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Results for January to July 2018

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:
January to July 2017 versus January to July 2018**

Estimates at current prices	January to July 2017 1/	January to July 2018 1/	Difference in value between January to July 2017 and January to July 2018	% change between January to July 2017 and January to July 2018
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	32 122 318	32 883 559	761 241	2,4
-Dwelling-houses	18 968 312	19 383 702	415 390	2,2
-Flats and townhouses	12 853 605	12 082 104	-771 501	-6,0
-Other residential buildings	300 401	1 417 753	1 117 352	372,0
Non-residential buildings	14 948 962	13 461 468	-1 487 494	-10,0
Additions and alterations	15 837 853	17 007 893	1 170 040	7,4
Total	62 909 133	63 352 920	443 787	0,7

1/ 2017 and 2018 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total value of recorded building plans passed at current prices

The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) increased by 0,7% (R443,8 million) during January to July 2018 compared with January to July 2017.

Increases were recorded for additions and alterations (7,4% or R1 170,0 million) and residential buildings (2,4% or R761,2 million). A decrease was recorded for non-residential buildings (-10,0% or -R1 487,5 million) – see Table A.

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to July 2017 versus January to July 2018**

Estimates at current prices	January to July 2017 1/	January to July 2018 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to July 2017	% change between January to July 2017 and January to July 2018	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January to July 2017 and January to July 2018 2/	Difference in value between January to July 2017 and January to July 2018
	R'000	R'000				
Western Cape	17 326 394	20 181 094	27,5	16,5	4,5	2 854 700
Eastern Cape	3 530 162	4 054 841	5,6	14,9	0,8	524 679
Northern Cape	428 983	582 589	0,7	35,8	0,2	153 606
Free State	1 852 080	2 392 784	2,9	29,2	0,9	540 704
KwaZulu-Natal	11 737 722	11 044 162	18,7	-5,9	-1,1	-693 560
North West	2 174 695	1 785 657	3,5	-17,9	-0,6	-389 038
Gauteng	22 927 493	20 185 960	36,4	-12,0	-4,4	-2 741 533
Mpumalanga	1 758 478	2 184 995	2,8	24,3	0,7	426 517
Limpopo	1 173 126	940 838	1,9	-19,8	-0,4	-232 288
Total	62 909 133	63 352 920	100,0	0,7	0,7	443 787

1/ 2017 and 2018 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January to July 2017 and January to July 2018 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during January to July 2017, divided by 100.

The largest positive contribution to the total increase of 0,7% (R443,8 million) was made by Western Cape (contributing 4,5 percentage points or R2 854,7 million). Gauteng (contributing -4,4 percentage points or -R2 741,5 million) was the largest negative contributor – see Table B.

**Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices:
January to July 2017 versus January to July 2018**

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to July 2017	January to July 2018	Difference in value between January to July 2017 and January to July 2018	% change between January to July 2017 and January to July 2018
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	28 825 551	28 527 550	-298 001	-1,0
Non-residential buildings	13 420 362	11 687 745	-1 732 617	-12,9
Additions and alterations	14 213 382	14 755 648	542 266	3,8
Total	56 459 295	54 970 943	-1 488 352	-2,6

1/ 2017 and 2018 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 2,6% (-R1 488,4 million) year-on-year during January to July 2018. Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-12,9% or -R1 732,6 million) and residential buildings (-1,0% or -R298,0 million). An increase was recorded for additions and alterations (3,8% or R542,3 million) – see Table C.

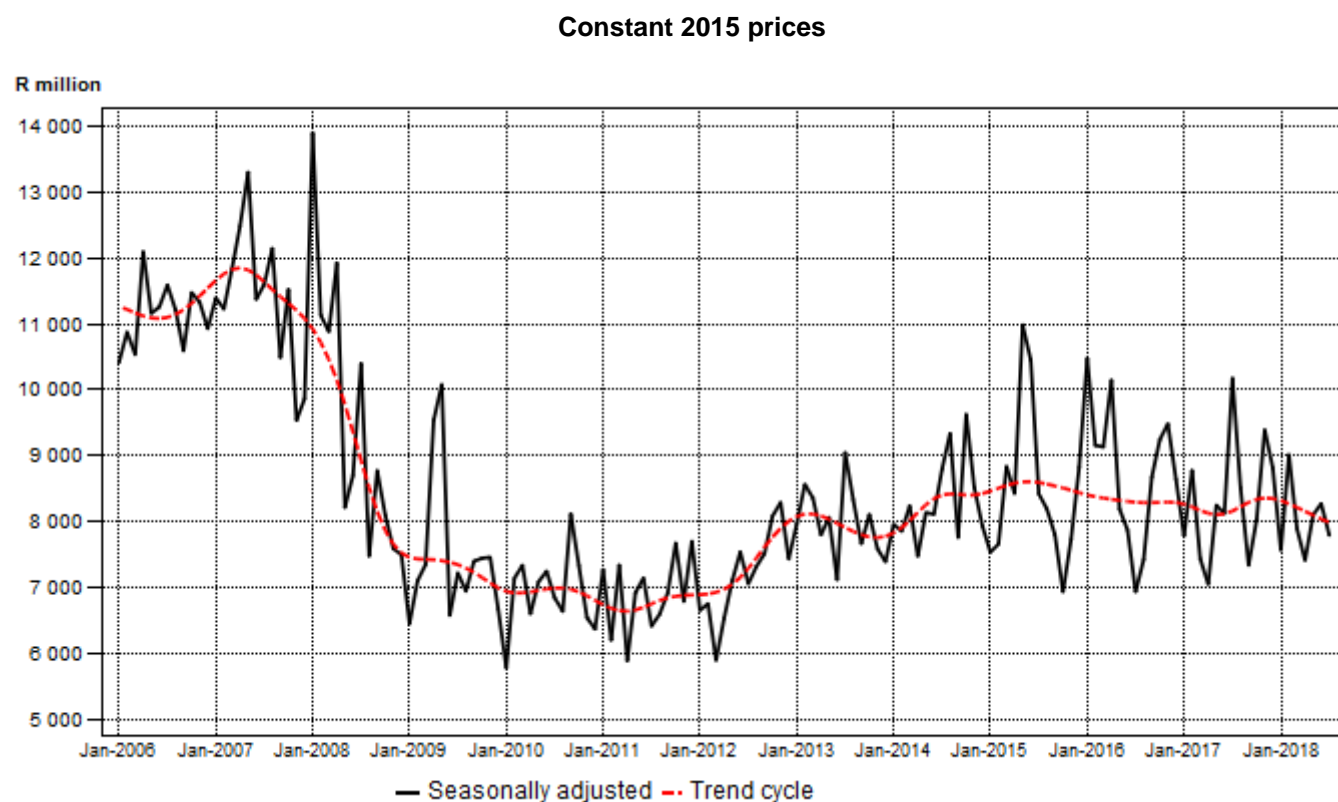
Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	February to April 2018	May to July 2018	% change between February to April 2018 and May to July 2018
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	12 132 298	12 821 438	5,7
Non-residential buildings 1/	5 612 694	4 916 634	-12,4
Additions and alterations	6 579 374	6 435 699	-2,2
Total	24 324 366	24 173 771	-0,6

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 0,6% in the three months ended July 2018 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-12,4%) and additions and alterations (-2,2%). An increase was recorded for residential buildings (5,7%) – 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 2017 versus January to July 2018**

Estimates at current prices	January to July 2017	January to July 2018	Difference in value between January to July 2017 and January to July 2018	% change between January to July 2017 and January to July 2018
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	21 633 765	23 299 664	1 665 899	7,7
-Dwelling-houses	12 938 252	12 650 929	-287 323	-2,2
-Flats and townhouses	6 606 092	10 266 670	3 660 578	55,4
-Other residential buildings	2 089 421	382 065	-1 707 356	-81,7
Non-residential buildings	11 108 642	9 178 206	-1 930 436	-17,4
Additions and alterations	6 316 529	6 985 947	669 418	10,6
Total	39 058 936	39 463 817	404 881	1,0

1/ 2017 and 2018 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 1,0% (R404,9 million) during January to July 2018 compared with January to July 2017.

Increases were recorded for additions and alterations (10,6% or R669,4 million) and residential buildings (7,7% or R1 665,9 million). A decrease was recorded for non-residential buildings (-17,4% or -R1 930,4 million) – see Table E.

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to July 2017 versus January to July 2018**

Estimates at current prices	January to July 2017	January to July 2018	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to July 2017	% change between January to July 2017 and January to July 2018	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January to July 2017 and January to July 2018	Difference in value between January to July 2017 and January to July 2018
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000			2/ %	R'000
Western Cape	10 902 768	11 598 400	27,9	6,4	1,8	695 632
Eastern Cape	1 048 217	1 186 015	2,7	13,1	0,4	137 798
Northern Cape	325 240	237 438	0,8	-27,0	-0,2	-87 802
Free State	567 065	596 083	1,5	5,1	0,1	29 018
KwaZulu-Natal	7 093 805	5 043 485	18,2	-28,9	-5,2	-2 050 320
North West	956 558	1 287 096	2,4	34,6	0,8	330 538
Gauteng	16 950 086	17 979 109	43,4	6,1	2,6	1 029 023
Mpumalanga	693 724	1 008 671	1,8	45,4	0,8	314 947
Limpopo	521 473	527 520	1,3	1,2	0,0	6 047
Total	39 058 936	39 463 817	100,0	1,0	1,0	404 881

1/ 2017 and 2018 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January to July 2017 and January to July 2018 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January to July 2017, divided by 100.

Seven provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to July 2018. The largest positive contributions were recorded for Gauteng (contributing 2,6 percentage points or R1 029,0 million) and Western Cape (contributing 1,8 percentage points or R695,6 million). KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -5,2 percentage points or -R2 050,3 million) was the largest negative contributor – see Table F.

**Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices:
January to July 2017 versus January to July 2018**

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to July 2017	January to July 2018	Difference in value between January to July 2017 and January to July 2018	% change between January to July 2017 and January to July 2018
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	19 425 319	20 196 329	771 010	4,0
Non-residential buildings	9 968 917	7 958 889	-2 010 028	-20,2
Additions and alterations	5 670 594	6 059 441	388 847	6,9
Total	35 064 830	34 214 659	-850 171	-2,4

1/ 2017 and 2018 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) decreased by 2,4% (-R850,2 million) year-on-year during January to July 2018. Non-residential buildings fell by 20,2% (-R2 010,0 million) – see Table G.

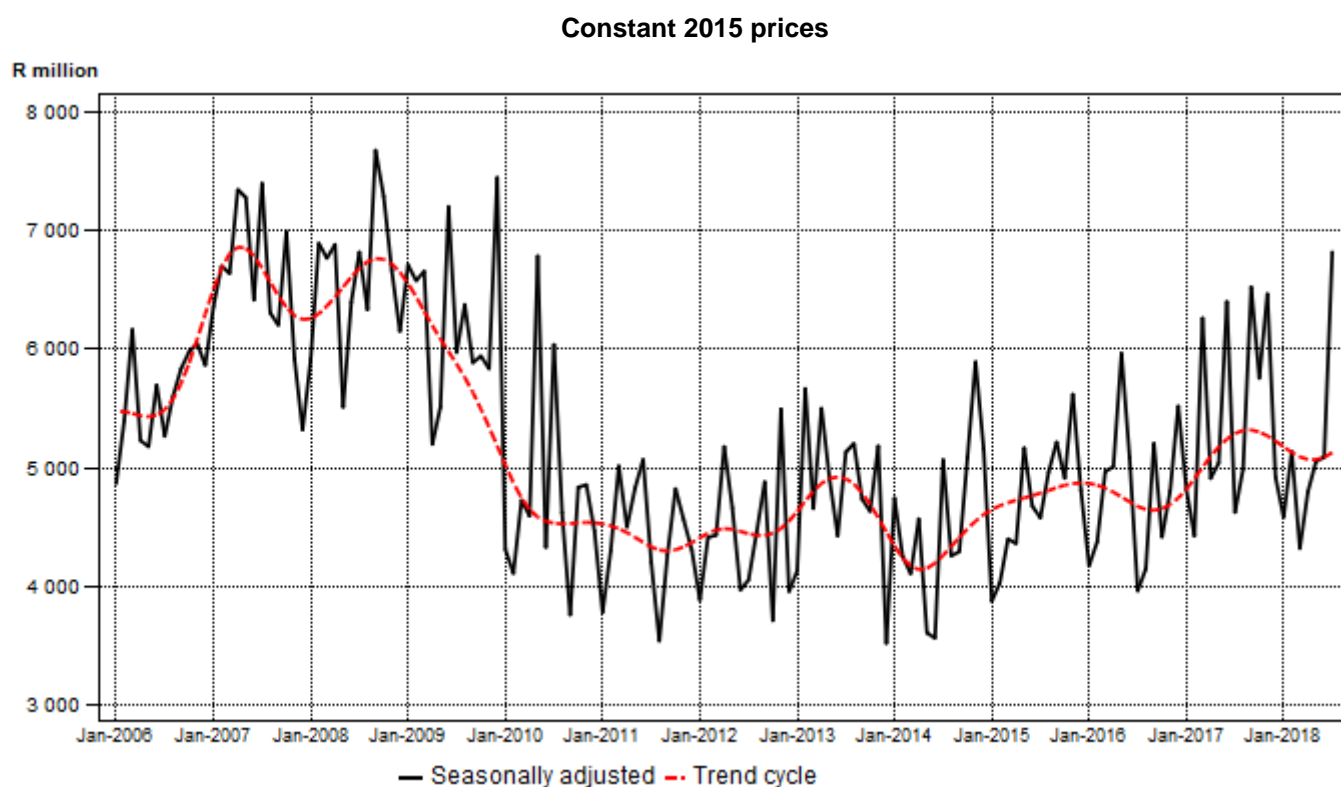
Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	February to April 2018	May to July 2018	% change between February to April 2018 and May to July 2018
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 380 695	10 226 597	22,0
Non-residential buildings 1/	3 288 265	3 965 791	20,6
Additions and alterations	2 583 327	2 762 817	6,9
Total	14 252 287	16 955 205	19,0

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 19,0% in the three months ended July 2018 compared with the previous three months. Increases were recorded for residential buildings (22,0%), non-residential buildings (20,6%) and additions and alterations (6,9%) – 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/
2017	January	3 161 447	6,2	1 894 083	-58,3	1 703 058	17,3	6 758 588	-24,7
	February	4 539 426	-1,2	2 957 537	11,1	2 161 104	1,7	9 658 067	3,0
	March	4 726 354	2,7	1 675 826	-36,7	2 277 738	10,8	8 679 918	-6,7
	April	4 056 771	-26,0	1 002 693	-64,7	1 983 859	-16,9	7 043 323	-34,2
	May	4 647 680	10,4	2 420 751	7,5	2 442 934	9,0	9 511 365	9,3
	June	4 775 996	-5,0	2 192 921	40,6	2 642 793	9,4	9 611 710	6,8
	July	6 214 644	65,2	2 805 151	102,8	2 626 367	3,7	11 646 162	51,7
	August	4 577 894	3,5	2 874 162	60,0	2 958 451	29,1	10 410 507	22,3
	September	4 486 618	-6,6	1 498 229	-40,4	2 705 724	-0,1	8 690 571	-13,3
	October	5 302 305	-2,2	1 903 123	-26,5	2 993 633	10,2	10 199 061	-4,9
	November	4 585 400	-5,0	3 903 092	14,0	2 785 284	13,3	11 273 776	5,2
	December	4 230 596	-10,7	2 535 273	66,5	1 982 402	1,4	8 748 271	6,5
	Total	55 305 131	0,8	27 662 841	-7,0	29 263 347	7,0	112 231 319	0,3
2018	January	3 423 823	8,3	1 326 388	-30,0	2 048 834	20,3	6 799 045	0,6
	February	4 728 955	4,2	3 173 522	7,3	2 360 140	9,2	10 262 617	6,3
	March	4 324 029	-8,5	1 544 746	-7,8	2 547 968	11,9	8 416 743	-3,0
	April	4 593 385	13,2	1 718 431	71,4	2 162 953	9,0	8 474 769	20,3
	May	5 653 709	21,6	1 817 021	-24,9	2 476 180	1,4	9 946 910	4,6
	June	4 961 410	3,9	2 143 598	-2,2	2 702 425	2,3	9 807 433	2,0
	July	5 198 248	-16,4	1 737 762	-38,1	2 709 393	3,2	9 645 403	-17,2

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 2 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2017	January	4 382 493	-22,6	1 894 083	24,4	2 309 677	-3,0	8 586 253	-10,2
	February	4 511 184	2,9	2 957 537	56,1	2 237 157	-3,1	9 705 878	13,0
	March	4 289 980	-4,9	1 675 826	-43,3	2 262 568	1,1	8 228 374	-15,2
	April	4 547 693	6,0	1 002 693	-40,2	2 331 044	3,0	7 881 430	-4,2
	May	4 428 136	-2,6	2 420 751	141,4	2 393 954	2,7	9 242 841	17,3
	June	4 405 923	-0,5	2 192 921	-9,4	2 499 968	4,4	9 098 812	-1,6
	July	6 114 577	38,8	2 805 151	27,9	2 454 353	-1,8	11 374 081	25,0
	August	4 190 088	-31,5	2 874 162	2,5	2 538 846	3,4	9 603 096	-15,6
	September	4 379 229	4,5	1 498 229	-47,9	2 430 208	-4,3	8 307 666	-13,5
	October	4 643 058	6,0	1 903 123	27,0	2 643 442	8,8	9 189 623	10,6
	November	4 306 845	-7,2	3 903 092	105,1	2 567 816	-2,9	10 777 753	17,3
	December	5 116 304	18,8	2 535 273	-35,0	2 505 826	-2,4	10 157 403	-5,8
2018	January	4 671 625	-8,7	1 326 388	-47,7	2 663 606	6,3	8 661 619	-14,7
	February	4 673 723	0,0	3 173 522	139,3	2 462 990	-7,5	10 310 235	19,0
	March	4 693 259	0,4	1 544 746	-51,3	2 920 015	18,6	9 158 020	-11,2
	April	4 543 188	-3,2	1 718 431	11,2	2 231 461	-23,6	8 493 080	-7,3
	May	5 090 716	12,1	1 817 021	5,7	2 419 250	8,4	9 326 987	9,8
	June	4 777 722	-6,1	2 143 598	18,0	2 635 641	8,9	9 556 961	2,5
	July	4 952 849	3,7	1 737 762	-18,9	2 407 582	-8,7	9 098 193	-4,8
	Feb. – Apr. 18	13 910 170		6 436 699		7 614 466		27 961 335	
	May – Jul. 18 2/	14 821 287	6,6	5 698 381	-11,5	7 462 473	-2,0	27 982 141	0,1

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/
2017	January	2 874 043	-1,3	1 721 894	-61,3	1 548 235	9,0	6 144 172	-30,0
	February	4 096 955	-7,0	2 669 257	4,5	1 950 455	-4,3	8 716 667	-3,1
	March	4 254 144	-3,3	1 508 394	-40,4	2 050 169	4,3	7 812 707	-12,2
	April	3 644 898	-30,0	900 892	-66,5	1 782 443	-21,3	6 328 233	-37,7
	May	4 138 629	3,9	2 155 611	1,1	2 175 364	2,6	8 469 604	2,9
	June	4 268 093	-9,3	1 959 715	34,2	2 361 745	4,4	8 589 553	1,9
	July	5 548 789	58,0	2 504 599	93,9	2 344 971	-0,8	10 398 359	45,0
	August	4 065 625	-1,5	2 552 542	52,3	2 627 399	22,9	9 245 566	16,4
	September	3 956 453	-11,4	1 321 190	-43,5	2 386 000	-5,3	7 663 643	-17,8
	October	4 642 999	-7,7	1 666 482	-30,6	2 621 395	4,0	8 930 876	-10,2
	November	3 990 775	-10,1	3 396 947	7,8	2 424 094	7,2	9 811 816	-0,4
	December	3 678 779	-14,9	2 204 585	58,7	1 723 828	-3,3	7 607 192	1,5
	Total	49 160 182	-4,5	24 562 108	-12,5	25 996 098	1,3	99 718 388	-5,2
2018	January	2 990 238	4,0	1 158 417	-32,7	1 789 375	15,6	5 938 030	-3,4
	February	4 130 092	0,8	2 771 635	3,8	2 061 258	5,7	8 962 985	2,8
	March	3 769 860	-11,4	1 346 771	-10,7	2 221 419	8,4	7 338 050	-6,1
	April	3 994 248	9,6	1 494 288	65,9	1 880 829	5,5	7 369 365	16,5
	May	4 911 997	18,7	1 578 646	-26,8	2 151 329	-1,1	8 641 972	2,0
	June	4 288 168	0,5	1 852 721	-5,5	2 335 717	-1,1	8 476 606	-1,3
	July	4 442 947	-19,9	1 485 267	-40,7	2 315 721	-1,2	8 243 935	-20,7

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/
2017	January	3 969 428	-21,6	1 721 894	24,0	2 096 155	-4,2	7 787 477	-9,9
	February	4 083 728	2,9	2 669 257	55,0	2 024 336	-3,4	8 777 321	12,7
	March	3 904 160	-4,4	1 508 394	-43,5	2 027 869	0,2	7 440 423	-15,2
	April	4 092 099	4,8	900 892	-40,3	2 057 660	1,5	7 050 651	-5,2
	May	3 965 036	-3,1	2 155 611	139,3	2 127 723	3,4	8 248 370	17,0
	June	3 917 197	-1,2	1 959 715	-9,1	2 248 444	5,7	8 125 356	-1,5
	July	5 471 121	39,7	2 504 599	27,8	2 200 734	-2,1	10 176 454	25,2
	August	3 697 105	-32,4	2 552 542	1,9	2 263 116	2,8	8 512 763	-16,3
	September	3 867 513	4,6	1 321 190	-48,2	2 152 942	-4,9	7 341 645	-13,8
	October	4 064 136	5,1	1 666 482	26,1	2 301 652	6,9	8 032 270	9,4
	November	3 740 795	-8,0	3 396 947	103,8	2 254 405	-2,1	9 392 147	16,9
	December	4 414 605	18,0	2 204 585	-35,1	2 194 574	-2,7	8 813 764	-6,2
2018	January	4 094 503	-7,3	1 158 417	-47,5	2 314 579	5,5	7 567 499	-14,1
	February	4 094 972	0,0	2 771 635	139,3	2 150 169	-7,1	9 016 776	19,2
	March	4 056 550	-0,9	1 346 771	-51,4	2 488 944	15,8	7 892 265	-12,5
	April	3 980 776	-1,9	1 494 288	11,0	1 940 261	-22,0	7 415 325	-6,0
	May	4 417 547	11,0	1 578 646	5,6	2 108 047	8,6	8 104 240	9,3
	June	4 153 094	-6,0	1 852 721	17,4	2 266 451	7,5	8 272 266	2,1
	July	4 250 797	2,4	1 485 267	-19,8	2 061 201	-9,1	7 797 265	-5,7
	Feb. – Apr. 18	12 132 298		5 612 694		6 579 374		24 324 366	
	May – Jul. 18 2/	12 821 438	5,7	4 916 634	-12,4	6 435 699	-2,2	24 173 771	-0,6

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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 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/
2017	January	2 359 273	6,8	1 324 149	128,9	755 314	16,0	4 438 736	29,1
	February	2 987 483	21,5	793 718	-22,9	839 781	-3,5	4 620 982	6,0
	March	3 590 701	42,3	2 469 283	36,4	1 096 654	24,9	7 156 638	37,3
	April	3 722 887	60,7	835 924	-60,4	688 546	-16,3	5 247 357	-0,1
	May	2 997 231	-8,5	1 458 694	-19,8	938 447	2,7	5 394 372	-10,2
	June	3 184 349	2,5	2 807 943	111,9	1 119 285	20,3	7 111 577	32,7
	July	2 791 841	19,3	1 418 931	23,3	878 502	24,5	5 089 274	21,3
	August	3 021 402	20,3	1 538 208	27,6	1 121 295	41,6	5 680 905	26,0
	September	3 017 108	-17,3	3 501 830	164,1	1 234 363	25,5	7 753 301	30,1
	October	3 332 642	9,2	2 668 765	187,5	831 585	-18,6	6 832 992	36,6
	November	3 663 759	21,0	3 257 545	93,7	1 141 897	9,7	8 063 201	40,2
	December	4 159 930	-7,9	863 246	-12,4	958 305	9,8	5 981 481	-6,2
	Total	38 828 606	11,0	22 938 236	43,8	11 603 974	10,7	73 370 816	19,5
2018	January	2 685 943	13,8	807 034	-39,1	792 693	4,9	4 285 670	-3,4
	February	2 996 399	0,3	1 521 419	91,7	1 053 541	25,5	5 571 359	20,6
	March	2 823 654	-21,4	1 044 722	-57,7	1 068 288	-2,6	4 936 664	-31,0
	April	3 373 893	-9,4	1 205 988	44,3	890 508	29,3	5 470 389	4,3
	May	3 191 090	6,5	1 473 491	1,0	903 658	-3,7	5 568 239	3,2
	June	3 381 928	6,2	1 478 214	-47,4	1 020 156	-8,9	5 880 298	-17,3
	July	4 846 757	73,6	1 647 338	16,1	1 257 103	43,1	7 751 198	52,3

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2017	January	3 028 960	-26,4	1 324 149	34,4	960 676	-3,6	5 313 785	-12,8
	February	3 289 706	8,6	793 718	-40,1	814 889	-15,2	4 898 313	-7,8
	March	3 637 239	10,6	2 469 283	211,1	830 148	1,9	6 936 670	41,6
	April	3 769 062	3,6	835 924	-66,1	859 568	3,5	5 464 554	-21,2
	May	3 238 394	-14,1	1 458 694	74,5	966 059	12,4	5 663 147	3,6
	June	3 289 147	1,6	2 807 943	92,5	1 074 690	11,2	7 171 780	26,6
	July	2 813 956	-14,4	1 418 931	-49,5	907 925	-15,5	5 140 812	-28,3
	August	3 014 536	7,1	1 538 208	8,4	1 058 893	16,6	5 611 637	9,2
	September	2 766 159	-8,2	3 501 830	127,7	1 130 462	6,8	7 398 451	31,8
	October	3 106 150	12,3	2 668 765	-23,8	799 477	-29,3	6 574 392	-11,1
	November	3 092 806	-0,4	3 257 545	22,1	1 069 728	33,8	7 420 079	12,9
	December	3 764 822	21,7	863 246	-73,5	1 074 153	0,4	5 702 221	-23,2
2018	January	3 443 408	-8,5	807 034	-6,5	1 010 624	-5,9	5 261 066	-7,7
	February	3 316 226	-3,7	1 521 419	88,5	1 039 604	2,9	5 877 249	11,7
	March	2 870 074	-13,5	1 044 722	-31,3	1 026 857	-1,2	4 941 653	-15,9
	April	3 416 111	19,0	1 205 988	15,4	894 121	-12,9	5 516 220	11,6
	May	3 417 623	0,0	1 473 491	22,2	928 398	3,8	5 819 512	5,5
	June	3 453 655	1,1	1 478 214	0,3	967 058	4,2	5 898 927	1,4
	July	4 951 908	43,4	1 647 338	11,4	1 306 325	35,1	7 905 571	34,0
	Feb. – Apr. 18	9 602 411		3 772 129		2 960 582		16 335 122	
	May – Jul. 18 2/	11 823 186	23,1	4 599 043	21,9	3 201 781	8,1	19 624 010	20,1

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

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

Table 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/
2017	January	2 144 794	-0,7	1 203 772	112,7	686 649	7,7	4 035 215	19,9
	February	2 696 284	14,4	716 352	-27,5	757 925	-9,1	4 170 561	-0,2
	March	3 231 954	34,0	2 222 577	28,4	987 087	17,6	6 441 618	29,3
	April	3 344 912	52,2	751 055	-62,5	618 640	-20,7	4 714 607	-5,4
	May	2 668 950	-13,9	1 298 926	-24,5	835 661	-3,3	4 803 537	-15,5
	June	2 845 710	-2,1	2 509 332	102,2	1 000 255	14,9	6 355 297	26,6
	July	2 492 715	14,1	1 266 903	17,9	784 377	19,1	4 543 995	16,0
	August	2 683 306	14,5	1 366 082	21,4	995 821	34,8	5 045 209	20,0
	September	2 660 589	-21,6	3 088 034	150,3	1 088 504	18,9	6 837 127	23,4
	October	2 918 250	3,1	2 336 922	171,4	728 183	-23,2	5 983 355	29,0
	November	3 188 650	14,5	2 835 113	83,2	993 818	3,8	7 017 581	32,7
	December	3 617 330	-12,2	750 649	-16,5	833 309	4,6	5 201 288	-10,6
	Total	34 493 444	5,2	20 345 717	35,7	10 310 229	4,8	65 149 390	13,1
2018	January	2 345 802	9,4	704 833	-41,4	692 308	0,8	3 742 943	-7,2
	February	2 616 942	-2,9	1 328 750	85,5	920 123	21,4	4 865 815	16,7
	March	2 461 773	-23,8	910 830	-59,0	931 376	-5,6	4 303 979	-33,2
	April	2 933 820	-12,3	1 048 685	39,6	774 355	25,2	4 756 860	0,9
	May	2 772 450	3,9	1 280 183	-1,4	785 107	-6,0	4 837 740	0,7
	June	2 923 015	2,7	1 277 627	-49,1	881 725	-11,8	5 082 367	-20,0
	July	4 142 527	66,2	1 407 981	11,1	1 074 447	37,0	6 624 955	45,8

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 8 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 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/
2017	January	2 742 303	-26,2	1 203 772	33,9	870 469	-4,0	4 816 544	-12,7
	February	2 970 070	8,3	716 352	-40,5	737 076	-15,3	4 423 498	-8,2
	March	3 289 952	10,8	2 222 577	210,3	748 673	1,6	6 261 202	41,5
	April	3 387 051	3,0	751 055	-66,2	771 507	3,0	4 909 613	-21,6
	May	2 879 357	-15,0	1 298 926	72,9	860 888	11,6	5 039 171	2,6
	June	2 928 426	1,7	2 509 332	93,2	962 008	11,7	6 399 766	27,0
	July	2 542 786	-13,2	1 266 903	-49,5	812 508	-15,5	4 622 197	-27,8
	August	2 680 190	5,4	1 366 082	7,8	942 036	15,9	4 988 308	7,9
	September	2 436 952	-9,1	3 088 034	126,1	997 185	5,9	6 522 171	30,7
	October	2 720 474	11,6	2 336 922	-24,3	696 654	-30,1	5 754 050	-11,8
	November	2 700 407	-0,7	2 835 113	21,3	930 503	33,6	6 466 023	12,4
	December	3 235 578	19,8	750 649	-73,5	932 414	0,2	4 918 641	-23,9
2018	January	2 996 399	-7,4	704 833	-6,1	879 975	-5,6	4 581 207	-6,9
	February	2 896 998	-3,3	1 328 750	88,5	910 225	3,4	5 135 973	12,1
	March	2 514 460	-13,2	910 830	-31,5	893 623	-1,8	4 318 913	-15,9
	April	2 969 237	18,1	1 048 685	15,1	779 479	-12,8	4 797 401	11,1
	May	2 964 653	-0,2	1 280 183	22,1	807 274	3,6	5 052 110	5,3
	June	2 972 945	0,3	1 277 627	-0,2	836 854	3,7	5 087 426	0,7
	July	4 288 999	44,3	1 407 981	10,2	1 118 689	33,7	6 815 669	34,0
	Feb. – Apr. 18	8 380 695		3 288 265		2 583 327		14 252 287	
	May – Jul. 18 2/	10 226 597	22,0	3 965 791	20,6	2 762 817	6,9	16 955 205	19,0

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

			Jul. 2017	Jun. 2018	Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2017	Jan. - Jul. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 646	984	1 747	11 674	11 587	-0,7	
		square metres	79 056	52 866	85 837	554 259	546 130	-1,5	
		R'000	400 061	324 199	468 823	2 702 570	2 934 881	8,6	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 402	1 346	1 371	8 674	8 626	-0,6	
		square metres	382 928	337 752	403 198	2 349 975	2 297 195	-2,2	
		R'000	2 751 667	2 410 369	2 895 501	16 265 742	16 448 821	1,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2 778	2 637	2 859	13 205	15 934	20,7	
		square metres	342 763	268 648	226 125	1 623 831	1 559 058	-4,0	
		R'000	3 039 637	2 156 143	1 761 573	12 853 605	12 082 104	-6,0	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	3 972	9 168	6 661	42 278	137 506	225,2	
		R'000	23 279	70 699	72 351	300 401	1 417 753	372,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	6 214 644	4 961 410	5 198 248	32 122 318	32 883 559	2,4
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	11 737	42 127	36 792	438 716	314 269	-28,4
R'000			98 999	325 372	274 934	4 014 414	2 869 696	-28,5	
Shopping space		square metres	89 399	37 852	62 797	373 944	345 764	-7,5	
		R'000	853 246	274 707	504 621	3 174 676	2 746 851	-13,5	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	204 705	220 077	106 594	975 667	993 252	1,8	
		R'000	1 160 071	1 283 883	644 147	5 645 030	5 957 571	5,5	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	93 227	37 178	43 509	298 828	259 212	-13,3	
		R'000	692 835	259 636	314 060	2 114 842	1 887 350	-10,8	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	2 805 151	2 143 598	1 737 762	14 948 962	13 461 468	-10,0	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	262 253	288 714	259 532	1 676 843	1 661 948	-0,9	
		R'000	1 905 598	2 067 586	1 897 208	11 659 183	11 996 373	2,9	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	67 506	72 027	78 941	429 300	548 945	27,9	
		R'000	720 769	634 839	812 185	4 178 670	5 011 520	19,9	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	2 626 367	2 702 425	2 709 393	15 837 853	17 007 893	7,4
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	11 646 162	9 807 433	9 645 403	62 909 133	63 352 920	0,7	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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. 2017	Jun. 2018	Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2017	Jan. - Jul. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	672	273	320	4 377	4 087	-6,6
		square metres	31 113	12 418	15 793	203 297	181 239	-10,9
		R'000	177 442	80 435	88 232	1 218 771	1 059 062	-13,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	429	445	495	2 895	3 050	5,4
		square metres	110 254	109 246	124 540	693 219	743 752	7,3
		R'000	764 950	735 459	822 166	4 662 902	5 014 691	7,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 095	1 187	1 103	4 460	7 537	69,0
		square metres	89 892	116 230	94 202	458 470	722 946	57,7
		R'000	686 824	916 373	758 831	3 473 915	5 452 420	57,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	696	1 819	0	8 500	23 470	176,1
		R'000	4 678	13 029	0	56 918	181 605	219,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 633 894	1 745 296	1 669 229	9 412 506	11 707 778	24,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	210	10 848	20 640	106 072	70 060	-34,0
		R'000	1 844	63 298	177 810	935 779	556 527	-40,5
	Shopping space	square metres	1 117	7 564	17 549	60 612	99 686	64,5
		R'000	9 890	57 490	144 602	482 828	803 871	66,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	27 977	24 445	15 489	155 806	218 423	40,2
		R'000	198 497	173 475	95 591	1 099 259	1 469 229	33,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	59 907	7 833	18 052	99 473	105 595	6,2
		R'000	395 386	51 905	117 564	656 865	745 041	13,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	605 617	346 168	535 567	3 174 731	3 574 668	12,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	80 715	77 351	69 887	482 765	481 545	-0,3
		R'000	539 651	525 041	454 324	3 159 448	3 239 926	2,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	28 056	21 904	33 549	139 657	165 175	18,3
		R'000	340 298	201 001	311 280	1 579 709	1 658 722	5,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	879 949	726 042	765 604	4 739 157	4 898 648	3,4
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 119 460	2 817 506	2 970 400	17 326 394	20 181 094	16,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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. 2017	Jun. 2018	Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2017	Jan. - Jul. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	194	84	58	1 267	1 028	-18,9
		square metres	9 998	5 173	2 924	58 633	47 397	-19,2
		R'000	62 139	32 608	20 151	294 709	296 935	0,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	176	159	120	683	789	15,5
		square metres	59 161	29 873	27 783	168 259	168 547	0,2
		R'000	375 648	189 466	180 019	1 020 576	1 073 845	5,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	54	54	0	259	1 063	310,4
		square metres	6 100	5 113	0	30 508	66 645	118,5
		R'000	39 699	32 645	0	177 078	414 703	134,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	144	0	0	6 210	1 574	-74,7
		R'000	914	0	0	36 924	8 413	-77,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	478 400	254 719	200 170	1 529 287	1 793 896	17,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	4 419	2 476	8 459	27 134	220,8
		R'000	0	30 055	16 837	46 883	170 995	264,7
	Shopping space	square metres	2 107	1 190	289	15 684	4 715	-69,9
		R'000	13 777	7 302	1 773	87 501	27 649	-68,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	14 880	9 765	5 566	100 857	80 199	-20,5
		R'000	94 258	51 899	30 597	581 944	443 779	-23,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 521	788	405	14 692	15 168	3,2
		R'000	7 934	4 403	2 229	78 599	80 882	2,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	115 969	93 659	51 436	794 927	723 305	-9,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	25 182	41 119	26 018	166 170	177 109	6,6
		R'000	163 496	249 233	157 913	1 004 950	1 083 342	7,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 549	9 324	9 423	30 977	78 848	154,5
		R'000	23 956	65 456	61 734	200 998	454 298	126,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	187 452	314 689	219 647	1 205 948	1 537 640	27,5
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	781 821	663 067	471 253	3 530 162	4 054 841	14,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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. 2017	Jun. 2018	Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2017	Jan. - Jul. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	0	3	20	11	-45,0
		square metres	138	0	187	1 137	610	-46,4
		R'000	380	0	1 520	5 722	4 921	-14,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	21	12	15	99	97	-2,0
		square metres	4 184	2 520	3 652	21 083	18 588	-11,8
		R'000	30 266	16 702	26 113	144 224	126 212	-12,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	11	2	0	30	..
		square metres	0	1 031	303	0	2 620	..
		R'000	0	7 392	2 541	0	18 929	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 117	0	780	1 705	118,6
		R'000	0	7 819	0	5 070	11 935	135,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	30 646	31 913	30 174	155 016	161 997	4,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	417	8 087	1 839,3
		R'000	0	0	0	1 877	65 028	3 364,5
	Shopping space	square metres	0	2 073	0	4 856	3 656	-24,7
		R'000	0	16 669	0	31 564	29 398	-6,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 198	1 099	1 771	10 510	9 167	-12,8
		R'000	11 242	8 638	13 283	71 988	61 671	-14,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	245	0	0	903	2 199	143,5
		R'000	1 166	0	0	5 444	17 682	224,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	12 408	25 307	13 283	110 873	173 779	56,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 580	4 832	3 636	20 745	24 031	15,8
		R'000	26 161	34 416	26 511	143 927	173 826	20,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	103	503	0	2 312	8 876	283,9
		R'000	3 890	3 856	1 235	19 167	72 987	280,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	30 051	38 272	27 746	163 094	246 813	51,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	73 105	95 492	71 203	428 983	582 589	35,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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. 2017	Jun. 2018	Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2017	Jan. - Jul. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	16	23	70	126	80,0
		square metres	1 081	944	1 351	4 155	7 066	70,1
		R'000	7 660	6 362	8 907	25 095	44 405	76,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	56	53	76	399	414	3,8
		square metres	11 521	10 185	13 985	83 538	88 028	5,4
		R'000	73 146	59 914	87 079	464 624	548 594	18,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	38	67	23	575	310	-46,1
		square metres	2 565	10 746	538	69 028	22 075	-68,0
		R'000	15 800	78 091	3 984	472 392	156 586	-66,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	3 019	260	1 377	11 310	721,4
		R'000	0	22 359	1 238	7 362	74 891	917,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	96 606	166 726	101 208	969 473	824 476	-15,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	2 935	4 862	4 789	-1,5
		R'000	0	0	18 009	38 896	31 506	-19,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	140	12 418	5 893	30 441	416,6
		R'000	0	1 037	76 278	32 010	199 908	524,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 046	12 512	5 109	25 923	48 555	87,3
		R'000	16 170	92 664	37 837	128 838	334 231	159,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	2 466	385	8 234	6 630	-19,5
		R'000	0	15 131	1 833	52 940	40 768	-23,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	16 170	108 832	133 957	252 684	606 413	140,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 480	9 770	12 206	78 495	78 253	-0,3
		R'000	76 136	62 744	76 755	429 796	503 207	17,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	684	4 596	7 136	16 146	54 209	235,7
		R'000	24 326	31 389	69 496	200 127	458 688	129,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	100 462	94 133	146 251	629 923	961 895	52,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	213 238	369 691	381 416	1 852 080	2 392 784	29,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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. 2017	Jun. 2018	Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2017	Jan. - Jul. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	18	15	719	115	-84,0
		square metres	801	1 176	855	30 700	6 995	-77,2
		R'000	5 728	10 226	5 324	119 372	53 071	-55,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	93	82	108	728	633	-13,0
		square metres	33 229	26 094	34 118	226 821	196 949	-13,2
		R'000	317 535	243 905	339 742	2 122 395	1 924 570	-9,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	523	215	203	1 850	1 269	-31,4
		square metres	92 957	20 395	28 073	275 587	150 116	-45,5
		R'000	1 020 977	191 660	251 786	2 758 782	1 418 914	-48,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 100	1 916	5 772	14 715	81 050	450,8
		R'000	12 572	20 501	67 586	139 799	1 030 835	637,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 356 812	466 292	664 438	5 140 348	4 427 390	-13,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	3 917	4 955	1 777	72 181	104 205	44,4
		R'000	32 027	45 467	11 087	663 112	1 083 815	63,4
	Shopping space	square metres	5 981	4 571	5 445	118 798	49 824	-58,1
		R'000	52 777	50 281	47 638	1 152 024	514 144	-55,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	52 276	37 801	32 404	165 214	229 544	38,9
		R'000	314 386	239 706	194 424	975 537	1 398 909	43,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	18 986	4 217	8 384	43 039	34 852	-19,0
		R'000	189 866	29 599	91 059	369 474	309 124	-16,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	589 056	365 053	344 208	3 160 147	3 305 992	4,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	35 524	33 191	39 890	230 355	205 410	-10,8
		R'000	346 217	310 690	392 223	2 204 487	2 020 304	-8,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	18 312	17 451	12 258	112 617	109 537	-2,7
		R'000	190 515	185 276	183 607	1 232 740	1 290 476	4,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	536 732	495 966	575 830	3 437 227	3 310 780	-3,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 482 600	1 327 311	1 584 476	11 737 722	11 044 162	-5,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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. 2017	Jun. 2018	Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2017	Jan. - Jul. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	11	8	914	725	-20,7
		square metres	631	776	485	41 901	30 523	-27,2
		R'000	3 229	4 788	2 656	91 650	97 956	6,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	52	76	58	437	420	-3,9
		square metres	13 731	19 726	13 450	112 882	105 747	-6,3
		R'000	76 399	109 346	74 231	600 734	581 556	-3,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	86	74	118	1 443	836	-42,1
		square metres	3 998	7 144	13 144	153 214	75 878	-50,5
		R'000	27 601	42 521	71 565	917 978	397 876	-56,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 032	463	0	1 032	6 777	556,7
		R'000	5 115	2 315	0	5 115	36 643	616,4
	Total residential buildings		R'000	112 344	158 970	148 452	1 615 477	1 114 031
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	416	1 597	3 412	113,7
		R'000	0	0	1 870	10 173	17 142	68,5
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	7 584	12 487	21 483	72,0
		R'000	0	0	37 920	65 437	115 508	76,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	2 510	1 346	7 552	16 643	120,4
		R'000	0	15 028	7 179	35 109	88 732	152,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	229	0	518	1 312	3 295	151,1
		R'000	969	0	3 288	5 765	16 627	188,4
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	969	15 028	50 257	116 484	238 009
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 742	10 046	10 524	73 797	72 133	-2,3
		R'000	62 689	54 590	55 373	372 706	382 100	2,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 549	1 188	2 287	9 691	7 717	-20,4
		R'000	8 125	8 575	14 176	70 028	51 517	-26,4
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	70 814	63 165	69 549	442 734	433 617
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	184 127	237 163	268 258	2 174 695	1 785 657	-17,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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. 2017	Jun. 2018	Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2017	Jan. - Jul. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	694	544	1 290	3 617	5 202	43,8	
		square metres	32 932	30 206	62 490	178 606	255 771	43,2	
		R'000	131 994	177 866	332 465	781 880	1 292 462	65,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	449	418	402	2 518	2 397	-4,8	
		square metres	115 082	107 444	159 224	792 915	742 726	-6,3	
		R'000	917 737	859 096	1 229 983	5 941 351	5 866 227	-1,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	957	1 006	1 364	4 343	4 661	7,3	
		square metres	144 768	106 065	84 090	602 941	496 305	-17,7	
		R'000	1 236 667	877 721	645 371	4 870 301	4 105 684	-15,7	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	834	629	4 646	3 819	-17,8	
		R'000	0	4 676	3 527	25 967	30 529	17,6	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	2 286 398	1 919 359	2 211 346	11 619 499	11 294 902	-2,8
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	3 459	20 935	3 147	225 188	81 576	-63,8
R'000			36 463	181 934	23 607	2 213 265	860 515	-61,1	
Shopping space		square metres	78 364	22 314	18 714	127 689	114 920	-10,0	
		R'000	764 464	141 928	192 611	1 156 836	954 288	-17,5	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	97 104	129 263	28 966	473 923	324 158	-31,6	
		R'000	493 345	685 323	155 952	2 573 050	1 771 963	-31,1	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	10 718	21 874	7 728	102 158	74 875	-26,7	
		R'000	89 989	158 598	47 175	783 308	583 595	-25,5	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 384 261	1 167 783	419 345	6 726 459	4 170 361	-38,0	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	77 200	97 479	80 779	519 853	509 918	-1,9	
		R'000	605 608	748 864	648 480	3 836 685	3 980 245	3,7	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	14 623	14 333	9 660	106 475	99 594	-6,5	
		R'000	109 406	108 306	87 941	744 850	740 452	-0,6	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	715 014	857 170	736 421	4 581 535	4 720 697	3,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	4 385 673	3 944 312	3 367 112	22 927 493	20 185 960	-12,0	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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. 2017	Jun. 2018	Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2017	Jan. - Jul. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	25	31	22	558	144	-74,2
		square metres	1 328	1 695	1 314	27 526	8 069	-70,7
		R'000	6 319	9 385	7 251	116 499	43 108	-63,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	77	55	56	588	523	-11,1
		square metres	19 452	17 754	12 736	155 717	138 043	-11,4
		R'000	110 257	117 000	65 641	821 724	818 192	-0,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	8	5	46	84	124	47,6
		square metres	1 455	820	5 775	7 096	11 551	62,8
		R'000	6 929	3 904	27 495	32 448	58 783	81,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	2 239	7 492	234,6
		R'000	0	0	0	10 077	41 588	312,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	123 505	130 289	100 387	980 748	961 671	-1,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	4 151	970	5 401	8 745	12 876	47,2
		R'000	28 665	4 618	25 714	49 453	73 378	48,4
	Shopping space	square metres	420	0	798	19 052	18 364	-3,6
		R'000	2 000	0	3 799	118 531	89 490	-24,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 513	2 682	14 451	21 080	47 091	123,4
		R'000	7 203	17 150	101 392	110 551	289 759	162,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 237	0	6 470	10 992	12 467	13,4
		R'000	5 890	0	43 914	50 224	74 769	48,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	43 758	21 768	174 819	328 759	527 396	60,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 663	11 036	12 120	72 306	86 241	19,3
		R'000	63 673	62 371	62 119	345 633	471 882	36,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 558	2 728	4 379	8 062	17 134	112,5
		R'000	19 357	26 980	75 898	103 338	224 046	116,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	83 030	89 351	138 017	448 971	695 928	55,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	250 293	241 408	413 223	1 758 478	2 184 995	24,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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. 2017	Jun. 2018	Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2017	Jan. - Jul. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	17	7	8	132	149	12,9	
		square metres	1 034	478	438	8 304	8 460	1,9	
		R'000	5 170	2 529	2 317	48 872	42 961	-12,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	49	46	41	327	303	-7,3	
		square metres	16 314	14 910	13 710	95 541	94 815	-0,8	
		R'000	85 729	79 481	70 527	487 212	494 934	1,6	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	17	18	0	191	104	-45,5	
		square metres	1 028	1 104	0	26 987	10 922	-59,5	
		R'000	5 140	5 836	0	150 711	58 209	-61,4	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	2 779	309	-88,9	
		R'000	0	0	0	13 169	1 314	-90,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	96 039	87 846	72 844	699 964	597 418	-14,7
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	11 195	2 130	-81,0
R'000			0	0	0	54 976	10 790	-80,4	
Shopping space		square metres	1 410	0	0	8 873	2 675	-69,9	
		R'000	10 338	0	0	47 945	12 595	-73,7	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	5 711	0	1 492	14 802	19 472	31,5	
		R'000	24 970	0	7 892	68 754	99 298	44,4	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	384	0	1 567	18 025	4 131	-77,1	
		R'000	1 635	0	6 998	112 223	18 862	-83,2	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	36 943	0	14 890	283 898	141 545	-50,1	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 167	3 890	4 472	32 357	27 308	-15,6
	R'000		21 967	19 637	23 510	161 551	141 541	-12,4	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	72	0	249	3 363	7 855	133,6	
		R'000	896	4 000	6 818	27 713	60 334	117,7	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	22 863	23 637	30 328	189 264	201 875	6,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	155 845	111 483	118 062	1 173 126	940 838	-19,8	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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. 2017	Jun. 2018	Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2017	Jan. - Jul. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	865	976	1 511	8 998	6 263	-30,4
		square metres	47 444	50 606	78 420	434 285	317 516	-26,9
		R'000	248 164	298 841	501 365	2 021 143	1 859 799	-8,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	848	839	1 036	5 670	5 746	1,3
		square metres	214 358	226 548	249 703	1 535 834	1 471 879	-4,2
		R'000	1 536 472	1 628 278	1 901 510	10 917 109	10 791 130	-1,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	977	1 039	1 757	8 231	8 891	8,0
		square metres	111 069	190 352	269 285	814 694	1 286 179	57,9
		R'000	974 374	1 450 348	2 323 779	6 606 092	10 266 670	55,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	5 348	648	10 457	219 396	47 374	-78,4
		R'000	32 831	4 461	120 103	2 089 421	382 065	-81,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 791 841	3 381 928	4 846 757	21 633 765	23 299 664	7,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	7 146	94 420	94 581	335 718	397 516	18,4
		R'000	60 400	880 074	871 230	3 060 029	3 679 533	20,2
	Shopping space	square metres	21 536	4 413	41 829	437 441	196 870	-55,0
		R'000	157 694	39 253	361 467	3 437 367	1 664 294	-51,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	183 224	82 316	56 027	671 001	542 058	-19,2
		R'000	981 265	478 954	351 382	3 704 506	3 178 536	-14,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	28 277	9 822	9 194	119 686	90 497	-24,4
		R'000	219 572	79 933	63 259	906 740	655 843	-27,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 418 931	1 478 214	1 647 338	11 108 642	9 178 206	-17,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	98 492	92 967	116 934	669 077	657 052	-1,8
		R'000	657 268	671 835	831 096	4 202 826	4 701 783	11,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	25 473	40 728	40 775	212 043	243 471	14,8
		R'000	221 234	348 321	426 007	2 113 703	2 284 164	8,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	878 502	1 020 156	1 257 103	6 316 529	6 985 947	10,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	5 089 274	5 880 298	7 751 198	39 058 936	39 463 817	1,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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. 2017	Jun. 2018	Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2017	Jan. - Jul. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	325	317	611	3 407	2 397	-29,6
		square metres	16 085	14 358	27 044	155 763	109 737	-29,5
		R'000	90 920	83 660	159 549	854 194	637 313	-25,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	326	265	354	1 933	1 928	-0,3
		square metres	77 208	67 357	83 704	453 816	454 579	0,2
		R'000	503 506	458 630	575 495	2 971 590	3 065 691	3,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	308	381	416	1 712	3 166	84,9
		square metres	34 525	76 384	55 077	205 572	351 053	70,8
		R'000	277 905	573 077	424 665	1 565 023	2 694 032	72,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	3 450	225	510	66 678	23 121	-65,3
		R'000	24 219	1 500	3 560	532 959	176 230	-66,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	896 550	1 116 867	1 163 269	5 923 766	6 573 266	11,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	3 812	1 087	41 669	109 848	76 128	-30,7
		R'000	32 889	8 058	356 690	816 664	610 102	-25,3
	Shopping space	square metres	11 579	0	24 134	26 455	68 127	157,5
		R'000	92 606	0	188 016	195 845	532 527	171,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	26 594	10 912	14 671	160 909	136 167	-15,4
		R'000	184 676	74 076	98 577	1 067 574	899 500	-15,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 584	5 091	6 381	28 229	48 462	71,7
		R'000	18 707	35 695	45 620	186 849	338 322	81,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	328 878	117 829	688 903	2 266 932	2 380 451	5,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	47 426	30 872	56 859	321 145	254 097	-20,9
		R'000	269 985	185 756	325 654	1 796 955	1 553 138	-13,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	17 739	14 249	24 590	89 589	112 863	26,0
		R'000	158 376	119 269	244 049	915 115	1 091 545	19,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	428 361	305 025	569 703	2 712 070	2 644 683	-2,5
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 653 789	1 539 721	2 421 875	10 902 768	11 598 400	6,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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. 2017	Jun. 2018	Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2017	Jan. - Jul. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	19	25	27	200	160	-20,0
		square metres	1 004	1 325	1 338	10 816	8 686	-19,7
		R'000	4 387	7 394	7 327	55 719	47 219	-15,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	44	55	62	343	309	-9,9
		square metres	9 362	10 906	11 596	69 561	64 166	-7,8
		R'000	61 321	69 460	72 719	388 074	420 811	8,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2	15	3	70	57	-18,6
		square metres	233	2 471	298	6 384	7 834	22,7
		R'000	1 479	15 358	1 963	36 919	49 740	34,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	4 056	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	23 020	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	67 187	92 212	82 009	503 732	517 770	2,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	3 361	1 056	-68,6
		R'000	0	0	0	15 173	6 804	-55,2
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	1 359	1 892	1 772	-6,3
		R'000	0	0	8 339	9 025	10 085	11,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 500	1 049	5 593	18 343	42 473	131,5
		R'000	22 500	5 349	32 683	92 059	256 623	178,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 739	0	736	4 902	1 009	-79,4
		R'000	18 695	0	4 671	24 861	6 119	-75,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	41 195	5 349	45 693	141 118	279 631	98,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 523	8 784	7 254	55 947	46 619	-16,7
		R'000	40 649	53 935	43 576	274 899	287 919	4,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 702	3 231	985	17 514	13 109	-25,2
		R'000	14 410	26 591	7 474	128 468	100 695	-21,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	55 059	80 526	51 050	403 367	388 614	-3,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	163 441	178 087	178 752	1 048 217	1 186 015	13,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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. 2017	Jun. 2018	Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2017	Jan. - Jul. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	2	0	1	9	800,0
		square metres	0	146	0	76	605	696,1
		R'000	0	1 095	0	456	4 720	935,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	3	8	2	34	24	-29,4
		square metres	413	1 236	739	7 363	4 961	-32,6
		R'000	2 891	8 861	6 198	50 699	36 911	-27,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2	0	0	17	1	-94,1
		square metres	595	0	0	1 928	146	-92,4
		R'000	4 784	0	0	13 449	1 174	-91,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	935	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	5 512	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	7 675	9 956	6 198	70 116	42 805	-39,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	299	0	2 824	299	-89,4
		R'000	0	2 093	0	15 159	2 093	-86,2
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	120	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	720	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	374	521	39,3
		R'000	0	0	0	2 842	3 647	28,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	16 448	0	0	16 448	0	..
		R'000	132 258	0	0	132 258	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	132 258	2 093	0	150 979	5 740	-96,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 701	2 557	1 572	10 844	17 169	58,3
		R'000	20 791	18 538	12 749	80 856	128 058	58,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	2 328	540	3 078	6 951	125,8
		R'000	530	16 436	4 050	23 289	60 835	161,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	21 321	34 974	16 799	104 145	188 893	81,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	161 254	47 023	22 997	325 240	237 438	-27,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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. 2017	Jun. 2018	Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2017	Jan. - Jul. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	18	6	11	95	125	31,6
		square metres	838	391	624	5 231	7 272	39,0
		R'000	1 592	2 896	4 366	21 039	41 508	97,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	19	19	7	98	94	-4,1
		square metres	4 469	3 410	1 451	18 894	19 530	3,4
		R'000	22 884	19 864	8 499	101 899	120 908	18,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	11	0	32	407	272	-33,2
		square metres	1 695	0	4 131	31 973	32 243	0,8
		R'000	10 267	0	30 594	216 731	238 451	10,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	168	402	139,3
		R'000	0	0	0	756	2 144	183,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	34 743	22 760	43 459	340 425	403 011	18,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	2 573	5 768	124,2
		R'000	0	0	0	17 649	42 185	139,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	919	2 145	133,4
		R'000	0	0	0	4 655	12 664	172,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	1 340	535	-60,1
		R'000	0	0	0	7 315	3 396	-53,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	0	326	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	2 000	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	0	29 619	60 245	103,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 588	1 038	683	23 089	12 127	-47,5
		R'000	46 345	6 788	4 005	107 618	66 958	-37,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	25	267	0	832	7 208	766,3
		R'000	583	5 538	5 609	89 403	65 869	-26,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	46 928	12 326	9 614	197 021	132 827	-32,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	81 671	35 086	53 073	567 065	596 083	5,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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. 2017	Jun. 2018	Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2017	Jan. - Jul. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	8	42	16	62	140	125,8
		square metres	443	2 494	905	3 493	8 304	137,7
		R'000	4 005	27 333	9 258	31 145	89 046	185,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	69	81	71	469	508	8,3
		square metres	16 720	26 278	21 438	142 682	137 423	-3,7
		R'000	151 548	214 475	233 911	1 321 667	1 382 693	4,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	147	68	64	871	324	-62,8
		square metres	21 016	10 086	10 077	106 943	56 685	-47,0
		R'000	213 930	83 384	116 886	1 020 180	552 345	-45,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	423	9 705	12 095	10 986	-9,2
		R'000	0	2 961	115 454	134 848	128 626	-4,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	369 483	328 153	475 509	2 507 840	2 152 710	-14,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	11 351	955	48 345	41 285	-14,6
		R'000	0	122 391	10 505	497 211	448 156	-9,9
	Shopping space	square metres	4 697	0	10 547	268 390	44 162	-83,5
		R'000	24 484	0	119 803	2 197 494	456 198	-79,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	30 766	17 120	6 721	98 696	83 338	-15,6
		R'000	182 040	99 831	42 651	566 458	498 771	-11,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	690	612	16 278	8 844	-45,7
		R'000	0	6 762	5 202	151 554	79 336	-47,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	206 524	228 984	178 161	3 412 717	1 482 461	-56,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 383	14 105	18 616	71 654	108 532	51,5
		R'000	146 262	149 200	213 065	714 381	1 124 931	57,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 802	4 291	5 220	42 602	29 285	-31,3
		R'000	26 114	40 279	51 927	458 867	283 383	-38,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	172 376	189 479	264 992	1 173 248	1 408 314	20,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	748 383	746 616	918 662	7 093 805	5 043 485	-28,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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. 2017	Jun. 2018	Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2017	Jan. - Jul. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	63	26	264	243	-8,0
		square metres	580	3 704	1 407	15 376	14 362	-6,6
		R'000	2 560	18 520	5 964	68 145	72 060	5,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	37	60	39	370	450	21,6
		square metres	9 132	11 205	8 517	76 744	91 060	18,7
		R'000	53 296	60 105	47 463	404 082	511 205	26,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	19	26	12	169	463	174,0
		square metres	2 120	3 254	1 297	15 211	51 880	241,1
		R'000	13 021	17 258	6 416	89 696	287 633	220,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	242	0	242	..
		R'000	0	0	1 089	0	1 089	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	68 877	95 883	60 932	561 923	871 987	55,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	6 983	1 429	-79,5
		R'000	0	0	0	39 978	8 421	-78,9
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	2 438	18 232	3 775	-79,3
		R'000	0	0	14 020	94 049	21 277	-77,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 188	258	1 080	14 038	7 492	-46,6
		R'000	30 009	1 290	5 400	68 173	35 732	-47,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	1 191	5 459	358,4
		R'000	0	0	0	5 955	30 629	414,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	30 009	1 290	19 420	208 155	96 059	-53,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	498	1 376	1 945	26 945	45 524	69,0
		R'000	2 889	7 320	10 549	125 925	274 043	117,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	993	0	305	9 888	7 280	-26,4
		R'000	5 578	0	1 931	60 555	45 007	-25,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	8 467	7 320	12 480	186 480	319 050	71,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	107 353	104 493	92 832	956 558	1 287 096	34,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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. 2017	Jun. 2018	Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2017	Jan. - Jul. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	409	459	780	3 986	2 904	-27,1	
		square metres	23 613	24 543	44 847	197 773	152 122	-23,1	
		R'000	118 045	141 762	303 055	843 459	883 401	4,7	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	272	266	405	2 037	1 849	-9,2	
		square metres	82 967	84 455	104 975	676 662	557 989	-17,5	
		R'000	666 608	679 447	857 839	5 232 548	4 464 940	-14,7	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	478	534	1 217	4 677	4 507	-3,6	
		square metres	49 699	95 768	197 370	413 656	777 294	87,9	
		R'000	446 714	748 184	1 737 780	3 507 337	6 393 047	82,3	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	847	0	0	128 661	1 260	-99,0	
		R'000	4 138	0	0	1 359 092	8 807	-99,4	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 235 505	1 569 393	2 898 674	10 942 436	11 750 195	7,4
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	3 334	78 223	51 957	160 137	264 559	65,2
R'000			27 511	729 229	504 035	1 650 018	2 524 920	53,0	
Shopping space		square metres	2 715	3 568	3 351	103 950	57 298	-44,9	
		R'000	26 808	35 230	31 289	851 100	532 583	-37,4	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	95 143	49 688	23 107	339 523	248 136	-26,9	
		R'000	462 693	278 347	144 147	1 714 101	1 354 244	-21,0	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	5 506	4 041	820	48 854	24 949	-48,9	
		R'000	49 912	37 476	4 354	386 340	192 498	-50,2	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	566 924	1 080 282	683 825	4 601 559	4 604 245	0,1	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	16 089	29 391	22 841	137 298	144 225	5,0	
		R'000	123 465	221 809	173 808	1 002 148	1 098 246	9,6	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 212	16 318	8 997	44 467	62 258	40,0	
		R'000	15 643	131 335	98 540	403 943	526 423	30,3	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	139 108	353 144	272 348	1 406 091	1 624 669	15,5
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 941 537	3 002 819	3 854 847	16 950 086	17 979 109	6,1	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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. 2017	Jun. 2018	Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2017	Jan. - Jul. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	56	46	30	416	205	-50,7
		square metres	3 596	2 661	1 705	20 204	11 568	-42,7
		R'000	19 937	10 976	8 936	84 502	58 823	-30,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	51	64	71	240	411	71,3
		square metres	8 731	15 707	11 263	52 682	96 004	82,2
		R'000	45 736	87 190	68 305	258 009	551 462	113,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	192	49	-74,5
		square metres	0	0	0	20 191	2 769	-86,3
		R'000	0	0	0	93 859	17 100	-81,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	2 307	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	15 648	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	65 673	98 166	77 241	436 370	643 033	47,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	325	256	-21,2
		R'000	0	0	0	1 463	1 219	-16,7
	Shopping space	square metres	1 225	845	0	16 005	8 414	-47,4
		R'000	6 533	4 023	0	76 426	40 059	-47,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	2 274	3 779	11 964	12 454	4,1
		R'000	0	14 476	23 345	57 907	69 637	20,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	2 345	214	-90,9
		R'000	0	0	0	11 728	1 020	-91,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	6 533	18 499	23 345	147 524	111 935	-24,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 212	4 754	7 058	20 236	25 977	28,4
		R'000	6 548	27 999	47 165	90 969	154 191	69,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	20	138	1 700	3 552	108,9
		R'000	0	8 769	11 927	18 861	99 512	427,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	6 548	36 768	59 092	109 830	253 703	131,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	78 754	153 433	159 678	693 724	1 008 671	45,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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. 2017	Jun. 2018	Jul. 2018	Jan. - Jul. 2017	Jan. - Jul. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	20	16	10	567	80	-85,9
		square metres	1 285	984	550	25 553	4 860	-81,0
		R'000	6 718	5 205	2 910	62 484	25 709	-58,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	27	21	25	146	173	18,5
		square metres	5 356	5 994	6 020	37 430	46 167	23,3
		R'000	28 682	30 246	31 081	188 541	236 509	25,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	10	15	13	116	52	-55,2
		square metres	1 186	2 389	1 035	12 836	6 275	-51,1
		R'000	6 274	13 087	5 475	62 898	33 148	-47,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 051	0	0	6 803	9 056	33,1
		R'000	4 474	0	0	33 234	49 521	49,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	46 148	48 538	39 466	347 157	344 887	-0,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	3 460	0	1 322	6 736	409,5
		R'000	0	18 303	0	6 714	35 633	430,7
	Shopping space	square metres	1 320	0	0	1 478	11 177	656,2
		R'000	7 263	0	0	8 053	58 901	631,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	20 033	1 015	1 076	25 814	10 942	-57,6
		R'000	99 347	5 585	4 579	128 077	56 986	-55,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	645	1 439	1 234	-14,2
		R'000	0	0	3 412	7 195	5 919	-17,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	106 610	23 888	7 991	150 039	157 439	4,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	72	90	106	1 919	2 782	45,0
		R'000	334	490	525	9 075	14 299	57,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	24	0	2 373	965	-59,3
		R'000	0	104	500	15 202	10 895	-28,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	334	594	1 025	24 277	25 194	3,8
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	153 092	73 020	48 482	521 473	527 520	1,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2017 and 2018.

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) Fifth Edition, 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 2018 was 95,5%. The improved collection rate for June 2018 was 95,5%.
Statistical unit	7	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	8	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.
Constant prices	9	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 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.

- 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 2017](#)
- 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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