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Results for January to March 2018

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

Estimates at current prices	January to March 2017 1/	January to March 2018 1/	Difference in value between January to March 2017 and January to March 2018	% change between January to March 2017 and January to March 2018
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	11 938 362	12 476 807	538 445	4,5
-Dwelling-houses	7 147 937	7 786 195	638 258	8,9
-Flats and townhouses	4 738 849	4 370 192	-368 657	-7,8
-Other residential buildings	51 576	320 420	268 844	521,3
Non-residential buildings	5 847 592	5 695 819	-151 773	-2,6
Additions and alterations	6 141 900	7 249 702	1 107 802	18,0
Total	23 927 854	25 422 328	1 494 474	6,2

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 6,2% (R1 494,5 million) in the first quarter of 2018 compared with the first quarter of 2017.

Increases were recorded for additions and alterations (18,0% or R1 107,8 million) and residential buildings (4,5% or R538,4 million). A decrease was recorded for non-residential buildings (-2,6% or -R151,8 million) – see Table A.

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

Estimates at current prices	January to March 2017 1/	January to March 2018 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to March 2017	% change between January to March 2017 and January to March 2018	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January to March 2017 and January to March 2018	Difference in value between January to March 2017 and January to March 2018
	R'000	R'000			2/	
Western Cape	6 997 747	7 924 168	29,2	13,2	3,9	926 421
Eastern Cape	1 348 936	1 806 434	5,6	33,9	1,9	457 498
Northern Cape	100 613	268 107	0,4	166,5	0,7	167 494
Free State	879 699	1 008 449	3,7	14,6	0,5	128 750
KwaZulu-Natal	4 408 764	4 781 148	18,4	8,4	1,6	372 384
North West	1 042 081	872 212	4,4	-16,3	-0,7	-169 869
Gauteng	8 026 576	7 410 864	33,5	-7,7	-2,6	-615 712
Mpumalanga	640 357	906 443	2,7	41,6	1,1	266 086
Limpopo	483 081	444 503	2,0	-8,0	-0,2	-38 578
Total	23 927 854	25 422 328	100,0	6,2	6,2	1 494 474

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

The largest positive contributions to the total increase of 6,2% (R1 494,5 million) were made by Western Cape (contributing 3,9 percentage points or R926,4 million), Eastern Cape (contributing 1,9 percentage points or R457,5 million), KwaZulu-Natal (1,6 percentage points or R372,4 million) and Mpumalanga (1,1 percentage points or R266,1 million). Gauteng (contributing -2,6 percentage points or -R615,7 million) was the largest negative contributor – see Table B.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to March 2017 1/	January to March 2018 1/	Difference in value between January to March 2017 and January to March 2018	% change between January to March 2017 and January to March 2018
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	10 785 120	10 836 710	51 590	0,5
Non-residential buildings	5 285 959	4 947 557	-338 402	-6,4
Additions and alterations	5 548 859	6 296 594	747 735	13,5
Total	21 619 938	22 080 861	460 923	2,1

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) increased by 2,1% (R460,9 million) in the first quarter of 2018 compared with the first quarter of 2017. Additions and alterations rose by 13,5% (R747,7 million) and non-residential buildings fell by 6,4% (-R338,4 million) – see Table C.

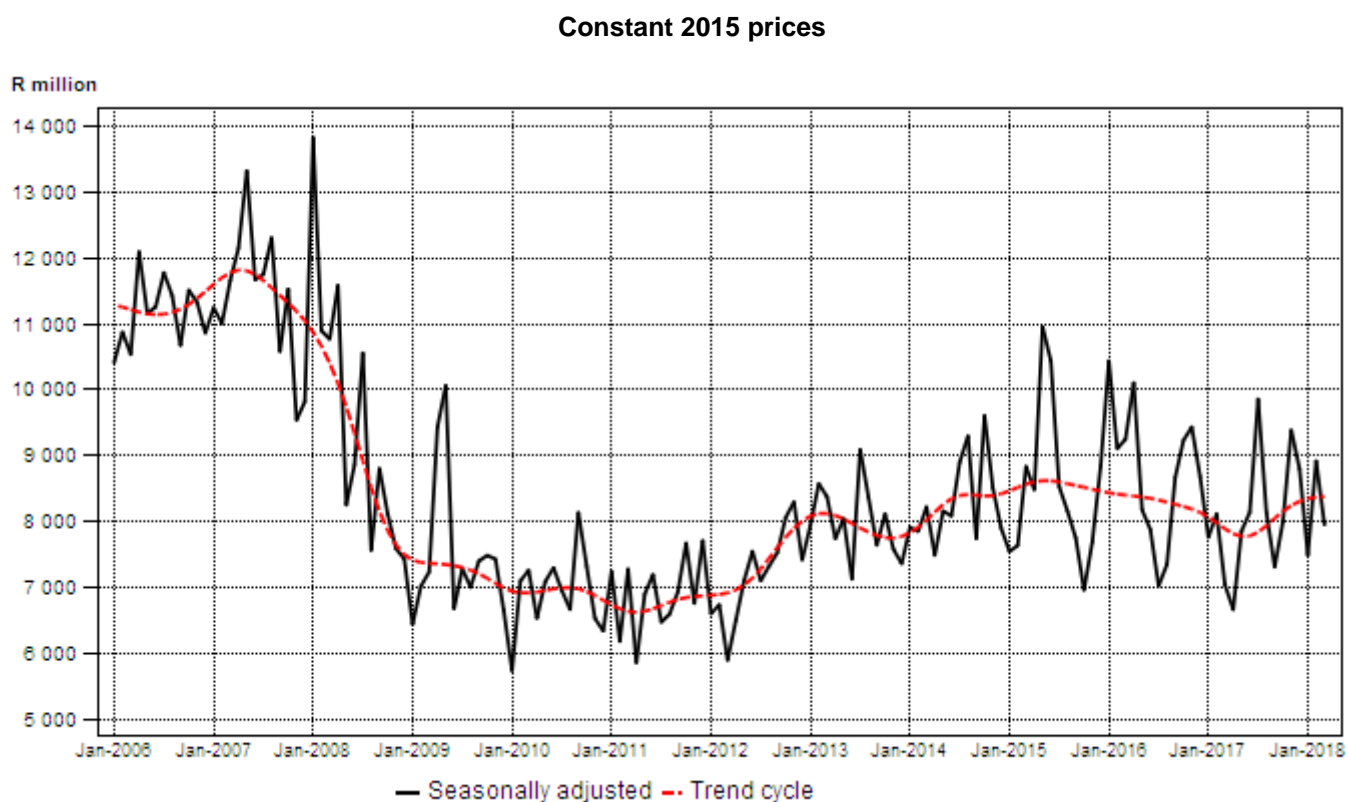
Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	October to December 2017	January to March 2018	% change between October to December 2017 and January to March 2018
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	12 141 941	12 189 166	0,4
Non-residential buildings 1/	7 268 014	4 947 557	-31,9
Additions and alterations	6 784 820	7 235 243	6,6
Total	26 194 775	24 371 966	-7,0

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 recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed decreased by 7,0% in the first quarter of 2018 compared with the fourth quarter of 2017. Non-residential buildings fell by 31,9% – see Table D.

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

**Table E – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices:
January to March 2017 versus January to March 2018**

Estimates at current prices	January to March 2017 1/	January to March 2018 1/	Difference in value between January to March 2017 and January to March 2018	% change between January to March 2017 and January to March 2018
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 937 457	7 705 039	-1 232 418	-13,8
-Dwelling-houses	5 282 667	4 741 368	-541 299	-10,2
-Flats and townhouses	3 284 681	2 751 040	-533 641	-16,2
-Other residential buildings	370 109	212 631	-157 478	-42,5
Non-residential buildings	4 587 150	3 373 175	-1 213 975	-26,5
Additions and alterations	2 691 749	2 914 522	222 773	8,3
Total	16 216 356	13 992 736	-2 223 620	-13,7

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) decreased by 13,7% (-R2 223,6 million) in the first quarter of 2018 compared with the first quarter of 2017.

Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-26,5% or -R1 214,0 million) and residential buildings (-13,8% or -R1 232,4 million). An increase was recorded for additions and alterations (8,3% or R222,8 million) – see Table E.

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

Estimates at current prices	January to March 2017 1/	January to March 2018 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to March 2017	% change between January to March 2017 and January to March 2018	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January to March 2017 and January to March 2018	Difference in value between January to March 2017 and January to March 2018
	R'000	R'000			2/	R'000
Western Cape	4 562 399	4 357 016	28,1	-4,5	-1,3	-205 383
Eastern Cape	441 891	348 604	2,7	-21,1	-0,6	-93 287
Northern Cape	60 422	74 139	0,4	22,7	0,1	13 717
Free State	277 516	312 299	1,7	12,5	0,2	34 783
KwaZulu-Natal	2 787 996	1 607 753	17,2	-42,3	-7,3	-1 180 243
North West	333 372	733 136	2,1	119,9	2,5	399 764
Gauteng	7 262 257	5 955 626	44,8	-18,0	-8,1	-1 306 631
Mpumalanga	336 941	406 128	2,1	20,5	0,4	69 187
Limpopo	153 562	198 035	0,9	29,0	0,3	44 473
Total	16 216 356	13 992 736	100,0	-13,7	-13,7	-2 223 620

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 March 2017 and January to March 2018 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January to March 2017, divided by 100.

Four provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed during January to March 2018. The largest contributions were recorded for Gauteng (contributing -8,1 percentage points or -R1 306,6 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -7,3 percentage points or -R1 180,2 million) – see Table F.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to March 2017 1/	January to March 2018 1/	Difference in value between January to March 2017 and January to March 2018	% change between January to March 2017 and January to March 2018
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 073 032	6 692 440	-1 380 592	-17,1
Non-residential buildings	4 142 701	2 929 860	-1 212 841	-29,3
Additions and alterations	2 431 661	2 531 359	99 698	4,1
Total	14 647 394	12 153 659	-2 493 735	-17,0

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 17,0% (-R2 493,7 million) in the first quarter of 2018 compared with the first quarter of 2017. Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-29,3% or -R1 212,8 million) and residential buildings (-17,1% or -R1 380,6 million) – see Table G.

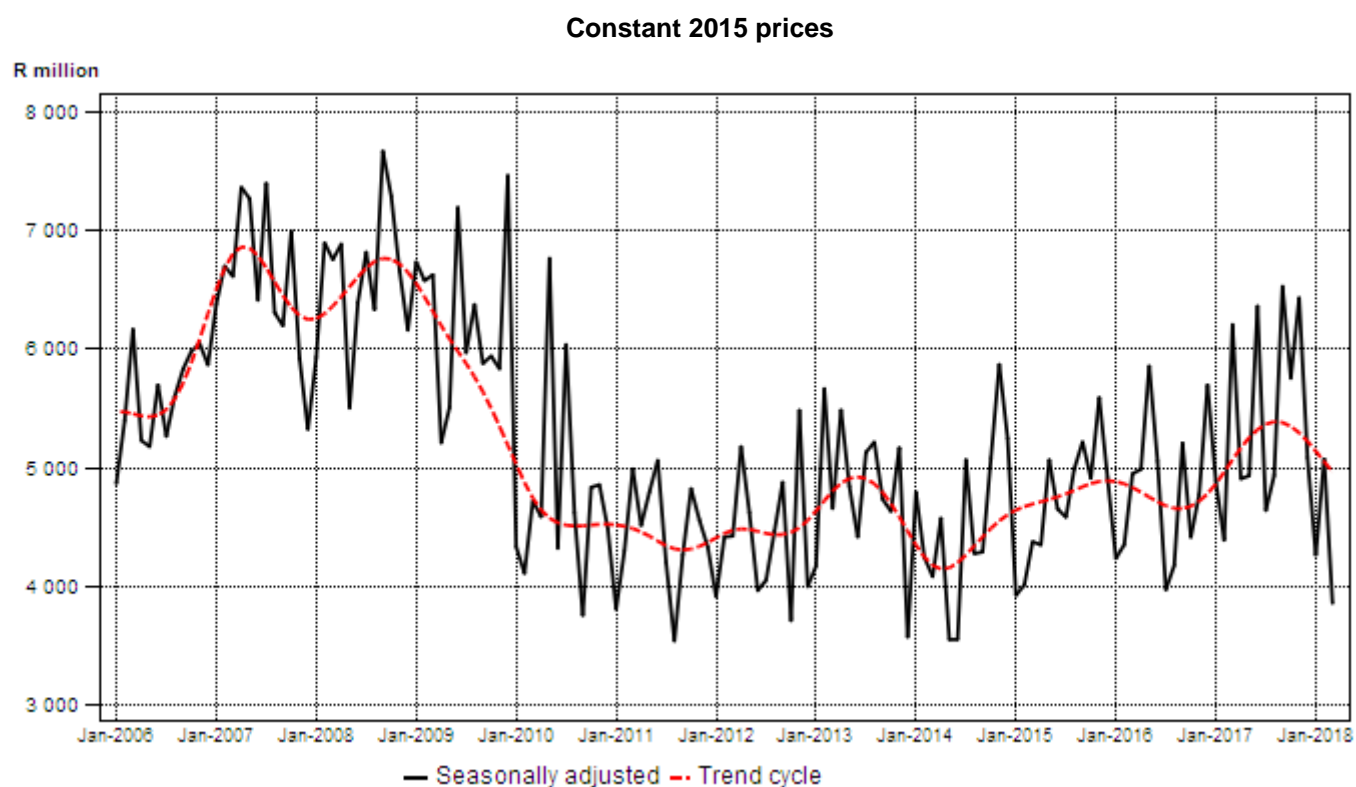
Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	October to December 2017	January to March 2018	% change between October to December 2017 and January to March 2018
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 774 831	7 555 250	-13,9
Non-residential buildings 1/	5 922 684	2 929 860	-50,5
Additions and alterations	2 573 272	2 706 932	5,2
Total	17 270 787	13 192 042	-23,6

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 buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased by 23,6% in the first quarter of 2018 compared with the fourth quarter of 2017. Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-50,5%) and residential buildings (-13,9%) – 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	2 277 683	-14,5	2 161 104	1,7	8 978 213	-4,3
	March	4 237 489	-7,9	1 675 826	-36,7	2 277 738	10,8	8 191 053	-12,0
	April	3 657 581	-33,3	1 002 693	-64,7	1 983 859	-16,9	6 644 133	-38,0
	May	4 647 680	10,4	1 983 293	-12,0	2 442 934	9,0	9 073 907	4,3
	June	4 775 996	-5,0	2 192 921	40,6	2 642 793	9,4	9 611 710	6,8
	July	5 658 090	50,4	2 811 554	103,3	2 626 367	3,7	11 096 011	44,5
	August	4 149 479	-6,2	2 874 162	60,0	2 958 451	29,1	9 982 092	17,3
	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	53 432 107	-2,6	26 551 932	-10,7	29 263 347	7,0	109 247 386	-2,4
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	3 008 508	32,1	2 525 209	16,8	10 262 672	14,3
	March	4 324 029	2,0	1 360 923	-18,8	2 675 659	17,5	8 360 611	2,1

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	4 343 112	-22,9	1 894 083	24,4	2 320 237	-3,6	8 557 432	-10,6
	February	4 485 426	3,3	2 277 683	20,3	2 235 812	-3,6	8 998 921	5,2
	March	3 896 331	-13,1	1 675 826	-26,4	2 252 121	0,7	7 824 278	-13,1
	April	4 138 711	6,2	1 002 693	-40,2	2 292 017	1,8	7 433 421	-5,0
	May	4 467 269	7,9	1 983 293	97,8	2 362 082	3,1	8 812 644	18,6
	June	4 344 624	-2,7	2 192 921	10,6	2 544 736	7,7	9 082 281	3,1
	July	5 783 530	33,1	2 811 554	28,2	2 413 177	-5,2	11 008 261	21,2
	August	3 741 691	-35,3	2 874 162	2,2	2 536 396	5,1	9 152 249	-16,9
	September	4 348 693	16,2	1 498 229	-47,9	2 460 101	-3,0	8 307 023	-9,2
	October	4 602 744	5,8	1 903 123	27,0	2 644 131	7,5	9 149 998	10,1
	November	4 292 413	-6,7	3 903 092	105,1	2 573 662	-2,7	10 769 167	17,7
	December	5 083 104	18,4	2 535 273	-35,0	2 533 787	-1,5	10 152 164	-5,7
2018	January	4 623 656	-9,0	1 326 388	-47,7	2 714 401	7,1	8 664 445	-14,7
	February	4 637 639	0,3	3 008 508	126,8	2 634 682	-2,9	10 280 829	18,7
	March	4 792 154	3,3	1 360 923	-54,8	3 144 076	19,3	9 297 153	-9,6
	Oct. – Dec. 17	13 978 261		8 341 488		7 751 580		30 071 329	
	Jan. – Mar. 18 2/	14 053 449	0,5	5 695 819	-31,7	8 493 159	9,6	28 242 427	-6,1

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	2 055 671	-19,5	1 950 455	-4,3	8 103 081	-9,9
	March	3 814 122	-13,3	1 508 394	-40,4	2 050 169	4,3	7 372 685	-17,1
	April	3 286 236	-36,9	900 892	-66,5	1 782 443	-21,3	5 969 571	-41,3
	May	4 138 629	3,9	1 766 067	-17,1	2 175 364	2,6	8 080 060	-1,9
	June	4 268 093	-9,3	1 959 715	34,2	2 361 745	4,4	8 589 553	1,9
	July	5 051 866	43,8	2 510 316	94,4	2 344 971	-0,8	9 907 153	38,2
	August	3 685 150	-10,7	2 552 542	52,3	2 627 399	22,9	8 865 091	11,7
	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	47 484 100	-7,8	23 564 695	-16,0	25 996 098	1,3	97 044 893	-7,8
2018	January	2 974 651	3,5	1 152 379	-33,1	1 780 047	15,0	5 907 077	-3,9
	February	4 108 562	0,3	2 613 821	27,2	2 193 926	12,5	8 916 309	10,0
	March	3 753 497	-1,6	1 181 357	-21,7	2 322 621	13,3	7 257 475	-1,6

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	3 942 567	-22,6	1 721 894	24,0	2 098 425	-4,7	7 762 886	-10,6
	February	4 050 164	2,7	2 055 671	19,4	2 013 280	-4,1	8 119 115	4,6
	March	3 514 247	-13,2	1 508 394	-26,6	2 020 994	0,4	7 043 635	-13,2
	April	3 725 552	6,0	900 892	-40,3	2 042 264	1,1	6 668 708	-5,3
	May	3 986 500	7,0	1 766 067	96,0	2 105 563	3,1	7 858 130	17,8
	June	3 890 377	-2,4	1 959 715	11,0	2 293 833	8,9	8 143 925	3,6
	July	5 183 019	33,2	2 510 316	28,1	2 163 475	-5,7	9 856 810	21,0
	August	3 326 822	-35,8	2 552 542	1,7	2 258 751	4,4	8 138 115	-17,4
	September	3 827 617	15,1	1 321 190	-48,2	2 166 689	-4,1	7 315 496	-10,1
	October	4 024 494	5,1	1 666 482	26,1	2 313 771	6,8	8 004 747	9,4
	November	3 730 067	-7,3	3 396 947	103,8	2 262 804	-2,2	9 389 818	17,3
	December	4 387 380	17,6	2 204 585	-35,1	2 208 245	-2,4	8 800 210	-6,3
2018	January	4 010 173	-8,6	1 152 379	-47,7	2 331 606	5,6	7 494 158	-14,8
	February	4 030 819	0,5	2 613 821	126,8	2 275 281	-2,4	8 919 921	19,0
	March	4 148 174	2,9	1 181 357	-54,8	2 628 356	15,5	7 957 887	-10,8
	Oct. – Dec. 17	12 141 941		7 268 014		6 784 820		26 194 775	
	Jan. – Mar. 18 2/	12 189 166	0,4	4 947 557	-31,9	7 235 243	6,6	24 371 966	-7,0

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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	2 913 322	16,0	1 538 208	27,6	1 121 295	41,6	5 572 825	23,6
	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	38 720 526	10,7	22 938 236	43,8	11 603 974	10,7	73 262 736	19,3
2018	January	2 357 400	-0,1	807 034	-39,1	792 693	4,9	3 957 127	-10,9
	February	2 996 399	0,3	1 521 419	91,7	1 053 541	25,5	5 571 359	20,6
	March	2 351 240	-34,5	1 044 722	-57,7	1 068 288	-2,6	4 464 250	-37,6

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	3 090 287	-28,0	1 324 149	34,4	972 577	-2,8	5 387 013	-14,2
	February	3 241 168	4,9	793 718	-40,1	824 273	-15,2	4 859 159	-9,8
	March	3 568 573	10,1	2 469 283	211,1	823 022	-0,2	6 860 878	41,2
	April	3 769 679	5,6	835 924	-66,1	842 861	2,4	5 448 464	-20,6
	May	3 121 062	-17,2	1 458 694	74,5	944 155	12,0	5 523 911	1,4
	June	3 253 125	4,2	2 807 943	92,5	1 054 531	11,7	7 115 599	28,8
	July	2 849 794	-12,4	1 418 931	-49,5	923 213	-12,5	5 191 938	-27,0
	August	2 950 280	3,5	1 538 208	8,4	1 066 044	15,5	5 554 532	7,0
	September	2 769 699	-6,1	3 501 830	127,7	1 134 869	6,5	7 406 398	33,3
	October	3 106 034	12,1	2 668 765	-23,8	804 098	-29,1	6 578 897	-11,2
	November	3 060 745	-1,5	3 257 545	22,1	1 080 326	34,4	7 398 616	12,5
	December	3 940 762	28,8	863 246	-73,5	1 078 698	-0,2	5 882 706	-20,5
2018	January	3 086 390	-21,7	807 034	-6,5	1 023 981	-5,1	4 917 405	-16,4
	February	3 259 905	5,6	1 521 419	88,5	1 053 353	2,9	5 834 677	18,7
	March	2 337 974	-28,3	1 044 722	-31,3	1 043 912	-0,9	4 426 608	-24,1
	Oct. – Dec. 17	10 107 541		6 789 556		2 963 122		19 860 219	
	Jan. – Mar. 18 2/	8 684 269	-14,1	3 373 175	-50,3	3 121 246	5,3	15 178 690	-23,6

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
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	2 587 320	10,4	1 366 082	21,4	995 821	34,8	4 949 223	17,7
	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	34 397 458	4,9	20 345 717	35,7	10 310 229	4,8	65 053 404	12,9
2018	January	2 048 132	-4,5	701 159	-41,8	688 699	0,3	3 437 990	-14,8
	February	2 603 301	-3,4	1 321 824	84,5	915 327	20,8	4 840 452	16,1
	March	2 041 007	-36,8	906 877	-59,2	927 333	-6,1	3 875 217	-39,8

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	2 801 539	-27,9	1 203 772	33,9	880 887	-3,2	4 886 198	-14,2
	February	2 926 580	4,5	716 352	-40,5	745 010	-15,4	4 387 942	-10,2
	March	3 239 558	10,7	2 222 577	210,3	742 912	-0,3	6 205 047	41,4
	April	3 397 159	4,9	751 055	-66,2	757 586	2,0	4 905 800	-20,9
	May	2 788 677	-17,9	1 298 926	72,9	843 196	11,3	4 930 799	0,5
	June	2 905 689	4,2	2 509 332	93,2	946 576	12,3	6 361 597	29,0
	July	2 546 755	-12,4	1 266 903	-49,5	825 668	-12,8	4 639 326	-27,1
	August	2 619 982	2,9	1 366 082	7,8	947 748	14,8	4 933 812	6,3
	September	2 439 399	-6,9	3 088 034	126,1	1 000 119	5,5	6 527 552	32,3
	October	2 716 777	11,4	2 336 922	-24,3	699 617	-30,0	5 753 316	-11,9
	November	2 658 000	-2,2	2 835 113	21,3	938 540	34,2	6 431 653	11,8
	December	3 400 054	27,9	750 649	-73,5	935 115	-0,4	5 085 818	-20,9
2018	January	2 673 975	-21,4	701 159	-6,6	886 613	-5,2	4 261 747	-16,2
	February	2 833 218	6,0	1 321 824	88,5	916 758	3,4	5 071 800	19,0
	March	2 048 057	-27,7	906 877	-31,4	903 561	-1,4	3 858 495	-23,9
	Oct. – Dec. 17	8 774 831		5 922 684		2 573 272		17 270 787	
	Jan. – Mar. 18 2/	7 555 250	-13,9	2 929 860	-50,5	2 706 932	5,2	13 192 042	-23,6

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

			Mar. 2017	Feb. 2018	Mar. 2018	Jan. - Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 761	1 883	1 895	4 011	5 335	33,0	
		square metres	81 468	89 307	83 886	190 455	241 993	27,1	
		R'000	382 477	513 878	423 521	992 639	1 206 325	21,5	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 325	1 201	1 292	3 379	3 460	2,4	
		square metres	354 359	317 893	325 498	907 441	913 036	0,6	
		R'000	2 400 122	2 267 365	2 376 433	6 155 298	6 579 870	6,9	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2 090	3 283	1 257	5 708	6 548	14,7	
		square metres	196 389	282 646	149 177	617 400	591 406	-4,2	
		R'000	1 446 244	1 927 278	1 255 043	4 738 849	4 370 192	-7,8	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 049	3 791	28 578	9 009	37 367	314,8	
		R'000	8 646	20 434	269 032	51 576	320 420	521,3	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	4 237 489	4 728 955	4 324 029	11 938 362	12 476 807	4,5
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	36 900	117 011	13 504	135 531	163 308	20,5
R'000			361 824	1 196 218	98 508	1 245 739	1 619 414	30,0	
Shopping space		square metres	41 520	74 539	16 975	135 598	132 900	-2,0	
		R'000	359 102	569 300	135 894	1 185 147	994 523	-16,1	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	139 635	122 223	140 286	454 209	354 940	-21,9	
		R'000	770 745	767 773	847 354	2 599 201	2 165 568	-16,7	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	23 386	61 115	35 531	114 722	116 932	1,9	
		R'000	184 155	475 217	279 167	817 505	916 314	12,1	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 675 826	3 008 508	1 360 923	5 847 592	5 695 819	-2,6	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	238 107	228 987	243 806	645 014	650 646	0,9
	R'000		1 655 901	1 627 618	1 778 413	4 413 447	4 674 598	5,9	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	63 899	97 666	106 434	184 041	292 556	59,0	
		R'000	621 837	897 591	897 246	1 728 453	2 575 104	49,0	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	2 277 738	2 525 209	2 675 659	6 141 900	7 249 702	18,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	8 191 053	10 262 672	8 360 611	23 927 854	25 422 328	6,2	

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

			Mar. 2017	Feb. 2018	Mar. 2018	Jan. - Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	474	857	708	1 648	1 642	-0,4
		square metres	22 774	40 343	30 855	76 589	75 177	-1,8
		R'000	135 125	228 211	179 838	462 152	435 948	-5,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	534	469	527	1 176	1 314	11,7
		square metres	121 260	107 493	115 547	272 750	301 214	10,4
		R'000	824 019	729 627	786 251	1 815 904	2 036 132	12,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 274	2 054	363	2 583	2 940	13,8
		square metres	95 332	166 671	56 075	245 353	276 053	12,5
		R'000	735 074	1 016 110	437 678	1 849 193	1 880 014	1,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	600	16 667	3 374	18 244	440,7
		R'000	0	3 599	132 845	21 281	143 091	572,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 694 218	1 977 547	1 536 612	4 148 530	4 495 185	8,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	8 447	11 652	3 180	59 681	20 679	-65,4
		R'000	73 871	85 009	28 075	520 153	159 104	-69,4
	Shopping space	square metres	9 977	38 572	941	19 214	44 723	132,8
		R'000	86 517	311 293	7 474	157 159	362 394	130,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	13 083	35 578	36 560	54 460	91 326	67,7
		R'000	87 185	259 619	237 233	363 966	609 348	67,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 200	34 020	13 198	10 588	51 348	385,0
		R'000	20 698	256 497	90 758	65 036	376 733	479,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	268 271	912 418	363 540	1 106 314	1 507 579	36,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	74 558	69 134	66 913	185 069	192 529	4,0
		R'000	493 297	458 296	458 971	1 212 956	1 295 319	6,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	19 723	22 926	26 494	49 471	62 535	26,4
		R'000	219 227	232 282	266 956	529 947	626 085	18,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	712 524	690 578	725 927	1 742 903	1 921 404	10,2
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 675 013	3 580 543	2 626 079	6 997 747	7 924 168	13,2

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

			Mar. 2017	Feb. 2018	Mar. 2018	Jan. - Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	468	341	161	808	624	-22,8
		square metres	20 783	15 092	7 092	35 873	27 410	-23,6
		R'000	92 306	102 219	50 126	160 418	172 748	7,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	95	98	120	218	275	26,1
		square metres	21 098	22 752	21 846	50 010	57 529	15,0
		R'000	120 914	145 314	139 013	291 583	366 984	25,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	68	37	35	148	978	560,8
		square metres	6 212	3 737	6 569	12 507	58 077	364,4
		R'000	36 245	24 756	41 455	67 473	360 494	434,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 550	224	0	1 682	224	-86,7
		R'000	6 200	1 511	0	6 728	1 511	-77,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	255 665	273 800	230 594	526 202	901 737	71,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 312	7 131	153	9 476	6 093,5
		R'000	0	8 329	43 904	810	58 790	7 158,0
	Shopping space	square metres	2 053	120	495	2 594	1 750	-32,5
		R'000	10 875	571	2 723	13 247	10 499	-20,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	18 563	787	3 695	50 724	4 946	-90,2
		R'000	103 205	4 996	19 978	280 091	27 919	-90,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 139	3 791	1 148	3 005	5 581	85,7
		R'000	6 447	23 408	6 849	16 606	34 334	106,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	120 527	37 304	73 454	310 754	131 542	-57,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	24 750	21 758	26 777	67 723	61 715	-8,9
		R'000	161 069	135 570	164 084	411 536	384 660	-6,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	12 680	27 657	26 679	16 868	61 584	265,1
		R'000	68 075	175 213	168 024	100 444	388 495	286,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	229 144	310 783	332 108	511 980	773 155	51,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	605 336	621 887	636 156	1 348 936	1 806 434	33,9

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

			Mar. 2017	Feb. 2018	Mar. 2018	Jan. - Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	1	1	5	3	-40,0
		square metres	0	53	70	253	173	-31,6
		R'000	0	426	563	1 438	1 391	-3,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	11	40	7	44	55	25,0
		square metres	1 857	6 314	1 231	6 490	9 268	42,8
		R'000	11 706	41 453	7 569	42 339	60 265	42,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	4	0	4	..
		square metres	0	0	352	0	352	..
		R'000	0	0	1 676	0	1 676	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	390	294	-24,6
		R'000	0	0	0	2 535	2 058	-18,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	11 706	41 879	9 808	46 312	65 390	41,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	7 269	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	58 450	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	311	630	2 205	3 443	56,1
		R'000	0	2 177	3 596	14 333	19 060	33,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	658	64	-90,3
		R'000	0	0	0	4 278	515	-88,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	2 177	3 596	18 611	78 025	319,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	963	2 464	1 638	4 880	5 263	7,8
		R'000	5 915	16 717	11 803	32 753	36 621	11,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	3 819	0	381	10 898	2 760,4
		R'000	0	30 819	420	2 937	88 071	2 898,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	5 915	47 536	12 223	35 690	124 692	249,4
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	17 621	91 592	25 627	100 613	268 107	166,5

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

			Mar. 2017	Feb. 2018	Mar. 2018	Jan. - Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	3	22	42	50	19,0
		square metres	368	183	1 228	2 315	2 722	17,6
		R'000	2 006	1 212	8 399	13 170	15 698	19,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	51	58	51	168	171	1,8
		square metres	12 433	12 751	10 766	35 187	38 460	9,3
		R'000	67 272	79 271	68 843	191 128	241 224	26,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	187	22	53	301	193	-35,9
		square metres	23 834	675	2 289	42 318	8 890	-79,0
		R'000	162 944	4 999	14 623	289 549	62 060	-78,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	499	1 604	0	499	1 756	251,9
		R'000	2 446	7 777	0	2 446	8 501	247,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	234 668	93 259	91 865	496 293	327 483	-34,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	1 854	187	1 854	891,4
		R'000	0	0	13 497	1 496	13 497	802,2
	Shopping space	square metres	1 915	5 158	124	5 146	11 963	132,5
		R'000	12 860	38 200	918	28 648	79 204	176,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	1 440	2 042	16 028	3 482	-78,3
		R'000	0	9 058	14 854	76 595	23 912	-68,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	564	557	0	1 111	958	-13,8
		R'000	4 000	3 418	0	6 462	5 929	-8,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	16 860	50 676	29 269	113 201	122 542	8,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 739	10 703	13 665	33 341	34 753	4,2
		R'000	56 206	71 088	90 919	176 319	230 968	31,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 985	0	3 130	4 018	38 810	865,9
		R'000	21 585	1 457	31 268	93 886	327 456	248,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	77 791	72 545	122 187	270 205	558 424	106,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	329 319	216 480	243 321	879 699	1 008 449	14,6

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

			Mar. 2017	Feb. 2018	Mar. 2018	Jan. - Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	7	17	12	45	36	-20,0	
		square metres	407	998	682	2 702	2 096	-22,4	
		R'000	3 511	7 136	4 920	19 195	15 219	-20,7	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	116	84	96	331	248	-25,1	
		square metres	36 305	27 981	30 076	99 003	79 386	-19,8	
		R'000	329 388	270 298	308 597	904 982	785 084	-13,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	200	168	66	646	419	-35,1	
		square metres	21 866	22 196	11 281	88 078	54 034	-38,7	
		R'000	195 968	234 657	107 850	874 415	544 381	-37,7	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	11 133	2 135	11 133	421,5	
		R'000	0	0	132 483	14 405	132 483	819,7	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	528 867	512 091	553 850	1 812 997	1 477 167	-18,5
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 426	90 955	0	10 094	91 226	803,8
R'000			24 988	968 262	0	80 117	970 159	1 110,9	
Shopping space		square metres	12 294	1 568	0	64 429	2 508	-96,1	
		R'000	125 574	16 851	0	652 103	25 364	-96,1	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	26 896	48 345	55 668	58 863	137 159	133,0	
		R'000	152 467	294 254	348 531	353 181	832 275	135,7	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	8 328	806	10 880	19 450	11 686	-39,9	
		R'000	78 927	7 386	111 846	146 320	119 232	-18,5	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	381 956	1 286 753	460 377	1 231 721	1 947 030	58,1	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	32 329	26 464	27 606	87 054	71 491	-17,9
	R'000		311 822	268 568	268 070	826 232	702 786	-14,9	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	13 624	27 096	22 673	48 549	57 064	17,5	
		R'000	175 369	314 708	233 643	537 814	654 165	21,6	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	487 191	583 276	501 713	1 364 046	1 356 951	-0,5
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 398 014	2 382 120	1 515 940	4 408 764	4 781 148	8,4	

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

			Mar. 2017	Feb. 2018	Mar. 2018	Jan. - Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	5	683	20	691	3 355,0
		square metres	249	290	27 965	1 230	28 445	2 212,6
		R'000	1 234	1 578	84 193	5 614	86 787	1 445,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	59	40	63	188	159	-15,4
		square metres	13 996	12 461	18 811	49 222	44 530	-9,5
		R'000	69 208	68 560	105 085	257 735	245 447	-4,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	76	429	29	880	551	-37,4
		square metres	13 804	36 595	3 570	95 552	45 653	-52,2
		R'000	77 731	182 975	18 374	571 987	232 787	-59,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	148 173	253 113	207 652	835 336	565 021	-32,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	144	2 095	110	873	2 205	152,6
		R'000	720	10 421	698	5 607	11 119	98,3
	Shopping space	square metres	0	11 906	750	2 944	12 656	329,9
		R'000	0	67 800	3 571	16 072	71 371	344,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	8 478	925	2 696	9 403	248,8
		R'000	0	42 395	5 180	11 095	47 575	328,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	342	1 956	821	625	2 777	344,3
		R'000	1 539	9 777	3 562	2 813	13 339	374,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 259	130 393	13 011	35 587	143 404	303,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 214	10 313	10 273	28 843	28 728	-0,4
		R'000	58 724	54 865	54 538	139 734	152 604	9,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 100	644	1 033	4 423	1 799	-59,3
		R'000	9 638	3 402	7 132	31 424	11 183	-64,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	68 362	58 267	61 670	171 158	163 787	-4,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	218 794	441 773	282 333	1 042 081	872 212	-16,3

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

			Mar. 2017	Feb. 2018	Mar. 2018	Jan. - Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	641	647	239	1 136	2 191	92,9	
		square metres	29 286	31 721	12 300	56 096	100 624	79,4	
		R'000	114 421	170 051	77 458	262 555	452 466	72,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	315	258	321	883	888	0,6	
		square metres	106 100	90 576	95 884	294 515	284 734	-3,3	
		R'000	779 768	717 603	786 882	2 149 152	2 282 656	6,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	276	514	678	1 061	1 356	27,8	
		square metres	34 746	49 288	65 402	124 035	139 554	12,5	
		R'000	235 307	442 714	614 406	1 039 306	1 240 775	19,4	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	806	0	0	806	..	
		R'000	0	4 895	0	0	4 895	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 129 496	1 335 263	1 478 746	3 451 013	3 980 792	15,4
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	23 815	10 511	1 229	57 254	29 698	-48,1
R'000			252 507	121 883	12 334	603 463	344 214	-43,0	
Shopping space		square metres	15 069	15 336	13 526	35 264	47 639	35,1	
		R'000	122 322	125 387	113 938	289 683	388 150	34,0	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	76 521	15 318	29 707	259 097	73 024	-71,8	
		R'000	408 389	92 960	151 024	1 454 939	433 929	-70,2	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	8 985	19 037	4 713	56 829	38 494	-32,3	
		R'000	68 820	169 123	43 775	445 341	336 793	-24,4	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	852 038	509 353	321 071	2 793 426	1 503 086	-46,2	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	68 720	70 721	77 022	194 072	204 942	5,6
	R'000		503 003	523 224	622 320	1 406 539	1 590 191	13,1	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	12 697	10 526	17 240	55 757	44 480	-20,2	
		R'000	93 747	85 967	122 421	375 598	336 795	-10,3	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	596 750	609 191	744 741	1 782 137	1 926 986	8,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 578 284	2 453 807	2 544 558	8 026 576	7 410 864	-7,7	

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

			Mar. 2017	Feb. 2018	Mar. 2018	Jan. - Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	142	10	22	268	44	-83,6
		square metres	6 457	517	1 210	12 958	2 440	-81,2
		R'000	26 937	2 463	5 809	54 669	11 513	-78,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	97	103	59	219	220	0,5
		square metres	25 952	22 297	16 351	58 699	56 713	-3,4
		R'000	121 848	134 518	96 853	291 951	345 752	18,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	51	3	38	73	92,1
		square metres	0	2 169	1 117	3 511	4 956	41,2
		R'000	0	14 111	5 316	15 934	27 384	71,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	557	778	929	4 601	395,3
		R'000	0	2 652	3 704	4 181	26 567	535,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	148 785	153 744	111 682	366 735	411 216	12,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 204	486	0	2 914	486	-83,3
		R'000	5 418	2 314	0	13 217	2 314	-82,5
	Shopping space	square metres	212	828	1 029	4 893	10 260	109,7
		R'000	954	3 943	6 688	22 442	50 683	125,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 841	3 064	6 469	6 252	16 282	160,4
		R'000	11 562	15 303	43 845	27 252	91 280	234,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	828	948	2 879	8 192	3 827	-53,3
		R'000	3 724	5 608	13 713	37 279	19 321	-48,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	21 658	27 168	64 246	100 190	163 598	63,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 806	14 451	15 007	28 413	40 002	40,8
		R'000	41 482	83 889	82 138	130 415	223 256	71,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 272	1 874	7 031	3 108	9 930	219,5
		R'000	30 311	35 576	54 487	43 017	108 373	151,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	71 793	119 465	136 625	173 432	331 629	91,2
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	242 236	300 377	312 553	640 357	906 443	41,6

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

			Mar. 2017	Feb. 2018	Mar. 2018	Jan. - Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	19	2	47	39	54	38,5
		square metres	1 144	110	2 484	2 439	2 906	19,1
		R'000	6 937	582	12 215	13 428	14 555	8,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	47	51	48	152	130	-14,5
		square metres	15 358	15 268	14 986	41 565	41 202	-0,9
		R'000	75 999	80 721	77 340	210 524	216 326	2,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	9	8	26	51	34	-33,3
		square metres	595	1 315	2 522	6 046	3 837	-36,5
		R'000	2 975	6 956	13 665	30 992	20 621	-33,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	309	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	1 314	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	85 911	88 259	103 220	254 944	252 816	-0,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	864	0	0	4 375	415	-90,5
		R'000	4 320	0	0	20 876	1 767	-91,5
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 051	110	1 114	1 401	25,8
		R'000	0	5 255	582	5 793	6 858	18,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 731	8 902	4 590	3 884	15 875	308,7
		R'000	7 937	47 011	23 113	17 749	80 270	352,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	1 892	14 264	2 197	-84,6
		R'000	0	0	8 664	93 370	10 118	-89,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	12 257	52 266	32 359	137 788	99 013	-28,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 028	2 979	4 905	15 619	11 223	-28,1
		R'000	24 383	15 401	25 570	76 963	58 193	-24,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	818	3 124	2 154	1 466	5 456	272,2
		R'000	3 885	18 167	12 895	13 386	34 481	157,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	28 268	33 568	38 465	90 349	92 674	2,6
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	126 436	174 093	174 044	483 081	444 503	-8,0

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

			Mar. 2017	Feb. 2018	Mar. 2018	Jan. - Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 518	1 143	762	3 401	2 143	-37,0
		square metres	73 482	53 228	38 281	162 812	103 678	-36,3
		R'000	382 761	289 924	212 079	811 841	568 388	-30,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	917	860	737	2 241	2 200	-1,8
		square metres	242 460	221 554	184 269	627 806	568 225	-9,5
		R'000	1 684 516	1 548 998	1 353 692	4 470 826	4 172 980	-6,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2 251	1 153	563	4 557	3 309	-27,4
		square metres	184 962	146 919	76 536	410 065	346 138	-15,6
		R'000	1 523 424	1 136 259	612 555	3 284 681	2 751 040	-16,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	2 964	22 654	45 847	28 057	-38,8
		R'000	0	21 218	172 914	370 109	212 631	-42,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	3 590 701	2 996 399	2 351 240	8 937 457	7 705 039	-13,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	108 834	78 047	36 071	202 030	135 737	-32,8
		R'000	874 777	719 701	299 359	1 822 348	1 255 266	-31,1
	Shopping space	square metres	130 690	11 703	30 024	153 660	52 775	-65,7
		R'000	1 180 992	91 071	234 553	1 331 181	417 818	-68,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	63 721	112 003	69 711	212 120	246 148	16,0
		R'000	347 198	565 232	425 990	1 184 021	1 395 848	17,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	9 463	19 490	10 610	36 920	39 917	8,1
		R'000	66 316	145 415	84 820	249 600	304 243	21,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 469 283	1 521 419	1 044 722	4 587 150	3 373 175	-26,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	115 146	118 079	86 982	282 086	281 820	-0,1
		R'000	704 153	810 252	628 221	1 743 945	1 980 148	13,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	47 358	28 942	46 671	100 317	100 182	-0,1
		R'000	392 501	243 289	440 067	947 804	934 374	-1,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 096 654	1 053 541	1 068 288	2 691 749	2 914 522	8,3
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	7 156 638	5 571 359	4 464 250	16 216 356	13 992 736	-13,7

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

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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

			Mar. 2017	Feb. 2018	Mar. 2018	Jan. - Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	723	482	309	1 805	889	-50,7
		square metres	32 623	21 512	14 193	81 330	40 275	-50,5
		R'000	183 700	123 785	85 640	430 682	234 865	-45,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	332	256	265	714	702	-1,7
		square metres	74 025	56 666	61 344	163 700	166 736	1,9
		R'000	484 478	376 767	401 568	1 057 340	1 097 931	3,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	248	610	180	929	1 697	82,7
		square metres	33 069	53 406	29 920	104 013	126 844	22,0
		R'000	243 889	412 402	230 776	778 573	994 343	27,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 445	20 738	16 900	22 183	31,3
		R'000	0	10 948	159 130	134 522	170 078	26,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	912 067	923 902	877 114	2 401 117	2 497 217	4,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	73 094	121	13 607	82 293	14 256	-82,7
		R'000	525 490	1 077	108 412	590 649	114 109	-80,7
	Shopping space	square metres	1 135	0	20 220	5 880	27 050	360,0
		R'000	8 404	0	167 891	39 552	220 768	458,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	20 239	5 175	28 813	46 406	53 578	15,5
		R'000	146 534	35 880	185 015	315 097	353 129	12,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 843	8 159	7 433	13 028	18 814	44,4
		R'000	22 053	54 400	53 685	78 550	130 462	66,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	702 481	91 357	515 003	1 023 848	818 468	-20,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	60 298	30 254	34 318	144 639	97 754	-32,4
		R'000	320 918	184 422	217 131	778 990	598 057	-23,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	12 914	9 155	26 691	30 156	44 992	49,2
		R'000	135 149	91 946	237 287	358 444	443 274	23,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	456 067	276 368	454 418	1 137 434	1 041 331	-8,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 070 615	1 291 627	1 846 535	4 562 399	4 357 016	-4,5

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

			Mar. 2017	Feb. 2018	Mar. 2018	Jan. - Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	22	6	4	43	28	-34,9
		square metres	1 461	325	240	2 616	1 454	-44,4
		R'000	8 334	1 688	1 485	14 103	7 624	-45,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	44	33	22	125	88	-29,6
		square metres	11 566	7 074	5 201	30 901	20 258	-34,4
		R'000	61 064	45 298	33 517	159 101	130 737	-17,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	39	1	0	52	3	-94,2
		square metres	3 240	71	0	4 276	369	-91,4
		R'000	19 653	433	0	25 569	2 325	-90,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	3 139	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	17 775	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	89 051	47 419	35 002	216 548	140 686	-35,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	392	0	3 023	392	-87,0
		R'000	0	2 696	0	13 483	2 696	-80,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	1 158	413	-64,3
		R'000	0	0	0	5 722	1 746	-69,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 459	2 815	1 054	6 239	7 052	13,0
		R'000	12 280	17 273	6 467	30 971	43 946	41,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	873	118	0	999	118	-88,2
		R'000	4 365	749	0	5 148	749	-85,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	16 645	20 718	6 467	55 324	49 137	-11,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 363	6 101	3 542	19 812	17 429	-12,0
		R'000	36 685	38 860	22 392	95 568	110 210	15,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	11 753	2 801	1 405	12 416	7 134	-42,5
		R'000	69 903	17 782	8 894	74 451	48 571	-34,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	106 588	56 642	31 286	170 019	158 781	-6,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	212 284	124 779	72 755	441 891	348 604	-21,1

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

			Mar. 2017	Feb. 2018	Mar. 2018	Jan. - Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	1	0	1	..
		square metres	0	0	63	0	63	..
		R'000	0	0	441	0	441	..
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	2	3	2	16	7	-56,3
		square metres	196	990	345	3 242	1 636	-49,5
		R'000	1 274	6 930	2 654	22 653	11 691	-48,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	1	2	1	-50,0
		square metres	0	0	146	171	146	-14,6
		R'000	0	0	1 174	1 112	1 174	5,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	935	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	5 512	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 274	6 930	4 269	29 277	13 306	-54,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	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	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	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	0	0	0	720	0	..
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	132	2 721	1 885	2 063	6 290	204,9
		R'000	858	20 179	14 396	16 656	47 155	183,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	472	1 238	1 567	1 792	14,4
		R'000	0	3 304	9 819	13 769	13 678	-0,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	858	23 483	24 215	30 425	60 833	99,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 132	30 413	28 484	60 422	74 139	22,7

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

			Mar. 2017	Feb. 2018	Mar. 2018	Jan. - Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	29	33	57	91	59,6
		square metres	505	1 765	1 986	3 222	5 244	62,8
		R'000	1 613	12 950	10 293	16 409	26 976	64,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	30	19	7	42	40	-4,8
		square metres	4 157	4 302	1 326	6 249	8 021	28,4
		R'000	21 431	25 636	7 400	33 032	49 434	49,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	361	0	2	361	114	-68,4
		square metres	27 104	0	322	27 104	15 929	-41,2
		R'000	189 728	0	2 044	189 728	117 629	-38,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	259	0	0	402	..
		R'000	0	1 463	0	0	2 144	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	212 772	40 049	19 737	239 169	196 183	-18,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 238	262	5 305	1 238	5 768	365,9
		R'000	8 666	1 663	39 289	8 666	42 185	386,8
	Shopping space	square metres	0	933	506	786	1 439	83,1
		R'000	0	5 923	2 409	3 990	8 332	108,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	110	0	0	1 340	535	-60,1
		R'000	550	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	9 216	7 586	41 698	19 971	55 913	180,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	975	2 597	2 465	2 287	9 192	301,9
		R'000	4 388	13 937	13 626	10 810	48 535	349,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	151	919	395	283	1 349	376,7
		R'000	1 750	7 410	3 644	7 566	11 668	54,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	6 138	21 347	17 270	18 376	60 203	227,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	228 126	68 982	78 705	277 516	312 299	12,5

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

			Mar. 2017	Feb. 2018	Mar. 2018	Jan. - Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	18	12	15	27	35	29,6
		square metres	929	633	819	1 466	1 930	31,7
		R'000	8 848	6 528	8 577	13 380	20 384	52,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	76	81	42	197	216	9,6
		square metres	23 207	19 825	13 200	59 509	54 604	-8,2
		R'000	205 896	190 747	140 973	533 932	560 614	5,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	417	52	24	565	110	-80,5
		square metres	30 064	12 082	6 095	46 904	23 431	-50,0
		R'000	304 372	121 656	56 787	464 008	232 288	-49,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	11 467	858	-92,5
		R'000	0	0	0	129 566	10 211	-92,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	519 116	318 931	206 337	1 140 886	823 497	-27,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	24 380	231	0	26 273	885	-96,6
		R'000	255 989	1 617	0	265 453	8 811	-96,7
	Shopping space	square metres	60 253	734	971	61 697	1 705	-97,2
		R'000	632 656	8 074	9 803	647 818	17 877	-97,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	6 800	16 498	29 390	23 298	-20,7
		R'000	0	40 976	98 164	165 612	139 140	-16,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	1 778	3 177	4 282	5 337	24,6
		R'000	0	16 050	31 135	34 975	49 859	42,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	888 645	66 717	139 102	1 113 858	215 687	-80,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 431	23 099	14 786	32 471	47 643	46,7
		R'000	117 538	196 600	147 021	319 056	454 949	42,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	10 506	4 178	6 058	23 396	11 585	-50,5
		R'000	90 174	43 720	54 330	214 196	113 620	-47,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	207 712	240 320	201 351	533 252	568 569	6,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 615 473	625 968	546 790	2 787 996	1 607 753	-42,3

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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

			Mar. 2017	Feb. 2018	Mar. 2018	Jan. - Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	53	46	19	109	69	-36,7	
		square metres	3 073	2 940	1 071	6 204	4 245	-31,6	
		R'000	13 475	16 083	5 463	26 342	22 716	-13,8	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	81	130	71	142	235	65,5	
		square metres	15 370	22 637	12 524	28 728	44 070	53,4	
		R'000	85 984	133 816	71 247	150 392	256 519	70,6	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	67	83	32	122	242	98,4	
		square metres	3 949	9 345	2 398	9 144	24 962	173,0	
		R'000	26 413	48 085	15 223	54 588	146 780	168,9	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	125 872	197 984	91 933	231 322	426 015	84,2
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	548	0	0	1 429	..
R'000			0	3 479	0	0	8 421	..	
Shopping space		square metres	0	525	349	4 840	874	-81,9	
		R'000	0	2 625	2 215	26 569	4 840	-81,8	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	0	0	607	1 574	3 080	95,7	
		R'000	0	0	3 035	7 084	13 670	93,0	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	3 255	0	0	3 255	..	
		R'000	0	19 609	0	0	19 609	..	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	0	25 713	5 250	33 653	46 540	38,3	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 820	25 972	7 935	12 170	36 173	197,2	
		R'000	30 683	161 307	48 857	54 726	223 296	308,0	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 305	2 441	3 612	2 559	6 110	138,8	
		R'000	6 123	13 129	23 621	13 671	37 285	172,7	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	36 806	174 436	72 478	68 397	260 581	281,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	162 678	398 133	169 661	333 372	733 136	119,9	

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

			Mar. 2017	Feb. 2018	Mar. 2018	Jan. - Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	588	508	347	1 119	927	-17,2
		square metres	30 232	22 619	18 001	56 614	44 610	-21,2
		R'000	147 449	109 597	90 506	266 218	223 691	-16,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	303	244	236	881	696	-21,0
		square metres	100 962	87 797	67 798	303 172	219 989	-27,4
		R'000	763 070	641 478	567 914	2 358 670	1 766 837	-25,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 110	391	275	2 349	1 072	-54,4
		square metres	86 247	69 787	34 886	198 826	148 982	-25,1
		R'000	733 291	541 897	289 451	1 679 566	1 225 582	-27,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 260	0	7 654	1 260	-83,5
		R'000	0	8 807	0	53 974	8 807	-83,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 643 810	1 301 779	947 871	4 358 428	3 224 917	-26,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	9 600	76 493	13 627	87 881	109 475	24,6
		R'000	82 022	709 169	133 109	937 383	1 060 495	13,1
	Shopping space	square metres	69 302	9 307	2 391	73 721	15 503	-79,0
		R'000	539 932	73 370	22 895	580 865	133 836	-77,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	40 356	95 578	15 260	113 465	149 491	31,8
		R'000	185 327	462 454	96 840	593 833	797 449	34,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	4 747	6 180	0	16 639	12 067	-27,5
		R'000	39 898	54 607	0	121 064	101 564	-16,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	847 179	1 299 600	252 844	2 233 145	2 093 344	-6,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	25 867	23 872	19 024	57 507	57 366	-0,2
		R'000	187 099	175 026	147 340	420 333	441 600	5,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	10 696	7 523	7 250	28 457	23 194	-18,5
		R'000	84 777	54 754	59 109	250 351	195 765	-21,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	271 876	229 780	206 449	670 684	637 365	-5,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 762 865	2 831 159	1 407 164	7 262 257	5 955 626	-18,0

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

			Mar. 2017	Feb. 2018	Mar. 2018	Jan. - Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	97	56	24	221	80	-63,8
		square metres	4 297	3 163	1 279	10 224	4 442	-56,6
		R'000	17 532	17 859	6 347	39 027	24 206	-38,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	28	75	64	68	150	120,6
		square metres	7 192	17 246	14 718	17 660	34 787	97,0
		R'000	32 311	102 301	88 229	83 535	206 304	147,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	6	0	49	166	49	-70,5
		square metres	737	0	2 769	18 319	2 769	-84,9
		R'000	3 318	0	17 100	84 195	17 100	-79,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	1 916	0	1 916	..
		R'000	0	0	13 784	0	13 784	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	53 161	120 160	125 460	206 757	261 394	26,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	256	0	256	..
		R'000	0	0	1 219	0	1 219	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	520	5 300	520	-90,2
		R'000	0	0	2 476	25 155	2 476	-90,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	557	0	5 850	8 843	5 850	-33,8
		R'000	2 507	0	27 852	39 794	27 852	-30,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	1 972	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	9 863	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 507	0	31 547	74 812	31 547	-57,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 143	2 943	2 651	10 082	8 735	-13,4
		R'000	5 390	17 271	15 667	42 806	50 151	17,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	33	821	22	1 325	3 394	156,2
		R'000	4 125	4 767	42 863	12 566	63 036	401,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	9 515	22 038	58 530	55 372	113 187	104,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	65 183	142 198	215 537	336 941	406 128	20,5

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

			Mar. 2017	Feb. 2018	Mar. 2018	Jan. - Mar. 2017	Jan. - Mar. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	4	10	20	23	15,0
		square metres	362	271	629	1 136	1 415	24,6
		R'000	1 810	1 434	3 327	5 680	7 485	31,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	21	19	28	56	66	17,9
		square metres	5 785	5 017	7 813	14 645	18 124	23,8
		R'000	29 008	26 025	40 190	72 171	92 913	28,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	3	16	0	11	21	90,9
		square metres	552	2 228	0	1 308	2 706	106,9
		R'000	2 760	11 786	0	7 342	13 819	88,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	5 752	1 438	-75,0
		R'000	0	0	0	28 760	7 607	-73,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	33 578	39 245	43 517	113 953	121 824	6,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	522	0	3 276	1 322	3 276	147,8
		R'000	2 610	0	17 330	6 714	17 330	158,1
	Shopping space	square metres	0	204	5 067	158	5 271	3 236,1
		R'000	0	1 079	26 864	790	27 943	3 437,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	1 635	1 629	4 863	3 264	-32,9
		R'000	0	8 649	8 617	24 315	17 266	-29,0
	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	2 610	9 728	52 811	31 819	62 539	96,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	117	520	376	1 055	1 238	17,3
		R'000	594	2 650	1 791	5 000	6 195	23,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	632	0	158	632	300,0
		R'000	500	6 477	500	2 790	7 477	168,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 094	9 127	2 291	7 790	13 672	75,5
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	37 282	58 100	98 619	153 562	198 035	29,0

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

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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 March 2018 was 89,1%. The collection rate for February 2018 was 93,6%.
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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