103 984</b>	<b>16,0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 438 138</b>	<b>4 438 736</b>	<b>1 000 598</b>	<b>29,1</b>

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

### Total value of buildings reported as completed at current prices

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 29,1% (R1 000,6 million) in January 2017 compared with January 2016.

Non-residential buildings rose by 128,9% (R745,6 million) – see Table E – mainly due to a large year-on-year increase in office and banking space completed in Gauteng (R676,8 million) – see Table 26, page 34.

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

Estimates at current prices	January 2016 1/	January 2017 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January 2016	% change between January 2016 and January 2017	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January 2016 and January 2017 2/	Difference in value between January 2016 and January 2017
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	726 576	791 870	21,1	9,0	1,9	65 294
Eastern Cape	68 720	74 005	2,0	7,7	0,2	5 285
Northern Cape	29 680	41 526	0,9	39,9	0,3	11 846
Free State	100 774	30 717	2,9	-69,5	-2,0	-70 057
KwaZulu-Natal	446 178	602 227	13,0	35,0	4,5	156 049
North West	122 099	66 909	3,6	-45,2	-1,6	-55 190
Gauteng	1 760 501	2 652 162	51,2	50,6	25,9	891 661
Mpumalanga	145 537	137 275	4,2	-5,7	-0,2	-8 262
Limpopo	38 073	42 045	1,1	10,4	0,1	3 972
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 438 138</b>	<b>4 438 736</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>29,1</b>	<b>29,1</b>	<b>1 000 598</b>

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

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January 2016 and January 2017 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January 2016, divided by 100.

Six provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed in January 2017. The largest contribution was recorded for Gauteng (contributing 25,9 percentage points or R891,7 million), mainly due to a large year-on-year increase in office and banking space completed (R676,8 million) – see Table F.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January 2016 1/	January 2017 1/	Difference in value between January 2016 and January 2017	% change between January 2016 and January 2017
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	2 160 768	2 148 700	-12 068	-0,6
Non-residential buildings	566 050	1 205 964	639 914	113,0
Additions and alterations	637 309	687 900	50 591	7,9
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 364 127</b>	<b>4 042 564</b>	<b>678 437</b>	<b>20,2</b>

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

### Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2015 prices) increased by 20,2% (R678,4 million) year-on-year in January 2017. Non-residential buildings rose by 113,0% – see Table G – mainly due to a large year-on-year increase in office and banking space completed in Gauteng – see Table 26, page 34.

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

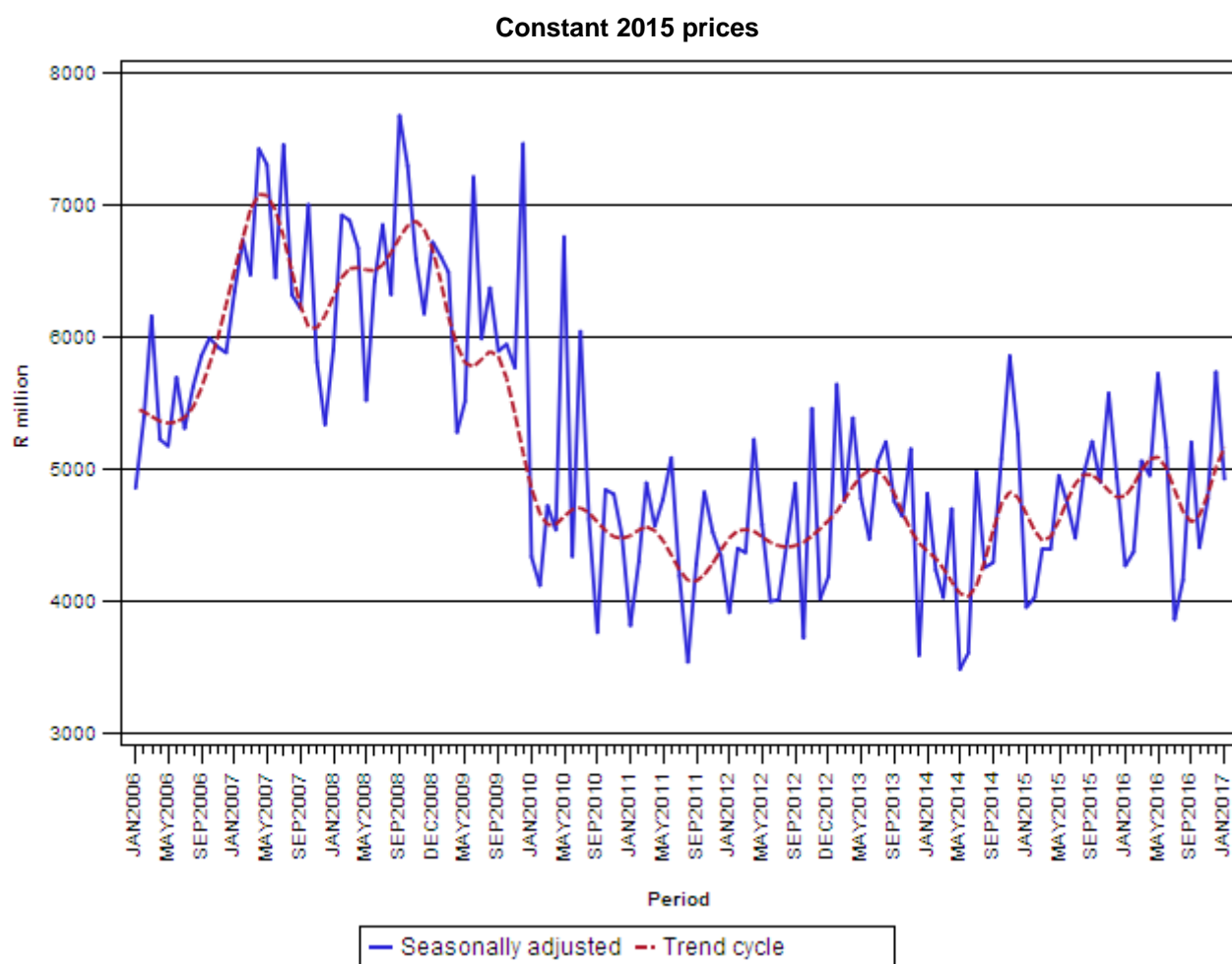
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	August to October 2016	November 2016 to January 2017	% change between August to October 2016 and November 2016 to January 2017
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 039 997	9 041 774	12,5
Non-residential buildings 1/	3 219 901	3 653 881	13,5
Additions and alterations	2 519 299	2 749 446	9,1
<b>Total</b>	<b>13 779 198</b>	<b>15 445 102</b>	<b>12,1</b>

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

### Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 12,1% in the three months ended January 2017 compared with the previous three months. All three major building categories recorded increases. The largest percentage increase was recorded for non-residential buildings (13,5%), followed by residential buildings (12,5%) and additions and alterations (9,1%) – see Table H.



**Figure 2 – Real value of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities**

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**Table 1 – Value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building**

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
<b>2016</b>	January	2 976 023	-12,8	3 244 246	372,0	1 451 533	-13,0	7 671 802	33,0
	February	4 592 411	20,1	2 247 812	71,5	2 125 304	-8,7	8 965 527	20,1
	March	4 537 940	7,7	2 515 020	17,0	2 056 047	-8,8	9 109 007	5,7
	April	5 000 890	18,2	2 758 347	42,2	2 388 049	20,6	10 147 286	24,5
	May	4 208 361	-0,2	1 580 343	-64,7	2 241 429	3,0	8 030 133	-26,1
	June	4 978 546	10,3	1 445 606	-63,9	2 415 528	9,1	8 839 680	-17,6
	July	3 762 166	-16,1	1 334 132	-35,8	2 532 825	-4,6	7 629 123	-17,2
	August	4 397 152	3,3	1 796 343	-5,4	2 291 169	-0,1	8 484 664	0,4
	September	4 802 689	2,1	2 513 194	66,5	2 695 573	19,9	10 011 456	18,3
	October	5 420 582	21,5	2 488 211	120,9	2 717 674	17,8	10 626 467	34,6
	November	4 827 911	10,5	2 750 077	103,2	2 458 564	15,0	10 036 552	27,7
	December	4 666 896	24,0	1 462 921	-27,1	1 954 313	-10,4	8 084 130	1,7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>54 171 567</b>	<b>7,4</b>	<b>26 136 252</b>	<b>6,5</b>	<b>27 328 008</b>	<b>3,3</b>	<b>107 635 827</b>	<b>6,1</b>
<b>2017</b>	January	3 161 447	6,2	1 731 491	-46,6	1 703 058	17,3	6 595 996	-14,0

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 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/
<b>2016</b>	January	4 236 556	-8,4	3 244 246	61,7	2 094 294	-18,6	9 575 096	4,0
	February	4 390 460	3,6	2 247 812	-30,7	2 104 794	0,5	8 743 066	-8,7
	March	4 490 088	2,3	2 515 020	11,9	2 186 016	3,9	9 191 124	5,1
	April	4 854 800	8,1	2 758 347	9,7	2 325 399	6,4	9 938 546	8,1
	May	4 199 018	-13,5	1 580 343	-42,7	2 261 668	-2,7	8 041 028	-19,1
	June	4 461 913	6,3	1 445 606	-8,5	2 409 085	6,5	8 316 603	3,4
	July	3 663 458	-17,9	1 334 132	-7,7	2 351 179	-2,4	7 348 769	-11,6
	August	4 092 717	11,7	1 796 343	34,6	1 993 093	-15,2	7 882 153	7,3
	September	4 475 706	9,4	2 513 194	39,9	2 321 477	16,5	9 310 377	18,1
	October	4 937 388	10,3	2 488 211	-1,0	2 607 977	12,3	10 033 577	7,8
	November	4 580 768	-7,2	2 750 077	10,5	2 235 803	-14,3	9 566 648	-4,7
	December	5 959 965	30,1	1 462 921	-46,8	2 425 905	8,5	9 848 791	2,9
<b>2017</b>	January	4 493 561	-24,6	1 731 491	18,4	2 346 486	-3,3	8 571 539	-13,0
	<b>Aug. – Oct. 16</b>	<b>13 505 811</b>		<b>6 797 748</b>		<b>6 922 547</b>		<b>27 226 107</b>	
	<b>Nov. 16 – Jan. 17 2/</b>	<b>15 034 294</b>	<b>11,3</b>	<b>5 944 489</b>	<b>-12,6</b>	<b>7 008 194</b>	<b>1,2</b>	<b>27 986 978</b>	<b>2,8</b>

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2016	January	2 911 960	-15,8	3 174 409	355,4	1 420 287	-16,1	7 506 656	28,3
	February	4 403 079	13,3	2 155 141	61,8	2 037 684	-13,9	8 595 904	13,3
	March	4 338 375	1,9	2 404 417	10,7	1 965 628	-13,7	8 708 420	0,0
	April	4 744 677	11,8	2 617 028	34,5	2 265 701	14,1	9 627 406	17,8
	May	3 981 420	-5,7	1 495 121	-66,6	2 120 557	-2,6	7 597 098	-30,2
	June	4 661 560	3,6	1 353 564	-66,1	2 261 730	2,5	8 276 854	-22,6
	July	3 512 760	-21,2	1 245 688	-39,6	2 364 916	-10,3	7 123 364	-22,2
	August	4 101 821	-3,3	1 675 693	-11,5	2 137 285	-6,5	7 914 799	-6,0
	September	4 467 618	-4,8	2 337 855	55,1	2 507 510	11,7	9 312 983	10,3
	October	5 028 369	13,7	2 308 173	106,8	2 521 033	10,3	9 857 575	26,0
	November	4 441 500	2,7	2 529 970	88,8	2 261 788	6,8	9 233 258	18,6
	December	4 258 117	14,3	1 334 782	-32,8	1 783 132	-17,4	7 376 031	-6,3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>50 851 256</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>24 631 841</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>25 647 251</b>	<b>-3,0</b>	<b>101 130 348</b>	<b>-0,3</b>
2017	January	2 879 278	-1,1	1 576 950	-50,3	1 551 055	9,2	6 007 283	-20,0

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 2015 prices by type of building**

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
<b>2016</b>	January	3 872 315	-13,9	3 174 409	59,8	2 041 889	-19,6	9 088 613	0,7
	February	4 621 651	19,4	2 155 141	-32,1	2 013 630	-1,4	8 790 422	-3,3
	March	4 356 833	-5,7	2 404 417	11,6	2 092 955	3,9	8 854 205	0,7
	April	4 664 058	7,1	2 617 028	8,8	2 214 918	5,8	9 496 004	7,2
	May	3 951 725	-15,3	1 495 121	-42,9	2 139 309	-3,4	7 586 155	-20,1
	June	4 112 204	4,1	1 353 564	-9,5	2 263 341	5,8	7 729 110	1,9
	July	3 454 086	-16,0	1 245 688	-8,0	2 202 596	-2,7	6 902 370	-10,7
	August	3 813 424	10,4	1 675 693	34,5	1 860 850	-15,5	7 349 967	6,5
	September	4 135 930	8,5	2 337 855	39,5	2 158 651	16,0	8 632 436	17,4
	October	4 558 153	10,2	2 308 173	-1,3	2 413 138	11,8	9 279 464	7,5
	November	4 200 253	-7,9	2 529 970	9,6	2 053 060	-14,9	8 783 282	-5,3
	December	5 399 227	28,5	1 334 782	-47,2	2 204 935	7,4	8 938 945	1,8
<b>2017</b>	January	3 783 449	-29,9	1 576 950	18,1	2 126 923	-3,5	7 487 322	-16,2
	<b>Aug. – Oct. 16</b>	<b>12 507 507</b>		<b>6 321 721</b>		<b>6 432 639</b>		<b>25 261 867</b>	
	<b>Nov. 16 – Jan. 17 2/</b>	<b>13 382 929</b>	<b>7,0</b>	<b>5 441 702</b>	<b>-13,9</b>	<b>6 384 918</b>	<b>-0,7</b>	<b>25 209 549</b>	<b>-0,2</b>

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
<b>2016</b>	January	2 208 305	21,4	578 503	-26,4	651 330	29,8	3 438 138	10,7
	February	2 459 034	17,8	1 029 861	1,0	869 860	28,7	4 358 755	15,2
	March	2 523 781	-1,7	1 810 745	110,9	878 230	-14,4	5 212 756	17,1
	April	2 316 846	-11,2	2 113 528	189,3	822 389	-8,9	5 252 763	23,8
	May	3 275 280	5,0	1 819 266	87,9	913 420	14,6	6 007 966	23,0
	June	3 105 362	19,4	1 325 164	25,4	930 103	-5,5	5 360 629	15,5
	July	2 339 251	-11,2	1 150 587	5,0	705 601	-17,2	4 195 439	-8,5
	August	2 511 205	-11,3	1 205 852	-15,1	791 833	-2,8	4 508 890	-11,0
	September	3 647 566	21,5	1 326 114	-19,5	983 917	16,6	5 957 597	8,5
	October	3 050 481	13,5	928 259	-45,2	1 022 162	33,4	5 000 902	-2,9
	November	3 026 831	-11,9	1 682 124	-14,7	1 040 884	19,4	5 749 839	-8,4
	December	4 515 140	61,4	985 304	-32,0	873 119	14,2	6 373 563	27,2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>34 979 082</b>	<b>8,7</b>	<b>15 955 307</b>	<b>8,6</b>	<b>10 482 848</b>	<b>7,0</b>	<b>61 417 237</b>	<b>8,3</b>
<b>2017</b>	January	2 359 273	6,8	1 324 149	128,9	755 314	16,0	4 438 736	29,1

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
<b>2016</b>	January	2 952 156	11,1	578 503	-60,1	846 463	-7,0	4 377 122	-12,8
	February	2 733 867	-7,4	1 029 861	78,0	800 415	-5,4	4 564 144	4,3
	March	2 663 985	-2,6	1 810 745	75,8	820 430	2,5	5 295 160	16,0
	April	2 349 851	-11,8	2 113 528	16,7	740 228	-9,8	5 203 607	-1,7
	May	3 292 681	40,1	1 819 266	-13,9	928 541	25,4	6 040 489	16,1
	June	3 276 302	-0,5	1 325 164	-27,2	917 516	-1,2	5 518 982	-8,6
	July	2 263 202	-30,9	1 150 587	-13,2	715 959	-22,0	4 129 748	-25,2
	August	2 478 863	9,5	1 205 852	4,8	772 677	7,9	4 457 391	7,9
	September	3 314 344	33,7	1 326 114	10,0	952 894	23,3	5 593 352	25,5
	October	2 853 333	-13,9	928 259	-30,0	982 683	3,1	4 764 275	-14,8
	November	2 504 020	-12,2	1 682 124	81,2	1 015 245	3,3	5 201 389	9,2
	December	4 312 942	72,2	985 304	-41,4	1 030 904	1,5	6 329 150	21,7
<b>2017</b>	January	3 122 481	-27,6	1 324 149	34,4	977 754	-5,2	5 424 384	-14,3
	<b>Aug. – Oct. 16</b>	<b>8 646 540</b>		<b>3 460 225</b>		<b>2 708 254</b>		<b>14 815 018</b>	
	<b>Nov. 16 – Jan. 17 2/</b>	<b>9 939 443</b>	<b>15,0</b>	<b>3 991 577</b>	<b>15,4</b>	<b>3 023 903</b>	<b>11,7</b>	<b>16 954 923</b>	<b>14,4</b>

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
<b>2016</b>	January	2 160 768	17,1	566 050	-29,0	637 309	25,3	3 364 127	6,8
	February	2 357 655	11,1	987 403	-4,7	833 998	21,4	4 179 056	8,7
	March	2 412 793	-7,0	1 731 114	99,6	839 608	-19,0	4 983 515	10,8
	April	2 198 146	-16,0	2 005 245	173,6	780 255	-13,9	4 983 646	17,1
	May	3 098 657	-0,8	1 721 160	77,6	864 163	8,3	5 683 980	16,2
	June	2 907 642	12,2	1 240 790	17,7	870 883	-11,2	5 019 315	8,5
	July	2 184 175	-16,5	1 074 311	-1,3	658 824	-22,2	3 917 310	-13,9
	August	2 342 542	-17,0	1 124 862	-20,6	738 650	-9,0	4 206 054	-16,7
	September	3 393 085	13,3	1 233 594	-24,9	915 272	8,7	5 541 951	1,1
	October	2 829 760	6,2	861 094	-48,7	948 202	24,9	4 639 056	-9,1
	November	2 784 573	-18,2	1 547 492	-20,7	957 575	11,0	5 289 640	-14,9
	December	4 119 653	48,8	899 000	-37,3	796 641	5,2	5 815 294	17,2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>32 789 449</b>	<b>1,9</b>	<b>14 992 115</b>	<b>2,2</b>	<b>9 841 380</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>57 622 944</b>	<b>1,8</b>
<b>2017</b>	January	2 148 700	-0,6	1 205 964	113,0	687 900	7,9	4 042 564	20,2

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
<b>2016</b>	January	2 883 173	10,3	566 050	-60,5	822 217	-8,2	4 271 439	-13,6
	February	2 621 640	-9,1	987 403	74,4	766 909	-6,7	4 375 953	2,4
	March	2 549 975	-2,7	1 731 114	75,3	785 214	2,4	5 066 303	15,8
	April	2 245 350	-11,9	2 005 245	15,8	706 775	-10,0	4 957 371	-2,2
	May	3 128 476	39,3	1 721 160	-14,2	880 715	24,6	5 730 351	15,6
	June	3 064 181	-2,1	1 240 790	-27,9	863 190	-2,0	5 168 162	-9,8
	July	2 121 341	-30,8	1 074 311	-13,4	667 502	-22,7	3 863 154	-25,3
	August	2 315 118	9,1	1 124 862	4,7	723 396	8,4	4 163 377	7,8
	September	3 082 361	33,1	1 233 594	9,7	885 884	22,5	5 201 839	24,9
	October	2 640 655	-14,3	861 094	-30,2	910 237	2,7	4 411 986	-15,2
	November	2 293 195	-13,2	1 547 492	79,7	929 941	2,2	4 770 627	8,1
	December	3 908 102	70,4	899 000	-41,9	935 505	0,6	5 742 607	20,4
<b>2017</b>	January	2 839 397	-27,3	1 205 964	34,1	883 844	-5,5	4 929 204	-14,2
	<b>Aug. – Oct. 16</b>	<b>8 038 134</b>		<b>3 219 550</b>		<b>2 519 517</b>		<b>13 777 202</b>	
	<b>Nov. 16 – Jan. 17 2/</b>	<b>9 040 694</b>	<b>12,5</b>	<b>3 652 456</b>	<b>13,4</b>	<b>2 749 290</b>	<b>9,1</b>	<b>15 442 438</b>	<b>12,1</b>

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 378	1 224	722	-47,6
		square metres	64 942	57 368	35 962	-44,6
		R'000	275 921	295 547	213 982	-22,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 078	1 095	876	-18,7
		square metres	278 550	299 369	241 755	-13,2
		R'000	1 833 064	2 084 574	1 645 537	-10,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 180	2 557	1 582	34,1
		square metres	99 384	254 553	174 536	75,6
		R'000	739 705	2 278 675	1 288 602	74,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	11 350	1 153	2 641	-76,7
		R'000	127 333	8 100	13 326	-89,5
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 976 023</b>	<b>4 666 896</b>	<b>3 161 447</b>	<b>6,2</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	13 438	12 037	25 166	87,3
		R'000	91 440	124 677	241 003	163,6
	Shopping space	square metres	253 734	21 938	17 281	-93,2
		R'000	2 451 203	200 122	120 604	-95,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	76 099	137 124	204 831	169,2
		R'000	393 653	824 655	1 195 748	203,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	44 247	49 600	25 442	-42,5
		R'000	307 950	313 467	174 136	-43,5
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 244 246</b>	<b>1 462 921</b>	<b>1 731 491</b>	<b>-46,6</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	171 272	210 660	182 828	6,7
		R'000	1 095 974	1 504 928	1 236 990	12,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	49 513	39 387	56 144	13,4
		R'000	355 559	449 385	466 068	31,1
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 451 533</b>	<b>1 954 313</b>	<b>1 703 058</b>	<b>17,3</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>7 671 802</b>	<b>8 084 130</b>	<b>6 595 996</b>	<b>-14,0</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2016 and January 2017.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	336	645	394	17,3
		square metres	14 935	28 105	18 317	22,6
		R'000	85 662	158 730	116 716	36,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	252	350	247	-2,0
		square metres	59 665	83 981	62 103	4,1
		R'000	385 394	565 524	414 051	7,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	248	594	311	25,4
		square metres	31 126	73 060	31 219	0,3
		R'000	227 852	591 470	242 927	6,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	1 322	..
		R'000	0	0	6 610	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>698 908</b>	<b>1 315 724</b>	<b>780 304</b>	<b>11,6</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	2 650	1 217	..
		R'000	0	25 774	8 543	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	517	..
		R'000	0	0	2 585	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 975	65 276	14 520	108,2
		R'000	50 852	430 848	100 285	97,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	6 080	35 936	4 890	-19,6
		R'000	35 863	229 223	28 065	-21,7
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>86 715</b>	<b>685 845</b>	<b>139 478</b>	<b>60,8</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	47 377	60 339	48 961	3,3
		R'000	299 366	392 252	321 370	7,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	11 682	11 354	11 859	1,5
		R'000	92 227	134 640	125 275	35,8
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>391 593</b>	<b>526 892</b>	<b>446 645</b>	<b>14,1</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 177 216</b>	<b>2 528 461</b>	<b>1 366 427</b>	<b>16,1</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2016 and January 2017.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	78	61	5	-93,6
		square metres	4 390	3 473	261	-94,1
		R'000	25 783	19 290	1 599	-93,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	69	92	43	-37,7
		square metres	14 530	20 645	9 940	-31,6
		R'000	89 705	141 599	58 480	-34,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	10	12	22	120,0
		square metres	1 394	1 591	1 834	31,6
		R'000	6 000	10 337	8 425	40,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>121 488</b>	<b>171 226</b>	<b>68 504</b>	<b>-43,6</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	146	0	0	..
		R'000	710	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	1 000	0	299	-70,1
		R'000	4 000	0	1 196	-70,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	16 376	3 621	4 974	-69,6
		R'000	72 174	19 916	27 357	-62,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	420	328	1 039	147,4
		R'000	2 010	1 476	5 197	158,6
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>78 894</b>	<b>21 392</b>	<b>33 750</b>	<b>-57,2</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 245	17 097	14 267	0,2
		R'000	85 639	103 845	77 536	-9,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 723	2 070	1 905	-30,0
		R'000	8 659	10 045	16 346	88,8
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>94 298</b>	<b>113 890</b>	<b>93 882</b>	<b>-0,4</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>294 680</b>	<b>306 508</b>	<b>196 136</b>	<b>-33,4</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2016 and January 2017.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	1	0	..
		square metres	230	48	0	..
		R'000	1 380	312	0	..
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	13	16	22	69,2
		square metres	2 682	2 791	2 395	-10,7
		R'000	16 906	16 667	16 342	-3,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	26	0	0	..
		square metres	3 587	0	0	..
		R'000	20 900	0	0	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	390	..
		R'000	0	0	2 535	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>39 186</b>	<b>16 979</b>	<b>18 877</b>	<b>-51,8</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	226	0	..
		R'000	0	1 467	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	216	1 138	0	..
		R'000	1 296	7 398	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	347	..
		R'000	0	0	2 256	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 296</b>	<b>8 865</b>	<b>2 256</b>	<b>74,1</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 032	1 994	2 499	23,0
		R'000	12 199	14 101	17 149	40,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	439	0	..
		R'000	1 880	3 538	120	-93,6
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>14 079</b>	<b>17 639</b>	<b>17 269</b>	<b>22,7</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>54 561</b>	<b>43 483</b>	<b>38 402</b>	<b>-29,6</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2016 and January 2017.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	54	20	11	-79,6
		square metres	3 029	1 265	677	-77,6
		R'000	10 516	7 340	3 687	-64,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	51	65	60	17,6
		square metres	13 527	15 553	11 797	-12,8
		R'000	71 180	84 453	62 815	-11,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	12	36	..
		square metres	0	359	7 727	..
		R'000	0	2 513	51 306	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	134	1 153	0	..
		R'000	603	8 100	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>82 299</b>	<b>102 406</b>	<b>117 808</b>	<b>43,1</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	187	..
		R'000	0	0	1 496	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 037	2 538	..
		R'000	0	5 633	12 015	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	839	7 699	5 276	528,8
		R'000	3 776	37 502	25 011	562,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 598	342	0	..
		R'000	7 467	1 539	0	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>11 243</b>	<b>44 674</b>	<b>38 522</b>	<b>242,6</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 827	12 544	9 101	-7,4
		R'000	47 832	66 893	46 752	-2,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	681	223	661	-2,9
		R'000	5 195	5 335	5 397	3,9
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>53 027</b>	<b>72 228</b>	<b>52 149</b>	<b>-1,7</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>146 569</b>	<b>219 308</b>	<b>208 479</b>	<b>42,2</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2016 and January 2017.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	21	10	25	19,0
		square metres	1 270	671	1 506	18,6
		R'000	9 408	6 030	9 586	1,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	92	78	86	-6,5
		square metres	31 012	26 552	26 164	-15,6
		R'000	247 607	251 470	255 812	3,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	56	531	64	14,3
		square metres	10 643	61 441	8 156	-23,4
		R'000	92 493	583 218	67 771	-26,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	11 216	0	0	..
		R'000	126 730	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>476 238</b>	<b>840 718</b>	<b>333 169</b>	<b>-30,0</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	220	771	7 066	3 111,8
		R'000	771	8 096	52 119	6 659,9
	Shopping space	square metres	198 504	18 913	0	..
		R'000	1 980 915	182 177	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	13 567	38 795	18 165	33,9
		R'000	69 184	227 017	115 768	67,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	731	2 999	913	24,9
		R'000	3 290	21 133	6 391	94,3
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 054 160</b>	<b>438 423</b>	<b>174 278</b>	<b>-91,5</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	20 379	30 866	26 251	28,8
		R'000	183 049	304 756	243 072	32,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	25 804	8 975	18 360	-28,8
		R'000	186 175	114 080	155 387	-16,5
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>369 224</b>	<b>418 836</b>	<b>398 459</b>	<b>7,9</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 899 622</b>	<b>1 697 977</b>	<b>905 906</b>	<b>-68,8</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2016 and January 2017.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	2	5	-50,0
		square metres	686	130	296	-56,9
		R'000	3 091	780	1 297	-58,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	59	46	60	1,7
		square metres	14 601	11 455	15 651	7,2
		R'000	74 828	56 227	87 281	16,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	34	55	738	2 070,6
		square metres	2 260	5 623	74 660	3 203,5
		R'000	9 492	26 243	446 400	4 602,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>87 411</b>	<b>83 250</b>	<b>534 978</b>	<b>512,0</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	620	0	..
		R'000	0	3 100	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	733	..
		R'000	0	0	3 299	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 529	1 771	2 518	-28,6
		R'000	19 355	9 919	10 205	-47,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	852	2 456	283	-66,8
		R'000	4 686	12 158	1 274	-72,8
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>24 041</b>	<b>25 177</b>	<b>14 778</b>	<b>-38,5</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 716	8 371	8 118	-16,4
		R'000	44 893	44 286	39 164	-12,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 087	1 261	41	-96,2
		R'000	5 497	15 621	845	-84,6
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>50 390</b>	<b>59 907</b>	<b>40 009</b>	<b>-20,6</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>161 842</b>	<b>168 334</b>	<b>589 765</b>	<b>264,4</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2016 and January 2017.

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

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

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



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

			Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	602	414	197	-67,3
		square metres	26 961	19 934	10 429	-61,3
		R'000	83 024	85 140	61 844	-25,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	380	333	238	-37,4
		square metres	103 637	105 438	80 866	-22,0
		R'000	736 281	811 586	590 324	-19,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	806	1 347	383	-52,5
		square metres	50 374	111 998	47 870	-5,0
		R'000	382 968	1 062 958	456 788	19,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 202 273</b>	<b>1 959 684</b>	<b>1 108 956</b>	<b>-7,8</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	8 980	7 770	15 706	74,9
		R'000	68 420	86 240	174 321	154,8
	Shopping space	square metres	51 503	978	8 776	-83,0
		R'000	447 747	7 325	81 073	-81,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	27 662	16 904	155 726	463,0
		R'000	145 607	83 415	900 415	518,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	31 533	3 705	14 229	-54,9
		R'000	240 892	29 070	112 499	-53,3
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>902 666</b>	<b>206 050</b>	<b>1 268 308</b>	<b>40,5</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	49 697	69 514	60 326	21,4
		R'000	337 341	533 742	429 906	27,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	6 988	12 371	21 803	212,0
		R'000	46 778	132 278	150 982	222,8
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>384 119</b>	<b>666 020</b>	<b>580 888</b>	<b>51,2</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 489 058</b>	<b>2 831 754</b>	<b>2 958 152</b>	<b>18,8</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2016 and January 2017.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	264	35	80	-69,7
		square metres	12 804	1 617	4 139	-67,7
		R'000	53 872	7 300	17 568	-67,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	124	90	58	-53,2
		square metres	27 334	24 387	16 156	-40,9
		R'000	155 162	115 483	72 748	-53,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	11	..
		square metres	0	0	1 253	..
		R'000	0	0	5 745	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	929	..
		R'000	0	0	4 181	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>209 034</b>	<b>122 783</b>	<b>100 242</b>	<b>-52,0</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	4 092	0	0	..
		R'000	21 539	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	2 727	787	4 230	55,1
		R'000	18 541	3 985	19 458	4,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 878	1 920	1 499	-74,5
		R'000	26 939	8 640	6 895	-74,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 772	3 306	502	-81,9
		R'000	12 751	16 228	2 259	-82,3
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>79 770</b>	<b>28 853</b>	<b>28 612</b>	<b>-64,1</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 477	7 868	7 616	-43,5
		R'000	64 313	34 928	34 037	-47,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	2 642	1 515	..
		R'000	4 565	32 088	8 216	80,0
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>68 878</b>	<b>67 016</b>	<b>42 253</b>	<b>-38,7</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>357 682</b>	<b>218 652</b>	<b>171 107</b>	<b>-52,2</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2016 and January 2017.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	36	5	-50,0
		square metres	637	2 125	337	-47,1
		R'000	3 185	10 625	1 685	-47,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	38	25	62	63,2
		square metres	11 562	8 567	16 683	44,3
		R'000	56 001	41 565	87 684	56,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	6	17	..
		square metres	0	481	1 817	..
		R'000	0	1 936	9 240	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>59 186</b>	<b>54 126</b>	<b>98 609</b>	<b>66,6</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	990	..
		R'000	0	0	4 524	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	223	188	..
		R'000	0	1 002	978	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 057	0	2 153	103,7
		R'000	4 470	0	9 812	119,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	261	528	3 239	1 141,0
		R'000	991	2 640	16 195	1 534,2
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>5 461</b>	<b>3 642</b>	<b>31 509</b>	<b>477,0</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 522	2 067	5 689	25,8
		R'000	21 342	10 125	28 004	31,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	548	52	0	-100,0
		R'000	4 583	1 760	3 500	-23,6
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>25 925</b>	<b>11 885</b>	<b>31 504</b>	<b>21,5</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>90 572</b>	<b>69 653</b>	<b>161 622</b>	<b>78,4</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2016 and January 2017.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	984	1 428	536	-45,5
		square metres	45 943	70 479	27 173	-40,9
		R'000	175 760	311 930	134 470	-23,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	719	1 110	597	-17,0
		square metres	173 742	338 312	189 925	9,3
		R'000	1 148 091	2 446 220	1 427 457	24,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 000	2 161	838	-16,2
		square metres	101 504	210 312	74 107	-27,0
		R'000	867 406	1 681 210	654 455	-24,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	3 316	14 060	13 705	313,3
		R'000	17 048	75 780	142 891	738,2
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 208 305</b>	<b>4 515 140</b>	<b>2 359 273</b>	<b>6,8</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	26 678	17 584	77 451	190,3
		R'000	253 839	129 840	827 093	225,8
	Shopping space	square metres	13 300	34 365	10 104	-24,0
		R'000	93 680	289 000	61 917	-33,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	38 083	68 511	73 626	93,3
		R'000	199 942	401 412	391 471	95,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	5 782	28 058	6 928	19,8
		R'000	31 042	165 052	43 668	40,7
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>578 503</b>	<b>985 304</b>	<b>1 324 149</b>	<b>128,9</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	73 053	83 779	71 485	-2,1
		R'000	430 709	553 593	449 314	4,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	23 159	36 825	31 324	35,3
		R'000	220 621	319 526	306 000	38,7
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>651 330</b>	<b>873 119</b>	<b>755 314</b>	<b>16,0</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 438 138</b>	<b>6 373 563</b>	<b>4 438 736</b>	<b>29,1</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2016 and January 2017.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	238	513	306	28,6
		square metres	10 451	21 524	14 751	41,1
		R'000	52 778	114 293	76 801	45,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	173	333	123	-28,9
		square metres	41 105	80 390	30 936	-24,7
		R'000	247 757	504 785	198 188	-20,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	110	857	61	-44,5
		square metres	12 962	63 387	8 511	-34,3
		R'000	101 721	471 320	58 409	-42,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	12 798	378	..
		R'000	0	67 635	1 702	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>402 256</b>	<b>1 158 033</b>	<b>335 100</b>	<b>-16,7</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	9 233	7 445	..
		R'000	0	58 489	53 442	..
	Shopping space	square metres	6 612	5 774	1 666	-74,8
		R'000	51 806	27 138	9 638	-81,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 902	26 545	12 041	314,9
		R'000	17 052	161 709	78 479	360,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 746	18 953	497	-71,5
		R'000	7 685	91 939	2 739	-64,4
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>76 543</b>	<b>339 275</b>	<b>144 298</b>	<b>88,5</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	30 923	37 475	34 045	10,1
		R'000	148 111	214 999	185 693	25,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	9 810	15 363	10 083	2,8
		R'000	99 666	138 183	126 779	27,2
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>247 777</b>	<b>353 182</b>	<b>312 472</b>	<b>26,1</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>726 576</b>	<b>1 850 490</b>	<b>791 870</b>	<b>9,0</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2016 and January 2017.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	17	11	10	-41,2
		square metres	1 043	571	585	-43,9
		R'000	5 920	2 295	3 282	-44,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	22	32	30	36,4
		square metres	3 867	8 163	7 358	90,3
		R'000	19 933	45 204	37 853	89,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	37	20	12	-67,6
		square metres	3 559	1 670	898	-74,8
		R'000	21 914	11 287	5 063	-76,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>47 767</b>	<b>58 786</b>	<b>46 198</b>	<b>-3,3</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 780	0	140	-92,1
		R'000	7 346	0	560	-92,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>7 346</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>-92,4</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 369	4 459	5 154	117,6
		R'000	10 726	21 261	24 987	133,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	614	2 760	404	-34,2
		R'000	2 881	13 771	2 260	-21,6
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>13 607</b>	<b>35 032</b>	<b>27 247</b>	<b>100,2</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>68 720</b>	<b>93 818</b>	<b>74 005</b>	<b>7,7</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2016 and January 2017.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	% 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	4	0	10	150,0
		square metres	660	0	2 216	235,8
		R'000	3 276	0	15 192	363,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	935	..
		R'000	0	0	5 512	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 276</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20 704</b>	<b>532,0</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	320	0	..
		R'000	0	1 920	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	170	0	..
		R'000	0	1 105	0	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3 025</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>..</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 799	746	1 095	-71,2
		R'000	26 314	4 844	7 618	-71,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	344	1 483	..
		R'000	90	5 004	13 204	14 571,1
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>26 404</b>	<b>9 848</b>	<b>20 822</b>	<b>-21,1</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>29 680</b>	<b>12 873</b>	<b>41 526</b>	<b>39,9</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2016 and January 2017.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	88	43	4 200,0
		square metres	57	5 294	2 541	4 357,9
		R'000	105	29 100	13 778	13 021,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	8	21	7	-12,5
		square metres	1 747	2 383	1 117	-36,1
		R'000	8 462	12 999	6 290	-25,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	3	0	0	..
		square metres	364	0	0	..
		R'000	2 548	0	0	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	105	0	0	..
		R'000	525	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>11 640</b>	<b>42 099</b>	<b>20 068</b>	<b>72,4</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	3 591	0	0	..
		R'000	25 137	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	10 964	0	1 230	-88,8
		R'000	49 339	0	6 765	-86,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>74 476</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6 765</b>	<b>-90,9</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 305	1 039	528	-59,5
		R'000	5 873	4 898	2 882	-50,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 040	356	132	-87,3
		R'000	8 785	2 229	1 002	-88,6
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>14 658</b>	<b>7 127</b>	<b>3 884</b>	<b>-73,5</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>100 774</b>	<b>49 226</b>	<b>30 717</b>	<b>-69,5</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2016 and January 2017.

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

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

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



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

			Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	26	8	0	..
		square metres	1 457	410	0	..
		R'000	13 973	2 041	0	..
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	46	66	50	8,7
		square metres	12 139	21 101	14 808	22,0
		R'000	103 340	187 320	135 939	31,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	31	20	86	177,4
		square metres	4 579	5 443	8 183	78,7
		R'000	31 331	48 295	77 133	146,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 833	0	11 467	304,8
		R'000	14 165	0	129 566	814,7
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>162 809</b>	<b>237 656</b>	<b>342 638</b>	<b>110,5</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	15 316	0	0	..
		R'000	153 160	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	595	11 687	1 444	142,7
		R'000	2 678	122 714	15 162	466,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	3 474	17 544	..
		R'000	0	19 456	98 090	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	684	..
		R'000	0	0	5 267	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>155 838</b>	<b>142 170</b>	<b>118 519</b>	<b>-23,9</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 485	8 784	8 832	-23,1
		R'000	96 748	82 780	80 888	-16,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 101	2 931	7 447	81,6
		R'000	30 783	37 664	60 182	95,5
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>127 531</b>	<b>120 444</b>	<b>141 070</b>	<b>10,6</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>446 178</b>	<b>500 270</b>	<b>602 227</b>	<b>35,0</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2016 and January 2017.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	17	21	10	-41,2
		square metres	1 077	1 240	623	-42,2
		R'000	3 966	4 960	2 726	-31,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	81	35	32	-60,5
		square metres	12 145	7 493	7 177	-40,9
		R'000	55 647	40 791	36 269	-34,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	71	126	31	-56,3
		square metres	9 088	7 069	2 688	-70,4
		R'000	43 269	43 108	13 777	-68,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>102 882</b>	<b>88 859</b>	<b>52 772</b>	<b>-48,7</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	997	0	812	-18,6
		R'000	4 487	0	4 415	-1,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	1 574	..
		R'000	0	0	7 084	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	874	0	0	..
		R'000	3 978	0	0	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>8 465</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11 499</b>	<b>35,8</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	797	294	351	-56,0
		R'000	3 201	1 232	1 552	-51,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 678	245	50	-97,0
		R'000	7 551	2 220	1 086	-85,6
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>10 752</b>	<b>3 452</b>	<b>2 638</b>	<b>-75,5</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>122 099</b>	<b>92 311</b>	<b>66 909</b>	<b>-45,2</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2016 and January 2017.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	586	702	103	-82,4
		square metres	26 706	37 219	5 695	-78,7
		R'000	78 857	143 392	28 515	-63,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	300	518	314	4,7
		square metres	80 935	195 209	116 950	44,5
		R'000	616 724	1 546 898	954 472	54,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	724	1 122	636	-12,2
		square metres	68 560	130 356	52 585	-23,3
		R'000	655 071	1 095 265	494 360	-24,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	378	1 262	925	144,7
		R'000	2 358	8 145	6 111	159,2
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 353 010</b>	<b>2 793 700</b>	<b>1 483 458</b>	<b>9,6</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	10 271	8 351	69 728	578,9
		R'000	95 465	71 351	772 261	708,9
	Shopping space	square metres	718	13 944	724	0,8
		R'000	6 031	126 666	6 757	12,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	18 308	35 732	29 145	59,2
		R'000	108 765	208 545	144 876	33,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 162	8 935	3 775	19,4
		R'000	19 379	72 008	25 799	33,1
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>229 640</b>	<b>478 570</b>	<b>949 693</b>	<b>313,6</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	16 962	25 362	16 955	0,0
		R'000	117 369	200 432	126 297	7,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 184	13 174	10 275	145,6
		R'000	60 482	105 896	92 714	53,3
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>177 851</b>	<b>306 328</b>	<b>219 011</b>	<b>23,1</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 760 501</b>	<b>3 578 598</b>	<b>2 652 162</b>	<b>50,6</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2016 and January 2017.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	89	73	54	-39,3
		square metres	4 620	3 464	2 420	-47,6
		R'000	17 501	12 137	6 578	-62,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	69	80	22	-68,1
		square metres	16 937	17 604	6 331	-62,6
		R'000	74 374	78 256	28 260	-62,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	9	0	12	33,3
		square metres	814	0	1 242	52,6
		R'000	3 662	0	5 713	56,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>95 537</b>	<b>90 393</b>	<b>40 551</b>	<b>-57,6</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	599	0	0	..
		R'000	2 754	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	787	2 640	5 300	573,4
		R'000	3 541	10 562	25 155	610,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 669	1 959	8 286	125,8
		R'000	15 370	8 479	37 287	142,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	1 972	..
		R'000	0	0	9 863	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>21 665</b>	<b>19 041</b>	<b>72 305</b>	<b>233,7</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 114	5 222	4 223	-17,4
		R'000	20 952	21 157	17 936	-14,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 732	1 281	1 292	-25,4
		R'000	7 383	12 918	6 483	-12,2
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>28 335</b>	<b>34 075</b>	<b>24 419</b>	<b>-13,8</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>145 537</b>	<b>143 509</b>	<b>137 275</b>	<b>-5,7</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2016 and January 2017.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	12	10	0,0
		square metres	532	757	558	4,9
		R'000	2 660	3 712	2 790	4,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	16	25	9	-43,8
		square metres	4 207	5 969	3 032	-27,9
		R'000	18 578	29 967	14 994	-19,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	15	16	0	..
		square metres	1 578	2 387	0	..
		R'000	7 890	11 935	0	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>29 128</b>	<b>45 614</b>	<b>17 784</b>	<b>-38,9</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	492	0	278	-43,5
		R'000	2 460	0	1 390	-43,5
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	158	..
		R'000	0	0	790	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	460	801	3 666	697,0
		R'000	2 070	3 223	18 330	785,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>4 530</b>	<b>3 223</b>	<b>20 510</b>	<b>352,8</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	299	398	302	1,0
		R'000	1 415	1 990	1 461	3,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	371	158	
		R'000	3 000	1 641	2 290	-23,7
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>4 415</b>	<b>3 631</b>	<b>3 751</b>	<b>-15,0</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>38 073</b>	<b>52 468</b>	<b>42 045</b>	<b>10,4</b>

1/ The percentage change between January 2016 and January 2017.

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

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

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

## Explanatory notes

<b>Introduction</b>	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
	2	In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
<b>Purpose of the survey</b>	3	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
<b>Scope of the survey</b>	4	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• passing of building plans; and</li> <li>• final inspection of completed buildings.</li> </ul>
<b>Classification</b>	5	Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> , (SIC) <i>Fifth Edition</i> , Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
<b>Collection rate</b>	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for January 2017 was 95,5%. The improved collection rate for December 2016 was 95,5%.
<b>Statistical unit</b>	7	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
<b>Survey methodology and design</b>	8	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.
<b>Constant prices</b>	9	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2015. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: <i>Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP) Work Groups and Selected Materials Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2016=100) are converted to the base year 2015=100.

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| <b>Seasonal adjustment</b>     | <p><b>10</b> Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by US Bureau of the Census Economic Research and Analyses Division, 1968.</p> <p><b>11</b> 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 <a href="#">Click to download building statistics seasonal adjustment May 2016.pdf</a></p> |
| <b>Trend cycle</b>             | <p><b>12</b> The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Revised figures</b>         | <p><b>13</b> Revised figures are due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or to respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. Figures for the latest two years are therefore preliminary. Data are edited at municipal level.</p> <p><b>14</b> Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> is published with the revised and updated information at provincial and municipal level for the previous calendar year. Due to this comprehensive revision, the monthly statistical release P5041.1 reflects provincial revision where applicable.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Related publications</b>    | <p><b>15</b> Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P5041.3: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> issued annually.</li> <li>• P9101.2: <i>Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region</i> issued annually.</li> <li>• <i>Building Statistics</i> (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Rounding-off of figures</b> | <p><b>16</b> Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

**Symbols and  
abbreviations**

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



## Glossary

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

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

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