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Results for January to July 2016

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

Estimates at current prices	January to July 2015 1/	January to July 2016 1/	Difference in value between January to July 2015 and January to July 2016	% change between January to July 2015 and January to July 2016
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	28 859 024	29 917 037	1 058 013	3,7
-Dwelling-houses	19 372 537	18 979 217	-393 320	-2,0
-Flats and townhouses	8 740 909	9 703 101	962 192	11,0
-Other residential buildings	745 578	1 234 719	489 141	65,6
Non-residential buildings	16 369 143	15 016 503	-1 352 640	-8,3
Additions and alterations	15 276 552	15 151 884	-124 668	-0,8
Total	60 504 719	60 085 424	-419 295	-0,7

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) decreased by 0,7% (-R419,3 million) during January to July 2016 compared with January to July 2015.

Non-residential buildings fell by 8,3% (-R1 352,6 million), while residential buildings rose by 3,7% (R1 058,0 million) – see Table A.

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

Estimates at current prices	January to July 2015 1/	January to July 2016 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to July 2015	% change between January to July 2015 and January to July 2016	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January to July 2015 and January to July 2016	Difference in value between January to July 2015 and January to July 2016
	R'000	R'000			2/	R'000
Western Cape	14 594 031	16 120 070	24,1	10,5	2,5	1 526 039
Eastern Cape	3 268 000	2 490 576	5,4	-23,8	-1,3	-777 424
Northern Cape	372 966	571 975	0,6	53,4	0,3	199 009
Free State	2 375 850	1 992 186	3,9	-16,1	-0,6	-383 664
KwaZulu-Natal	9 309 596	11 739 670	15,4	26,1	4,0	2 430 074
North West	1 927 212	1 627 632	3,2	-15,5	-0,5	-299 580
Gauteng	24 721 666	22 194 858	40,9	-10,2	-4,2	-2 526 808
Mpumalanga	2 642 315	2 373 626	4,4	-10,2	-0,4	-268 689
Limpopo	1 293 083	974 831	2,1	-24,6	-0,5	-318 252
Total	60 504 719	60 085 424	100,0	-0,7	-0,7	-419 295

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

The largest negative contribution to the total decrease of 0,7% (-R419,3 million) was made by Gauteng (contributing -4,2 percentage points or -R2 526,8 million). The largest positive contribution was made by KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 4,0 percentage points or R2 430,1 million) – see Table B.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to July 2015	January to July 2016	Difference in value between January to July 2015 and January to July 2016	% change between January to July 2015 and January to July 2016
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	28 984 056	28 419 264	-564 792	-1,9
Non-residential buildings	16 405 776	14 343 097	-2 062 679	-12,6
Additions and alterations	15 343 931	14 381 299	-962 632	-6,3
Total	60 733 763	57 143 660	-3 590 103	-5,9

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 2015 prices) decreased by 5,9% (-R3 590,1 million) year-on-year during January to July 2016. Non-residential buildings fell by 12,6% (-R2 062,7 million) – see Table C.

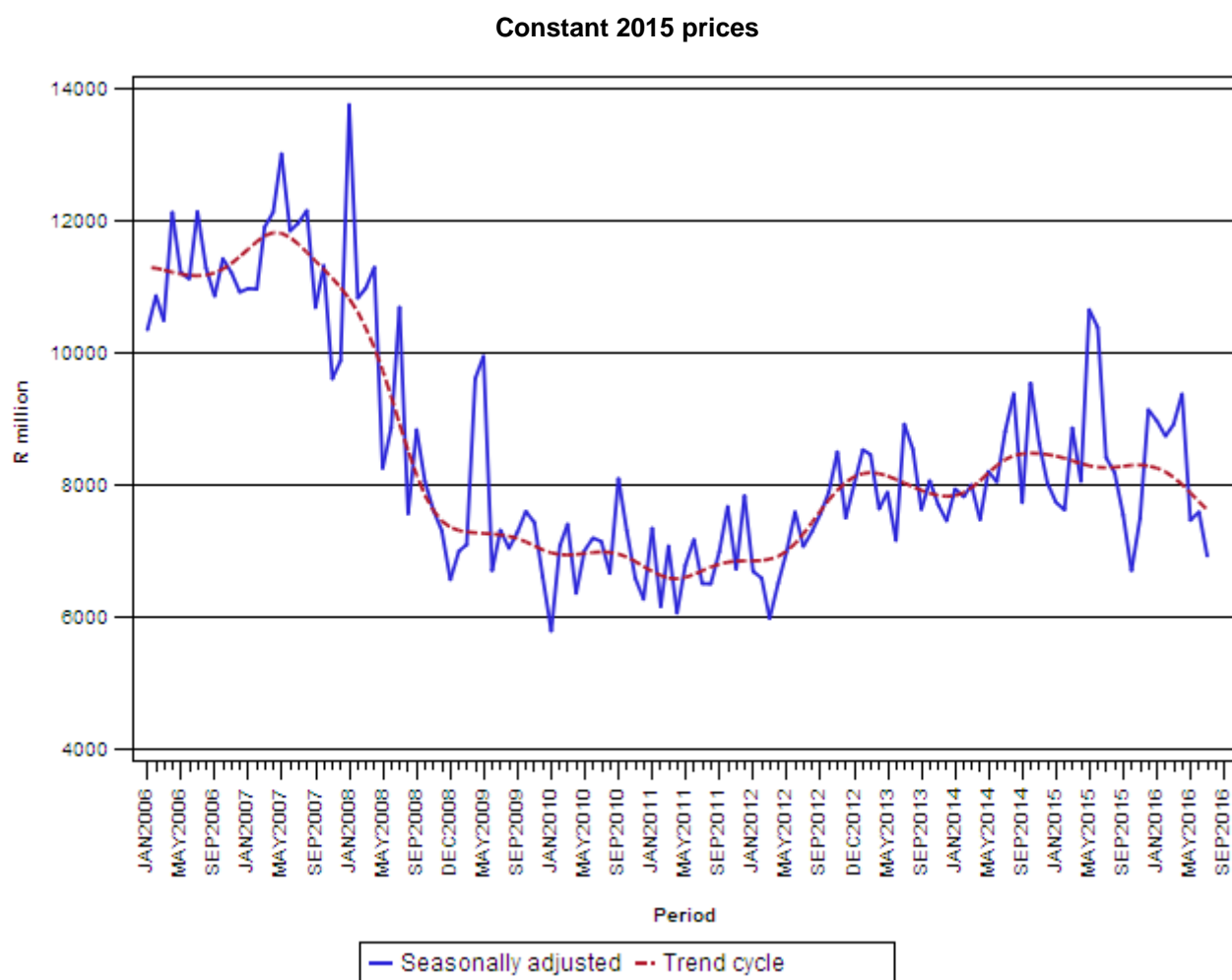
Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	February to April 2016	May to July 2016	% change between February to April 2016 and May to July 2016
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	13 589 534	11 350 375	-16,5
Non-residential buildings 1/	7 158 705	4 009 983	-44,0
Additions and alterations	6 304 571	6 642 982	5,4
Total	27 052 810	22 003 340	-18,7

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed decreased by 18,7% in the three months ended July 2016 compared with the previous three months – see Table D.

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

**Table E – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices:
January to July 2015 versus January to July 2016**

Estimates at current prices	January to July 2015 1/	January to July 2016 1/	Difference in value between January to July 2015 and January to July 2016	% change between January to July 2015 and January to July 2016
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	17 437 503	18 194 243	756 740	4,3
-Dwelling-houses	13 048 656	12 719 499	-329 157	-2,5
-Flats and townhouses	4 027 647	5 317 731	1 290 084	32,0
-Other residential buildings	361 200	157 013	-204 187	-56,5
Non-residential buildings	6 515 846	9 792 709	3 276 863	50,3
Additions and alterations	5 740 334	5 770 380	30 046	0,5
Total	29 693 683	33 757 332	4 063 649	13,7

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 13,7% (R4 063,6 million) during January to July 2016 compared with January to July 2015. Non-residential buildings rose by 50,3% (R3 276,9 million) – see Table E. There were large year-on-year increases in completions of non-residential buildings in KwaZulu-Natal (R1 835,0 million) and Gauteng (R1 571,9 million) – see Tables 24 and 26, pages 32 and 34.

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

Estimates at current prices	January to July 2015 1/	January to July 2016 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to July 2015	% change between January to July 2015 and January to July 2016	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January to July 2015 and January to July 2016 2/	Difference in value between January to July 2015 and January to July 2016
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	8 031 892	8 631 196	27,0	7,5	2,0	599 304
Eastern Cape	1 148 328	744 573	3,9	-35,2	-1,4	-403 755
Northern Cape	297 338	286 934	1,0	-3,5	0,0	-10 404
Free State	782 379	1 041 904	2,6	33,2	0,9	259 525
KwaZulu-Natal	4 070 088	5 832 252	13,7	43,3	5,9	1 762 164
North West	1 132 516	1 344 224	3,8	18,7	0,7	211 708
Gauteng	12 625 305	14 318 186	42,5	13,4	5,7	1 692 881
Mpumalanga	1 207 719	1 192 085	4,1	-1,3	-0,1	-15 634
Limpopo	398 118	365 978	1,3	-8,1	-0,1	-32 140
Total	29 693 683	33 757 332	100,0	13,7	13,7	4 063 649

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

Five provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to July 2016. The largest contributions were recorded for KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 5,9 percentage points or R1 762,2 million), Gauteng (contributing 5,7 percentage points or R1 692,9 million) and Western Cape (contributing 2,0 percentage points or R599,3 million) – see Table F.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to July 2015 1/	January to July 2016 1/	Difference in value between January to July 2015 and January to July 2016	% change between January to July 2015 and January to July 2016
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	17 508 089	17 289 134	-218 955	-1,3
Non-residential buildings	6 544 645	9 293 221	2 748 576	42,0
Additions and alterations	5 763 455	5 484 720	-278 735	-4,8
Total	29 816 189	32 067 075	2 250 886	7,5

1/ 2015 and 2016 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2015 prices) increased by 7,5% (R2 250,9 million) year-on-year during January to July 2016. Non-residential buildings rose by 42,0% (R2 748,6 million) – see Table G. There were large year-on-year increases in completions of non-residential buildings in KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng – see Tables 24 and 26, pages 32 and 34.

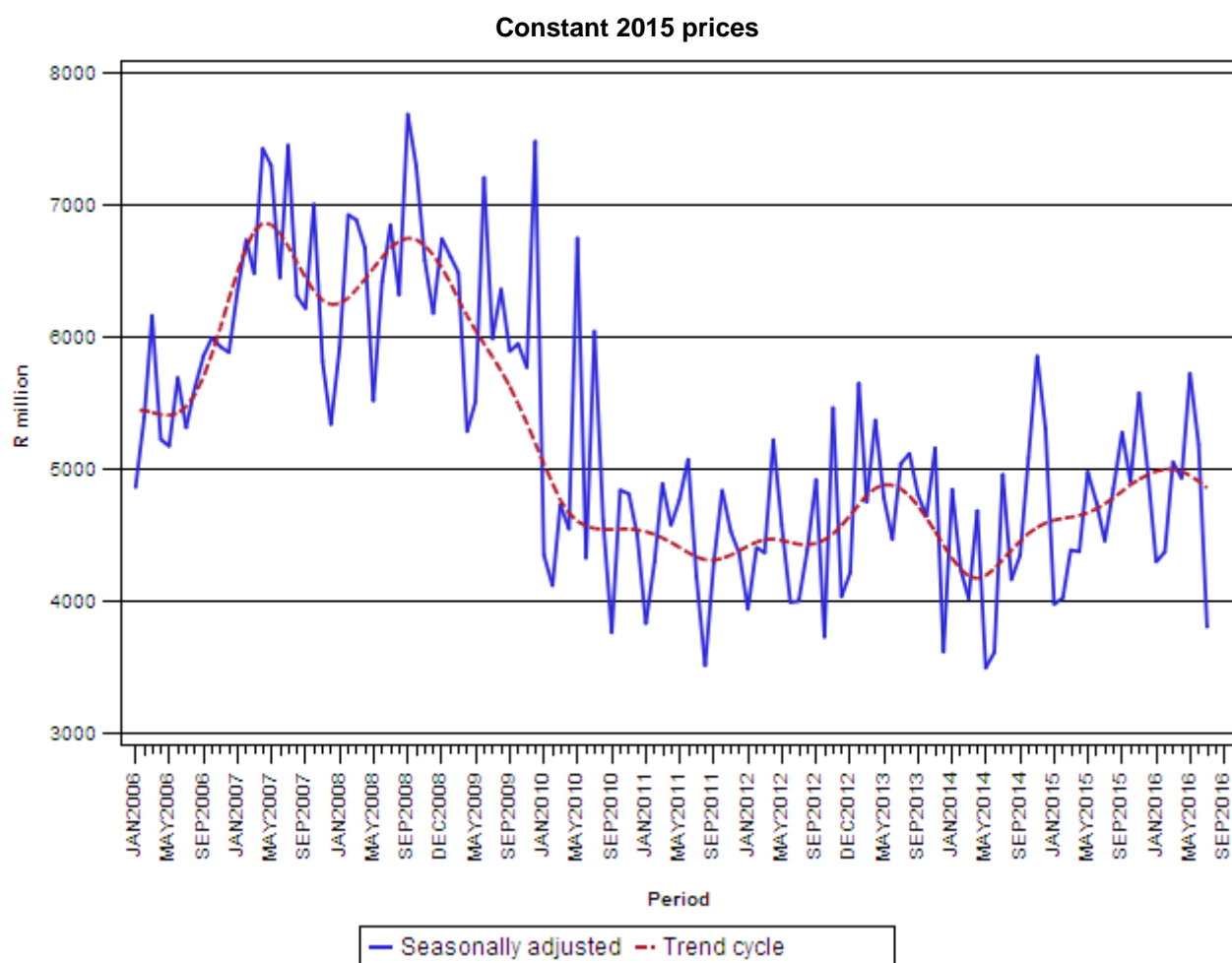
Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	February to April 2016	May to July 2016	% change between February to April 2016 and May to July 2016
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	7 392 520	8 333 898	12,7
Non-residential buildings 1/	4 723 762	4 003 409	-15,2
Additions and alterations	2 249 744	2 386 421	6,1
Total	14 366 025	14 723 729	2,5

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 2,5% in the three months ended July 2016 compared with the previous three months. Residential buildings rose by 12,7%, while non-residential buildings fell by 15,2% – 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	687 316	-48,9	1 669 101	8,7	5 767 774	-5,7
	February	3 825 309	17,1	1 310 712	-36,2	2 328 241	13,2	7 464 262	1,2
	March	4 171 252	20,3	2 150 503	-5,5	2 254 077	15,4	8 575 832	11,4
	April	4 231 730	38,5	1 939 405	12,3	1 979 962	0,2	8 151 097	20,6
	May	4 217 439	2,6	4 243 106	115,3	2 175 725	13,7	10 636 270	33,0
	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	2 066 047	-31,6	2 655 555	15,4	9 208 304	-1,5
	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	24 139 524	-3,3	26 433 981	4,2	100 300 334	3,7
2016	January	2 849 293	-16,5	3 244 246	372,0	1 451 533	-13,0	7 545 072	30,8
	February	4 592 411	20,1	2 247 812	71,5	2 125 304	-8,7	8 965 527	20,1
	March	4 537 940	8,8	2 515 020	17,0	2 056 047	-8,8	9 109 007	6,2
	April	5 000 890	18,2	2 739 501	41,3	2 373 049	19,9	10 113 440	24,1
	May	4 211 149	-0,1	1 580 343	-62,8	2 243 112	3,1	8 034 604	-24,5
	June	4 985 715	10,4	1 355 449	-65,9	2 410 358	8,9	8 751 522	-18,2
	July	3 739 639	-16,7	1 334 132	-35,4	2 492 481	-6,1	7 566 252	-17,8

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 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	4 691 005	20,4	687 316	-63,3	2 329 724	5,2	7 708 045	-3,5
	February	4 112 667	-12,3	1 310 712	90,7	2 330 074	0,0	7 753 453	0,6
	March	4 305 990	4,7	2 150 503	64,1	2 409 346	3,4	8 865 839	14,3
	April	4 131 861	-4,0	1 939 405	-9,8	1 930 349	-19,9	8 001 614	-9,7
	May	4 122 894	-0,2	4 243 106	118,8	2 334 322	20,9	10 700 322	33,7
	June	4 223 220	2,4	3 972 054	-6,4	2 189 142	-6,2	10 384 416	-3,0
	July	4 093 279	-3,1	2 066 047	-48,0	2 329 710	6,4	8 489 037	-18,3
	August	4 177 642	2,1	1 850 190	-10,4	2 202 008	-5,5	8 229 840	-3,1
	September	4 226 979	1,2	1 509 865	-18,4	1 861 272	-15,5	7 598 116	-7,7
	October	3 424 982	-19,0	1 126 314	-25,4	2 182 553	17,3	6 733 849	-11,4
	November	4 459 351	30,2	1 277 790	13,4	1 952 328	-10,5	7 689 469	14,2
	December	4 798 013	7,6	2 006 222	57,0	2 598 587	33,1	9 402 822	22,3
2016	January	3 939 777	-17,9	3 244 246	61,7	2 094 410	-19,4	9 278 433	-1,3
	February	4 352 121	10,5	2 247 812	-30,7	2 099 862	0,3	8 699 795	-6,2
	March	4 570 904	5,0	2 515 020	11,9	2 179 628	3,8	9 265 552	6,5
	April	4 827 704	5,6	2 739 501	8,9	2 320 054	6,4	9 887 259	6,7
	May	4 096 473	-15,1	1 580 343	-42,3	2 266 765	-2,3	7 943 581	-19,7
	June	4 434 764	8,3	1 355 449	-14,2	2 423 831	6,9	8 214 044	3,4
	July	3 705 407	-16,4	1 334 132	-1,6	2 362 479	-2,5	7 402 017	-9,9
	Feb. – Apr. 16	13 750 729		7 502 333		6 599 544		27 852 606	
	May – Jul. 16 2/	12 236 644	-11,0	4 269 924	-43,1	7 053 075	6,9	23 559 642	-15,4

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 2015 prices by type of building

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2015	January	3 459 794	-0,1	697 075	-51,6	1 692 800	3,0	5 849 669	-10,7
	February	3 887 509	12,8	1 332 024	-38,5	2 366 099	9,1	7 585 632	-2,5
	March	4 213 386	16,4	2 172 225	-8,5	2 276 845	11,7	8 662 456	7,8
	April	4 244 463	33,1	1 945 241	7,9	1 985 920	-3,8	8 175 624	15,9
	May	4 221 661	-1,3	4 247 353	107,2	2 177 903	9,4	10 646 917	28,0
	June	4 501 730	11,2	3 960 173	88,1	2 207 269	11,2	10 669 172	31,1
	July	4 455 513	7,7	2 051 685	-33,8	2 637 095	11,7	9 144 293	-4,7
	August	4 242 366	-12,9	1 844 656	-17,6	2 285 725	-13,9	8 372 747	-14,2
	September	4 692 610	9,7	1 506 851	14,0	2 244 064	-16,2	8 443 525	2,0
	October	3 874 687	-27,6	1 116 268	-64,1	2 286 059	-3,5	7 277 014	-32,8
	November	4 243 439	0,4	1 265 139	-41,2	2 116 987	-8,8	7 625 565	-12,3
	December	3 678 500	22,2	1 986 358	4,1	2 150 004	12,4	7 814 862	14,4
	Total	49 715 658	3,7	24 125 048	-6,4	26 426 770	0,9	100 267 476	0,4
2016	January	2 787 958	-19,4	3 174 409	355,4	1 420 287	-16,1	7 382 654	26,2
	February	4 403 079	13,3	2 155 141	61,8	2 037 684	-13,9	8 595 904	13,3
	March	4 338 375	3,0	2 404 417	10,7	1 965 628	-13,7	8 708 420	0,5
	April	4 744 677	11,8	2 599 147	33,6	2 251 470	13,4	9 595 294	17,4
	May	3 984 058	-5,6	1 495 121	-64,8	2 122 149	-2,6	7 601 328	-28,6
	June	4 672 648	3,8	1 270 336	-67,9	2 259 005	2,3	8 201 989	-23,1
	July	3 488 469	-21,7	1 244 526	-39,3	2 325 076	-11,8	7 058 071	-22,8

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2015	January	4 695 825	20,8	697 075	-63,5	2 349 997	4,9	7 742 897	-3,6
	February	3 930 638	-16,3	1 332 024	91,1	2 366 693	0,7	7 629 355	-1,5
	March	4 261 164	8,4	2 172 225	63,1	2 435 825	2,9	8 869 215	16,3
	April	4 174 668	-2,0	1 945 241	-10,4	1 943 097	-20,2	8 063 007	-9,1
	May	4 074 190	-2,4	4 247 353	118,3	2 337 629	20,3	10 659 172	32,2
	June	4 248 193	4,3	3 960 173	-6,8	2 183 113	-6,6	10 391 479	-2,5
	July	4 035 867	-5,0	2 051 685	-48,2	2 332 376	6,8	8 419 928	-19,0
	August	4 153 879	2,9	1 844 656	-10,1	2 195 470	-5,9	8 194 005	-2,7
	September	4 181 054	0,7	1 506 851	-18,3	1 863 304	-15,1	7 551 209	-7,8
	October	3 433 220	-17,9	1 116 268	-25,9	2 159 852	15,9	6 709 341	-11,1
	November	4 313 634	25,6	1 265 139	13,3	1 921 139	-11,1	7 499 912	11,8
	December	4 602 015	6,7	1 986 358	57,0	2 557 186	33,1	9 145 559	21,9
2016	January	3 761 485	-18,3	3 174 409	59,8	2 039 553	-20,2	8 975 447	-1,9
	February	4 581 041	21,8	2 155 141	-32,1	2 009 282	-1,5	8 745 464	-2,6
	March	4 431 644	-3,3	2 404 417	11,6	2 085 665	3,8	8 921 726	2,0
	April	4 576 849	3,3	2 599 147	8,1	2 209 624	5,9	9 385 620	5,2
	May	3 834 390	-16,2	1 495 121	-42,5	2 143 179	-3,0	7 472 690	-20,4
	June	4 050 651	5,6	1 270 336	-15,0	2 277 494	6,3	7 598 481	1,7
	July	3 465 334	-14,4	1 244 526	-2,0	2 222 309	-2,4	6 932 169	-8,8
	Feb. – Apr. 16	13 589 534		7 158 705		6 304 571		27 052 810	
	May – Jul. 16 2/	11 350 375	-16,5	4 009 983	-44,0	6 642 982	5,4	22 003 340	-18,7

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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	2 208 305	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	3 272 364	4,9	1 789 735	84,8	912 816	14,5	5 974 915	22,3
	June	3 107 040	19,5	1 319 750	24,9	930 628	-5,4	5 357 418	15,4
	July	2 306 873	-12,5	1 150 587	5,0	705 127	-17,3	4 162 587	-9,2

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	2 497 999	4,8	785 616	-61,1	660 656	-21,0	3 944 271	-24,7
	February	2 322 272	-7,0	1 019 816	29,8	621 498	-5,9	3 963 587	0,5
	March	2 586 318	11,4	858 760	-15,8	894 723	44,0	4 339 800	9,5
	April	2 752 846	6,4	730 600	-14,9	863 064	-3,5	4 346 510	0,2
	May	3 176 238	15,4	968 348	32,5	809 980	-6,2	4 954 566	14,0
	June	2 758 932	-13,1	1 057 013	9,2	942 500	16,4	4 758 445	-4,0
	July	2 510 933	-9,0	1 095 693	3,7	866 945	-8,0	4 473 572	-6,0
	August	2 688 340	7,1	1 420 995	29,7	757 280	-12,6	4 866 615	8,8
	September	2 814 257	4,7	1 646 976	15,9	834 857	10,2	5 296 090	8,8
	October	2 499 336	-11,2	1 693 843	2,8	762 616	-8,7	4 955 795	-6,4
	November	2 822 095	12,9	1 971 370	16,4	860 827	12,9	5 654 292	14,1
	December	2 706 292	-4,1	1 449 198	-26,5	930 162	8,1	5 085 653	-10,1
2016	January	2 988 286	10,4	578 503	-60,1	852 203	-8,4	4 418 992	-13,1
	February	2 735 862	-8,4	1 029 861	78,0	797 231	-6,5	4 562 954	3,3
	March	2 660 595	-2,8	1 810 745	75,8	816 848	2,5	5 288 188	15,9
	April	2 328 882	-12,5	2 113 528	16,7	735 949	-9,9	5 178 359	-2,1
	May	3 318 225	42,5	1 789 735	-15,3	919 384	24,9	6 027 344	16,4
	June	3 313 034	-0,2	1 319 750	-26,3	892 444	-2,9	5 525 228	-8,3
	July	2 201 183	-33,6	1 150 587	-12,8	718 412	-19,5	4 070 182	-26,3
	Feb. – Apr. 16	7 725 339		4 954 134		2 350 028		15 029 501	
	May – Jul. 16 2/	8 832 442	14,3	4 260 072	-14,0	2 530 240	7,7	15 622 754	3,9

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 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/
2015	January	1 844 462	-7,6	796 771	-21,5	508 808	-38,4	3 150 041	-17,9
	February	2 121 693	5,8	1 036 398	-4,1	686 982	-32,0	3 845 073	-6,1
	March	2 593 986	11,7	867 434	-25,6	1 036 040	25,1	4 497 460	4,2
	April	2 616 253	12,1	732 798	-45,1	905 927	37,8	4 254 978	-1,7
	May	3 122 662	61,5	969 317	39,6	798 053	0,0	4 890 032	42,7
	June	2 592 006	28,3	1 053 851	27,3	980 978	45,4	4 626 835	31,3
	July	2 617 027	1,1	1 088 076	-35,9	846 667	8,7	4 551 770	-10,2
	August	2 822 389	15,9	1 416 745	47,1	812 027	-15,2	5 051 161	16,0
	September	2 995 821	15,3	1 643 689	50,6	842 168	3,1	5 481 678	21,6
	October	2 664 028	-9,2	1 678 734	15,7	759 257	-17,0	5 102 019	-3,7
	November	3 402 615	8,8	1 951 851	-24,8	862 873	17,9	6 217 339	-3,7
	December	2 769 426	8,7	1 434 850	-30,3	757 150	7,8	4 961 426	-6,5
	Total	32 162 368	11,5	14 670 514	-8,2	9 796 930	1,0	56 629 812	3,9
2016	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	3 095 898	-0,9	1 693 221	74,7	863 591	8,2	5 652 710	15,6
	June	2 911 940	12,3	1 236 879	17,4	872 191	-11,1	5 021 010	8,5
	July	2 151 934	-17,8	1 073 309	-1,4	657 768	-22,3	3 883 011	-14,7

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/
2015	January	2 520 668	4,7	796 771	-61,3	663 396	-21,5	3 980 835	-25,0
	February	2 358 004	-6,5	1 036 398	30,1	633 177	-4,6	4 027 579	1,2
	March	2 617 785	11,0	867 434	-16,3	905 008	42,9	4 390 226	9,0
	April	2 776 501	6,1	732 798	-15,5	869 173	-4,0	4 378 471	-0,3
	May	3 200 587	15,3	969 317	32,3	812 173	-6,6	4 982 077	13,8
	June	2 754 757	-13,9	1 053 851	8,7	945 157	16,4	4 753 765	-4,6
	July	2 504 559	-9,1	1 088 076	3,2	865 203	-8,5	4 457 838	-6,2
	August	2 683 817	7,2	1 416 745	30,2	756 239	-12,6	4 856 801	8,9
	September	2 805 569	4,5	1 643 689	16,0	832 533	10,1	5 281 790	8,8
	October	2 472 949	-11,9	1 678 734	2,1	753 913	-9,4	4 905 596	-7,1
	November	2 780 979	12,5	1 951 851	16,3	847 280	12,4	5 580 110	13,7
	December	2 657 854	-4,4	1 434 850	-26,5	913 174	7,8	5 005 878	-10,3
2016	January	2 909 202	9,5	566 050	-60,5	826 183	-9,5	4 301 434	-14,1
	February	2 621 238	-9,9	987 403	74,4	766 751	-7,2	4 375 391	1,7
	March	2 544 991	-2,9	1 731 114	75,3	781 099	1,9	5 057 204	15,6
	April	2 226 291	-12,5	2 005 245	15,8	701 894	-10,1	4 933 430	-2,4
	May	3 162 963	42,1	1 693 221	-15,6	871 377	24,1	5 727 562	16,1
	June	3 108 894	-1,7	1 236 879	-27,0	841 600	-3,4	5 187 373	-9,4
	July	2 062 041	-33,7	1 073 309	-13,2	673 444	-20,0	3 808 794	-26,6
	Feb. – Apr. 16	7 392 520		4 723 762		2 249 744		14 366 025	
	May – Jul. 16 2/	8 333 898	12,7	4 003 409	-15,2	2 386 421	6,1	14 723 729	2,5

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2015	Jun. 2016	Jul. 2016	Jan. - Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2 979	1 133	1 368	13 103	10 496	-19,9
		square metres	138 297	54 325	68 986	614 060	504 761	-17,8
		R'000	419 083	252 261	330 120	2 178 255	2 303 665	5,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 515	1 387	1 333	9 806	9 330	-4,9
		square metres	435 812	384 757	360 561	2 700 579	2 515 001	-6,9
		R'000	2 856 878	2 548 027	2 388 670	17 194 282	16 675 552	-3,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 454	3 089	1 030	12 235	12 371	1,1
		square metres	147 622	251 877	119 422	1 213 146	1 225 060	1,0
		R'000	1 180 702	2 099 240	1 017 538	8 740 909	9 703 101	11,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	4 410	14 473	492	102 699	151 052	47,1
		R'000	30 039	86 187	3 311	745 578	1 234 719	65,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	4 486 702	4 985 715	3 739 639	28 859 024	29 917 037	3,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	87 225	28 615	26 582	487 110	309 967	-36,4
		R'000	765 910	247 246	237 766	3 920 900	2 671 964	-31,9
	Shopping space	square metres	60 355	18 624	30 190	863 326	654 937	-24,1
		R'000	415 120	169 427	170 686	6 455 201	5 355 035	-17,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	117 910	106 609	111 975	823 656	846 600	2,8
		R'000	629 524	604 516	621 012	4 234 158	4 651 393	9,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	43 986	51 441	47 219	297 054	349 880	17,8
		R'000	255 493	334 260	304 668	1 758 884	2 338 111	32,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 066 047	1 355 449	1 334 132	16 369 143	15 016 503	-8,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	318 305	261 053	253 128	1 814 757	1 699 174	-6,4
		R'000	1 969 153	1 654 209	1 695 959	10 755 154	11 012 229	2,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	87 619	92 328	91 568	599 115	465 021	-22,4
		R'000	686 402	756 149	796 522	4 521 398	4 139 655	-8,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 655 555	2 410 358	2 492 481	15 276 552	15 151 884	-0,8
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	9 208 304	8 751 522	7 566 252	60 504 719	60 085 424	-0,7

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2015	Jun. 2016	Jul. 2016	Jan. - Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	545	348	560	3 540	4 170	17,8
		square metres	23 555	15 626	25 700	154 225	188 279	22,1
		R'000	118 645	91 802	138 457	835 703	1 032 184	23,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	348	368	416	2 554	2 640	3,4
		square metres	93 221	94 069	98 965	640 286	652 728	1,9
		R'000	577 671	626 575	642 306	4 044 084	4 292 755	6,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	185	834	283	3 028	3 028	0,0
		square metres	31 106	82 982	42 953	288 399	351 117	21,7
		R'000	221 900	627 230	340 167	2 120 693	2 658 630	25,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	370	10 136	0	48 930	40 779	-16,7
		R'000	2 033	63 399	0	391 395	312 780	-20,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	920 249	1 409 006	1 120 930	7 391 875	8 296 349	12,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	21 498	7 911	15 502	88 252	51 618	-41,5
		R'000	180 275	58 803	135 731	673 972	432 573	-35,8
	Shopping space	square metres	1 416	509	0	42 104	110 697	162,9
		R'000	10 346	3 733	0	335 458	905 389	169,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	28 228	40 730	20 804	204 118	197 690	-3,1
		R'000	185 535	263 005	134 169	1 300 335	1 319 412	1,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	26 983	12 366	13 980	98 343	86 885	-11,7
		R'000	165 130	65 914	86 413	590 763	575 784	-2,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	541 286	391 455	356 313	2 900 528	3 233 158	11,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	82 323	82 689	73 907	538 878	487 509	-9,5
		R'000	460 122	516 044	469 819	3 034 666	3 076 198	1,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	16 537	36 954	34 171	126 434	146 962	16,2
		R'000	199 291	311 338	355 484	1 266 962	1 514 365	19,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	659 413	827 382	825 303	4 301 628	4 590 563	6,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 120 948	2 627 843	2 302 546	14 594 031	16 120 070	10,5

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2015	Jun. 2016	Jul. 2016	Jan. - Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	618	123	45	1 230	574	-53,3
		square metres	25 039	5 387	2 952	53 347	28 248	-47,0
		R'000	54 798	18 644	16 939	140 249	123 909	-11,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	102	80	124	597	627	5,0
		square metres	29 448	19 800	30 621	146 929	140 900	-4,1
		R'000	153 636	110 168	170 825	836 571	808 861	-3,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	15	37	21	231	574	148,5
		square metres	1 887	3 240	4 581	25 078	40 155	60,1
		R'000	9 740	17 982	25 728	138 459	220 447	59,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 916	0	1 716	2 064	20,3
		R'000	0	7 664	0	11 154	8 626	-22,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	218 174	154 458	213 492	1 126 433	1 161 843	3,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	295	0	0	5 165	544	-89,5
		R'000	1 458	0	0	27 574	2 501	-90,9
	Shopping space	square metres	4 149	0	0	91 437	1 936	-97,9
		R'000	23 614	0	0	575 421	9 033	-98,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	8 297	7 350	7 806	45 270	70 414	55,5
		R'000	42 633	35 034	38 735	221 348	333 264	50,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 312	1 670	3 738	15 268	16 527	8,2
		R'000	15 028	7 261	18 888	78 577	73 313	-6,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	82 733	42 295	57 623	902 920	418 111	-53,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	31 145	25 933	16 090	193 526	137 825	-28,8
		R'000	165 722	132 075	81 908	987 002	714 863	-27,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	10 244	9 328	13 638	51 830	45 302	-12,6
		R'000	47 917	39 433	59 677	251 645	195 759	-22,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	213 639	171 508	141 585	1 238 647	910 622	-26,5
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	514 546	368 261	412 700	3 268 000	2 490 576	-23,8

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2015	Jun. 2016	Jul. 2016	Jan. - Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	4	22	15	-31,8	
		square metres	0	0	246	1 234	1 051	-14,8	
		R'000	0	0	1 509	7 410	6 339	-14,5	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	22	24	13	95	116	22,1	
		square metres	5 749	3 632	2 491	20 503	21 571	5,2	
		R'000	33 557	23 728	16 217	109 622	138 710	26,5	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	1	0	51	..	
		square metres	0	0	75	0	5 856	..	
		R'000	0	0	488	0	35 623	..	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	5 600	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	44 638	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	33 557	23 728	18 214	161 670	180 672	11,8
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	102	0	0	102	9 203	8 922,5
R'000			612	0	0	612	55 150	8 911,4	
Shopping space		square metres	228	0	3 087	228	4 585	1 911,0	
		R'000	1 186	0	19 756	1 186	26 902	2 168,3	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	0	2 837	536	1 993	9 376	370,4	
		R'000	0	16 080	2 412	10 962	54 252	394,9	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	0	568	502	1 511	201,0	
		R'000	0	0	3 692	2 330	9 000	286,3	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 798	16 080	25 860	15 090	145 304	862,9	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 401	4 179	6 420	30 197	30 763	1,9
	R'000		31 158	30 157	47 558	165 492	216 698	30,9	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	340	0	250	4 913	2 437	-50,4	
		R'000	2 680	2 060	7 508	30 714	29 301	-4,6	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	33 838	32 217	55 066	196 206	245 999	25,4
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	69 193	72 025	99 140	372 966	571 975	53,4	

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2015	Jun. 2016	Jul. 2016	Jan. - Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	217	79	37	1 115	554	-50,3
		square metres	12 141	3 888	2 091	60 365	29 238	-51,6
		R'000	26 164	22 343	11 633	146 784	103 038	-29,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	83	89	98	528	497	-5,9
		square metres	16 921	18 524	21 419	107 637	114 194	6,1
		R'000	92 631	98 116	121 214	553 583	619 168	11,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	72	58	30	301	343	14,0
		square metres	5 895	2 855	4 991	29 663	40 478	36,5
		R'000	41 008	15 460	34 937	181 891	267 375	47,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	318	492	20 199	4 661	-76,9
		R'000	0	1 431	3 311	116 302	31 099	-73,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	159 803	137 350	171 095	998 560	1 020 680	2,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	229	0	0	7 060	12 831	81,7
		R'000	1 792	0	0	47 494	101 704	114,1
	Shopping space	square metres	1 143	2 778	110	73 847	7 013	-90,5
		R'000	5 964	20 660	770	422 010	45 336	-89,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	14 152	3 188	7 324	53 304	33 966	-36,3
		R'000	69 395	17 918	35 493	262 018	161 403	-38,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	420	310	25	8 630	10 075	16,7
		R'000	1 890	1 395	200	47 044	73 481	56,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	79 041	39 973	36 463	778 566	381 924	-50,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 187	12 656	14 008	91 742	84 734	-7,6
		R'000	71 366	65 056	73 465	441 969	439 806	-0,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 152	1 529	6 346	21 792	13 392	-38,5
		R'000	18 726	15 699	40 257	156 755	149 776	-4,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	90 092	80 755	113 722	598 724	589 582	-1,5
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	328 936	258 078	321 280	2 375 850	1 992 186	-16,1

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2015	Jun. 2016	Jul. 2016	Jan. - Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	31	20	20	191	230	20,4	
		square metres	1 727	1 043	1 092	11 001	11 741	6,7	
		R'000	12 080	8 178	9 776	81 617	81 946	0,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	149	121	110	936	811	-13,4	
		square metres	47 035	39 849	32 886	286 819	251 702	-12,2	
		R'000	389 135	333 404	289 767	2 382 852	2 152 116	-9,7	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	188	878	96	999	2 120	112,2	
		square metres	21 313	54 449	22 161	126 580	204 042	61,2	
		R'000	177 064	487 514	216 833	915 180	1 873 591	104,7	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 272	0	0	6 769	3 794	-44,0	
		R'000	13 610	0	0	68 031	21 083	-69,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	591 889	829 096	516 376	3 447 680	4 128 736	19,8
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 244	2 414	6 719	86 398	92 525	7,1
R'000			5 598	19 300	69 108	606 196	893 989	47,5	
Shopping space		square metres	25 654	13 462	284	117 587	274 175	133,2	
		R'000	217 429	134 620	2 982	1 010 929	2 579 325	155,1	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	25 508	15 690	26 270	182 437	126 337	-30,8	
		R'000	124 995	76 177	151 479	941 187	686 358	-27,1	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	1 928	0	18 120	45 271	71 827	58,7	
		R'000	11 320	0	130 921	299 258	488 913	63,4	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	359 342	230 097	354 490	2 857 570	4 648 585	62,7	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	32 997	31 627	31 929	195 291	202 813	3,9
	R'000		279 308	265 456	304 169	1 545 310	1 761 397	14,0	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	19 238	19 023	22 243	178 398	130 743	-26,7	
		R'000	163 526	177 888	208 597	1 459 036	1 200 952	-17,7	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	442 834	443 344	512 766	3 004 346	2 962 349	-1,4
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 394 065	1 502 537	1 383 632	9 309 596	11 739 670	26,1	

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2015	Jun. 2016	Jul. 2016	Jan. - Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	9	4	3	632	85	-86,6
		square metres	517	220	198	28 966	5 189	-82,1
		R'000	2 268	1 190	905	74 233	23 830	-67,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	76	71	79	522	532	1,9
		square metres	19 072	16 654	20 505	138 230	132 691	-4,0
		R'000	93 622	91 706	108 761	688 224	682 201	-0,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	119	56	162	841	651	-22,6
		square metres	10 826	3 703	5 294	69 136	49 248	-28,8
		R'000	58 386	20 792	33 208	380 187	260 049	-31,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	846	607	0	1 310	1 325	1,1
		R'000	4 230	2 928	0	6 841	7 954	16,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	158 506	116 616	142 874	1 149 485	974 034	-15,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	672	132	0	5 463	1 312	-76,0
		R'000	3 294	594	0	26 969	6 494	-75,9
	Shopping space	square metres	8 372	255	1 624	34 742	21 279	-38,8
		R'000	38 216	1 275	7 704	189 855	115 560	-39,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 109	366	3 047	8 881	9 864	11,1
		R'000	4 991	2 052	15 236	38 902	48 746	25,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 211	639	803	7 114	7 553	6,2
		R'000	5 915	4 473	4 497	30 277	40 229	32,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	52 416	8 394	27 437	286 003	211 029	-26,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 574	10 480	10 966	83 618	81 423	-2,6
		R'000	68 536	50 522	53 286	389 499	383 039	-1,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	6 422	761	497	17 818	8 998	-49,5
		R'000	40 971	3 847	3 536	102 225	59 530	-41,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	109 507	54 369	56 822	491 724	442 569	-10,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	320 429	179 379	227 133	1 927 212	1 627 632	-15,5

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2015	Jun. 2016	Jul. 2016	Jan. - Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 448	502	478	5 507	3 928	-28,7
		square metres	68 632	25 015	23 340	259 318	190 430	-26,6
		R'000	172 686	95 570	110 327	692 061	733 991	6,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	550	429	352	3 100	2 920	-5,8
		square metres	174 094	139 604	118 031	986 534	916 744	-7,1
		R'000	1 268 180	1 000 865	864 340	6 808 350	6 553 849	-3,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	823	1 063	410	6 178	5 309	-14,1
		square metres	72 001	89 640	37 455	604 456	503 860	-16,6
		R'000	649 971	842 011	357 430	4 668 435	4 224 664	-9,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	690	758	0	5 831	91 573	1 470,5
		R'000	4 305	7 444	0	44 550	821 186	1 743,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 095 142	1 945 890	1 332 097	12 213 396	12 333 690	1,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	60 491	17 331	4 077	280 212	109 573	-60,9
		R'000	557 881	164 827	31 507	2 467 481	1 006 238	-59,2
	Shopping space	square metres	10 605	255	4 958	450 884	190 388	-57,8
		R'000	77 385	2 384	29 607	3 665 289	1 440 536	-60,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	28 216	33 318	37 156	261 604	345 982	32,3
		R'000	136 717	178 972	201 069	1 132 130	1 793 906	58,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	7 699	34 795	6 298	99 240	131 965	33,0
		R'000	39 107	245 503	37 594	601 964	960 696	59,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	811 090	591 686	299 777	7 866 864	5 201 376	-33,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	115 527	75 940	76 414	533 794	540 390	1,2
		R'000	783 269	515 367	557 947	3 521 941	3 790 340	7,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	30 018	23 973	11 568	174 686	101 678	-41,8
		R'000	202 987	195 027	100 155	1 119 465	869 452	-22,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	986 256	710 394	658 102	4 641 406	4 659 792	0,4
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 892 488	3 247 970	2 289 976	24 721 666	22 194 858	-10,2

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2015	Jun. 2016	Jul. 2016	Jan. - Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	88	44	215	667	826	23,8
		square metres	5 289	2 324	12 939	34 683	43 764	26,2
		R'000	25 457	10 605	38 652	143 848	164 909	14,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	119	151	86	1 081	830	-23,2
		square metres	32 340	36 777	18 971	261 988	184 292	-29,7
		R'000	164 255	185 660	96 144	1 245 224	935 747	-24,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	6	151	24	188	229	21,8
		square metres	342	11 455	1 626	11 915	18 316	53,7
		R'000	1 538	70 063	7 317	54 204	100 987	86,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 232	738	0	6 294	5 554	-11,8
		R'000	5 861	3 321	0	35 650	25 221	-29,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	197 111	269 649	142 113	1 478 926	1 226 864	-17,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 913	0	0	9 182	27 265	196,9
		R'000	11 095	0	0	46 119	148 975	223,0
	Shopping space	square metres	8 788	612	19 289	47 598	40 792	-14,3
		R'000	40 980	3 366	105 842	232 815	213 131	-8,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	9 355	1 267	5 567	55 009	36 189	-34,2
		R'000	53 266	5 699	25 418	279 249	171 642	-38,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 935	648	1 066	5 745	18 027	213,8
		R'000	14 862	2 927	4 904	28 044	83 990	199,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	120 203	11 992	136 164	586 227	617 738	5,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	15 745	12 603	17 404	113 400	96 529	-14,9
		R'000	79 382	55 064	78 819	507 304	448 220	-11,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 393	519	1 383	12 821	9 300	-27,5
		R'000	6 884	7 173	12 259	69 858	80 804	15,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	86 266	62 237	91 078	577 162	529 024	-8,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	403 580	343 878	369 355	2 642 315	2 373 626	-10,2

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2015	Jun. 2016	Jul. 2016	Jan. - Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	23	13	6	199	114	-42,7
		square metres	1 397	822	428	10 921	6 821	-37,5
		R'000	6 985	3 929	1 922	56 350	33 519	-40,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	66	54	55	393	357	-9,2
		square metres	17 932	15 848	16 672	111 653	100 179	-10,3
		R'000	84 191	77 805	79 096	525 772	492 145	-6,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	46	12	3	469	66	-85,9
		square metres	4 252	3 553	286	57 919	11 988	-79,3
		R'000	21 095	18 188	1 430	281 860	61 735	-78,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	6 050	1 302	-78,5
		R'000	0	0	0	27 017	6 770	-74,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	112 271	99 922	82 448	890 999	594 169	-33,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	781	827	284	5 276	5 096	-3,4
		R'000	3 905	3 722	1 420	24 483	24 340	-0,6
	Shopping space	square metres	0	753	838	4 899	4 072	-16,9
		R'000	0	3 389	4 025	22 238	19 823	-10,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 045	1 863	3 465	11 040	16 782	52,0
		R'000	11 992	9 579	17 001	48 027	82 410	71,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	498	1 013	2 621	16 941	5 510	-67,5
		R'000	2 241	6 787	17 559	80 627	32 705	-59,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	18 138	23 477	40 005	175 375	159 278	-9,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 406	4 946	5 990	34 311	37 188	8,4
		R'000	30 290	24 468	28 988	161 971	181 668	12,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	275	241	1 472	10 423	6 209	-40,4
		R'000	3 420	3 684	9 049	64 738	39 716	-38,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	33 710	28 152	38 037	226 709	221 384	-2,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	164 119	151 551	160 490	1 293 083	974 831	-24,6

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2015	Jun. 2016	Jul. 2016	Jan. - Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 227	1 249	854	9 145	8 113	-11,3
		square metres	59 439	61 821	42 480	456 869	394 571	-13,6
		R'000	233 901	279 623	201 551	1 745 302	1 651 641	-5,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	940	1 126	856	6 809	6 960	2,2
		square metres	279 478	279 771	230 623	1 793 199	1 695 795	-5,4
		R'000	1 863 629	1 816 153	1 559 099	11 303 354	11 067 858	-2,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	760	1 523	584	6 047	7 494	23,9
		square metres	81 884	134 333	65 942	588 894	712 788	21,0
		R'000	537 080	976 259	495 736	4 027 647	5 317 731	32,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	117	4 073	6 691	55 206	22 820	-58,7
		R'000	736	35 005	50 487	361 200	157 013	-56,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 635 346	3 107 040	2 306 873	17 437 503	18 194 243	4,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	17 323	62 425	37 821	244 283	357 204	46,2
		R'000	152 113	644 692	318 918	1 950 053	2 986 867	53,2
	Shopping space	square metres	46 468	19 300	25 053	196 384	290 269	47,8
		R'000	367 872	135 539	223 029	1 338 854	2 484 666	85,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	84 620	100 192	106 384	503 215	614 012	22,0
		R'000	428 955	487 461	565 172	2 499 287	3 226 537	29,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	27 636	8 617	7 055	115 428	172 799	49,7
		R'000	146 753	52 058	43 468	727 652	1 094 639	50,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 095 693	1 319 750	1 150 587	6 515 846	9 792 709	50,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	102 917	104 142	82 059	667 191	686 511	2,9
		R'000	562 051	627 275	482 744	3 573 600	4 028 331	12,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	43 366	36 738	28 510	281 492	208 282	-26,0
		R'000	290 543	303 353	222 383	2 166 734	1 742 049	-19,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	852 594	930 628	705 127	5 740 334	5 770 380	0,5
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	4 583 633	5 357 418	4 162 587	29 693 683	33 757 332	13,7

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2015	Jun. 2016	Jul. 2016	Jan. - Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	492	249	285	3 211	2 001	-37,7
		square metres	21 975	11 439	12 879	151 057	90 745	-39,9
		R'000	109 334	61 919	62 534	629 329	462 373	-26,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	278	281	292	1 855	1 871	0,9
		square metres	68 837	62 650	67 683	442 874	432 668	-2,3
		R'000	423 617	376 212	437 077	2 648 067	2 697 980	1,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	186	780	214	1 309	2 184	66,8
		square metres	21 095	63 293	22 405	145 264	212 955	46,6
		R'000	158 837	464 032	170 076	1 029 747	1 627 534	58,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	117	0	4 042	12 009	5 111	-57,4
		R'000	736	0	32 740	76 173	42 078	-44,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	692 524	902 163	702 427	4 383 316	4 829 965	10,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 004	1 297	2 499	40 161	65 886	64,1
		R'000	8 060	8 472	14 424	269 496	409 627	52,0
	Shopping space	square metres	30 843	0	300	60 081	14 869	-75,3
		R'000	234 442	0	2 514	427 887	114 380	-73,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	28 678	20 812	11 520	118 010	115 756	-1,9
		R'000	163 657	113 208	67 517	688 444	701 982	2,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	5 868	1 349	2 417	41 345	56 831	37,5
		R'000	33 378	9 328	15 717	245 475	387 590	57,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	439 537	131 008	100 172	1 631 302	1 613 579	-1,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	42 797	44 227	42 409	265 873	276 716	4,1
		R'000	204 664	232 242	221 993	1 266 691	1 434 410	13,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	9 033	13 279	10 954	80 177	78 170	-2,5
		R'000	73 950	118 091	101 476	750 583	753 242	0,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	278 614	350 333	323 469	2 017 274	2 187 652	8,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 410 675	1 383 504	1 126 068	8 031 892	8 631 196	7,5

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2015	Jun. 2016	Jul. 2016	Jan. - Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	44	68	107	643	427	-33,6
		square metres	1 961	3 253	5 268	28 984	21 231	-26,7
		R'000	5 899	11 788	15 329	75 922	78 896	3,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	40	51	21	357	233	-34,7
		square metres	9 146	10 168	4 525	75 318	49 067	-34,9
		R'000	46 580	53 894	28 829	366 198	268 179	-26,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	4	17	4	96	265	176,0
		square metres	553	3 515	346	9 547	27 064	183,5
		R'000	3 039	17 560	1 712	48 618	145 663	199,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	3 700	1 059	-71,4
		R'000	0	0	0	17 055	6 884	-59,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	55 518	83 242	45 870	507 793	499 622	-1,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	859	0	3 061	859	3 197	272,2
		R'000	4 500	0	18 050	4 500	18 852	318,9
	Shopping space	square metres	432	583	1 369	6 699	2 402	-64,1
		R'000	1 839	3 003	6 845	32 671	12 406	-62,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	20 910	0	0	53 237	3 723	-93,0
		R'000	93 580	0	0	266 089	15 764	-94,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	62	260	4 343	373	-91,4
		R'000	0	256	1 220	21 300	1 706	-92,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	99 919	3 259	26 115	324 560	48 728	-85,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 313	4 501	3 048	56 493	30 206	-46,5
		R'000	39 020	19 578	15 022	232 691	135 617	-41,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	6 583	2 250	1 596	14 198	12 743	-10,2
		R'000	33 706	10 421	7 168	83 284	60 606	-27,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	72 726	29 999	22 190	315 975	196 223	-37,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	228 163	116 500	94 175	1 148 328	744 573	-35,2

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2015	Jun. 2016	Jul. 2016	Jan. - Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	0	0	38	0	..
		square metres	75	0	0	2 111	0	..
		R'000	450	0	0	11 761	0	..
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	14	9	12	143	50	-65,0
		square metres	4 560	2 265	1 870	19 309	9 298	-51,8
		R'000	28 754	16 380	12 494	108 888	60 135	-44,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	42	1	-97,6
		square metres	0	0	0	2 940	149	-94,9
		R'000	0	0	0	16 170	1 028	-93,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	158	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	948	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	29 204	16 380	12 494	136 819	62 111	-54,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	389	0	0	658	325	-50,6
		R'000	2 334	0	0	3 814	1 463	-61,6
	Shopping space	square metres	456	0	275	678	275	-59,4
		R'000	2 881	0	1 238	4 102	1 238	-69,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 102	0	0	2 017	0	..
		R'000	4 959	0	0	9 277	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	10 174	0	1 238	17 193	2 701	-84,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	760	4 792	3 599	15 702	26 296	67,5
		R'000	4 560	34 134	26 822	84 260	190 173	125,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	315	0	215	10 408	3 100	-70,2
		R'000	1 930	1 790	7 548	59 066	31 949	-45,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	6 490	35 924	34 370	143 326	222 122	55,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	45 868	52 304	48 102	297 338	286 934	-3,5

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2015	Jun. 2016	Jul. 2016	Jan. - Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	218	17	8	1 061	197	-81,4
		square metres	12 144	881	418	58 386	10 878	-81,4
		R'000	24 950	2 769	971	132 876	27 327	-79,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	21	33	27	163	196	20,2
		square metres	2 822	5 643	5 829	28 732	36 879	28,4
		R'000	12 827	30 975	30 304	134 559	189 227	40,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	37	59	201	1 156	475,1
		square metres	0	5 780	7 949	25 713	58 626	128,0
		R'000	0	40 460	55 643	126 428	315 166	149,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	24 586	105	-99,6
		R'000	0	0	0	142 508	525	-99,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	37 777	74 204	86 918	536 371	532 245	-0,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	2 405	6 066	152,2
		R'000	0	0	0	14 382	42 462	195,2
	Shopping space	square metres	373	1 990	1 060	6 206	18 668	200,8
		R'000	1 679	15 920	8 480	29 062	139 582	380,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	10 093	3 735	3 807	40 159	954,9
		R'000	0	45 419	16 808	15 228	197 716	1 198,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	4 453	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	26 615	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 679	61 339	25 288	85 287	379 760	345,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 137	3 613	2 779	21 255	19 333	-9,0
		R'000	8 841	16 859	12 962	96 994	88 646	-8,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	181	0	4 601	7 363	6 127	-16,8
		R'000	1 737	1 329	22 269	63 727	41 253	-35,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	10 578	18 188	35 231	160 721	129 899	-19,2
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	50 034	153 731	147 437	782 379	1 041 904	33,2

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2015	Jun. 2016	Jul. 2016	Jan. - Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	20	35	14	134	153	14,2
		square metres	1 162	2 112	780	8 087	8 998	11,3
		R'000	10 417	16 835	6 658	69 469	74 888	7,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	72	75	47	442	420	-5,0
		square metres	20 378	20 098	13 275	119 131	112 574	-5,5
		R'000	165 167	169 958	105 176	942 280	923 578	-2,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	73	55	47	501	425	-15,2
		square metres	12 750	7 960	9 065	84 535	74 514	-11,9
		R'000	97 066	71 637	90 322	645 139	659 464	2,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	844	1 887	8 796	366,1
		R'000	0	0	3 798	11 074	48 677	339,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	272 650	258 430	205 954	1 667 962	1 706 607	2,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	7 257	2 164	838	45 781	89 608	95,7
		R'000	72 570	22 722	3 771	427 308	780 996	82,8
	Shopping space	square metres	11 197	1 197	22 049	48 889	164 275	236,0
		R'000	111 970	11 132	203 952	414 774	1 552 837	274,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 554	8 333	44 422	65 320	134 774	106,3
		R'000	14 606	48 621	240 499	328 432	703 702	114,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	611	307	8 829	4 352	-50,7
		R'000	0	4 630	2 102	64 439	32 380	-49,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	199 146	87 105	450 324	1 234 953	3 069 915	148,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 473	11 962	7 485	79 376	85 084	7,2
		R'000	118 044	102 377	67 036	697 057	760 483	9,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	8 167	8 236	5 666	58 527	42 590	-27,2
		R'000	54 005	55 567	35 610	470 116	295 247	-37,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	172 049	157 944	102 646	1 167 173	1 055 730	-9,5
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	643 845	503 479	758 924	4 070 088	5 832 252	43,3

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2015	Jun. 2016	Jul. 2016	Jan. - Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	30	41	39	328	741,0
		square metres	67	1 661	2 514	2 600	20 059	671,5
		R'000	215	5 690	10 056	8 375	74 093	784,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	50	121	52	437	903	106,6
		square metres	10 503	20 130	11 366	82 147	143 351	74,5
		R'000	49 089	77 393	55 962	372 152	661 796	77,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	61	42	4	550	377	-31,5
		square metres	7 476	3 775	214	43 555	34 929	-19,8
		R'000	33 540	16 222	922	194 478	169 079	-13,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	1 227	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	4 908	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	82 844	99 305	66 940	579 913	904 968	56,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	246	0	1 926	5 836	7 032	20,5
		R'000	1 131	0	11 556	31 743	36 804	15,9
	Shopping space	square metres	200	2 693	0	30 259	11 949	-60,5
		R'000	968	13 709	0	149 009	63 506	-57,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 920	0	0	15 177	2 940	-80,6
		R'000	8 640	0	0	61 668	16 110	-73,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	662	1 397	628	5 104	6 172	20,9
		R'000	3 310	6 638	3 768	25 192	29 492	17,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	14 049	20 347	15 324	267 612	145 912	-45,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 189	2 085	425	55 710	62 803	12,7
		R'000	8 843	8 804	1 816	223 196	267 450	19,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 707	1 171	0	12 860	5 524	-57,0
		R'000	13 242	4 868	858	61 795	25 894	-58,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	22 085	13 672	2 674	284 991	293 344	2,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	118 978	133 324	84 938	1 132 516	1 344 224	18,7

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2015	Jun. 2016	Jul. 2016	Jan. - Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	393	731	352	3 305	4 264	29,0
		square metres	19 011	36 270	18 030	167 187	205 051	22,6
		R'000	68 423	154 800	93 501	663 136	780 879	17,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	379	440	312	2 703	2 604	-3,7
		square metres	146 548	132 305	104 197	864 634	753 467	-12,9
		R'000	1 059 751	961 457	779 538	5 988 039	5 532 681	-7,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	285	536	219	2 986	2 785	-6,7
		square metres	29 940	45 883	22 535	251 863	280 507	11,4
		R'000	197 017	346 590	160 485	1 847 486	2 283 821	23,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	3 901	1 805	10 565	6 418	-39,3
		R'000	0	34 145	13 949	103 938	52 536	-49,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 325 191	1 496 992	1 047 473	8 602 599	8 649 917	0,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	7 274	58 964	26 371	145 658	174 907	20,1
		R'000	62 048	613 498	255 478	1 184 814	1 642 727	38,6
	Shopping space	square metres	2 967	5 859	0	32 452	69 560	114,3
		R'000	14 093	46 418	0	234 056	549 491	134,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	20 836	55 823	37 384	216 483	289 784	33,9
		R'000	101 111	256 897	186 719	998 350	1 455 981	45,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	7 858	3 539	3 443	37 082	98 601	165,9
		R'000	43 825	23 897	20 661	273 711	614 656	124,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	221 077	940 710	462 858	2 690 931	4 262 855	58,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	19 375	25 324	14 145	102 417	136 376	33,2
		R'000	127 021	180 584	102 193	674 892	938 743	39,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	15 513	11 492	4 981	93 681	48 907	-47,8
		R'000	106 984	104 603	44 235	656 883	466 671	-29,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	234 005	285 187	146 428	1 331 775	1 405 414	5,5
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 780 273	2 722 889	1 656 759	12 625 305	14 318 186	13,4

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2015	Jun. 2016	Jul. 2016	Jan. - Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	37	103	39	575	641	11,5
		square metres	1 913	5 260	2 116	30 436	31 504	3,5
		R'000	8 808	21 097	10 127	115 670	122 753	6,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	64	85	72	593	514	-13,3
		square metres	12 197	19 724	16 191	127 699	115 996	-9,2
		R'000	54 407	99 814	81 880	582 196	530 782	-8,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	114	35	17	229	140	-38,9
		square metres	4 764	1 871	1 134	11 557	9 555	-17,3
		R'000	21 439	8 478	5 170	52 143	42 848	-17,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	1 232	1 001	-18,8
		R'000	0	0	0	5 544	4 505	-18,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	84 654	129 389	97 177	755 553	700 888	-7,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	2 178	1 320	8 655	555,7
		R'000	0	0	10 899	6 072	46 340	663,2
	Shopping space	square metres	0	6 978	0	9 825	8 271	-15,8
		R'000	0	45 357	0	42 113	51 226	21,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 828	5 131	9 323	21 266	22 988	8,1
		R'000	26 741	23 316	53 629	97 661	116 072	18,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	1 659	0	761	5 626	639,3
		R'000	0	7 309	0	3 590	24 555	584,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	26 741	75 982	64 528	149 436	238 193	59,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 579	7 325	7 726	68 497	45 618	-33,4
		R'000	49 731	31 124	32 831	289 500	193 260	-33,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	867	220	251	2 977	10 645	257,6
		R'000	4 489	6 234	1 440	13 230	59 744	351,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	54 220	37 358	34 271	302 730	253 004	-16,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	165 615	242 729	195 976	1 207 719	1 192 085	-1,3

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2015	Jun. 2016	Jul. 2016	Jan. - Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	20	16	8	139	102	-26,6
		square metres	1 131	945	475	8 021	6 105	-23,9
		R'000	5 405	4 725	2 375	38 764	30 432	-21,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	22	31	21	116	169	45,7
		square metres	4 487	6 788	5 687	33 355	42 495	27,4
		R'000	23 437	30 070	27 839	160 975	203 500	26,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	37	21	20	133	161	21,1
		square metres	5 306	2 256	2 294	13 920	14 489	4,1
		R'000	26 142	11 280	11 406	67 438	73 128	8,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	172	0	0	172	..
		R'000	0	860	0	0	860	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	54 984	46 935	41 620	267 177	307 920	15,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	294	0	948	1 605	1 528	-4,8
		R'000	1 470	0	4 740	7 924	7 596	-4,1
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	1 295	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	5 180	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 792	0	0	7 898	3 888	-50,8
		R'000	15 661	0	0	34 138	19 210	-43,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	13 248	0	0	13 511	844	-93,8
		R'000	66 240	0	0	67 330	4 260	-93,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	83 371	0	4 740	114 572	31 066	-72,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	294	313	443	1 868	4 079	118,4
		R'000	1 327	1 573	2 069	8 319	19 549	135,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	90	246	1 301	476	-63,4
		R'000	500	450	1 779	8 050	7 443	-7,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 827	2 023	3 848	16 369	26 992	64,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	140 182	48 958	50 208	398 118	365 978	-8,1

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

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

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

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

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 July 2016 was 93,6%. The collection rate for June 2016 was 92,7%.
Statistical unit	7	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	8	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.
Constant prices	9	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2015. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: <i>Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP) Work Groups and Selected Materials Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base February 1991=100) are converted to the base year 2015=100.

- Seasonal adjustment**
- 10 Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by US Bureau of the Census Economic Research and Analyses Division, 1968.
- 11 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore, the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for building statistics is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at [Click to download building statistics seasonal adjustment May 2016.pdf](#)
- Trend cycle**
- 12 The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.
- Revised figures**
- 13 Revised figures are due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or to respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. Figures for the latest two years are therefore preliminary. Data are edited at municipal level.
- 14 Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* is published with the revised and updated information at provincial and municipal level for the previous calendar year. Due to this comprehensive revision, the monthly statistical release P5041.1 reflects provincial revision where applicable.
- Related publications**
- 15 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:
- P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* issued annually.
 - P9101.2: *Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region* issued annually.
 - *Building Statistics* (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.
- Rounding-off of figures**
- 16 Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.

**Symbols and
abbreviations**

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

Glossary

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

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

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