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## Results for January to May 2015

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:  
January to May 2014 versus January to May 2015**

Estimates at current prices	January to May 2014 1/	January to May 2015 1/	Difference in value between January to May 2014 and January to May 2015	% change between January to May 2014 and January to May 2015
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>17 123 367</b>	<b>19 860 509</b>	<b>2 737 142</b>	<b>16,0</b>
-Dwelling-houses	11 680 031	12 979 125	1 299 094	11,1
-Flats and townhouses	5 064 370	6 230 193	1 165 823	23,0
-Other residential buildings	378 966	651 191	272 225	71,8
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>9 370 667</b>	<b>9 891 139</b>	<b>520 472</b>	<b>5,6</b>
Additions and alterations	9 435 093	10 196 733	761 640	8,1
<b>Total</b>	<b>35 929 127</b>	<b>39 948 381</b>	<b>4 019 254</b>	<b>11,2</b>

1/ 2014 and 2015 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 11,2% (R4 019,3 million) during January to May 2015 compared with January to May 2014 (see Table A).*

Increases were reported for residential buildings (16,0% or R2 737,1 million), additions and alterations (8,1% or R761,6 million) and non-residential buildings (5,6% or R520,5 million).

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:  
January to May 2014 versus January to May 2015**

Estimates at current prices	January to May 2014 1/	January to May 2015 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to May 2014	% change between January to May 2014 and January to May 2015	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January to May 2014 and January to May 2015	Difference in value between January to May 2014 and January to May 2015
	R'000	R'000			2/	
<b>Western Cape</b>	<b>8 077 844</b>	<b>10 596 178</b>	<b>22,5</b>	<b>31,2</b>	<b>7,0</b>	<b>2 518 334</b>
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	<b>1 866 208</b>	<b>1 843 343</b>	<b>5,2</b>	<b>-1,2</b>	<b>-0,1</b>	<b>-22 865</b>
<b>Northern Cape</b>	<b>482 934</b>	<b>251 369</b>	<b>1,3</b>	<b>-47,9</b>	<b>-0,6</b>	<b>-231 565</b>
<b>Free State</b>	<b>1 325 772</b>	<b>1 803 929</b>	<b>3,7</b>	<b>36,1</b>	<b>1,3</b>	<b>478 157</b>
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	<b>6 745 448</b>	<b>6 293 386</b>	<b>18,8</b>	<b>-6,7</b>	<b>-1,3</b>	<b>-452 062</b>
<b>North West</b>	<b>1 310 692</b>	<b>1 349 478</b>	<b>3,6</b>	<b>3,0</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>38 786</b>
<b>Gauteng</b>	<b>13 820 644</b>	<b>15 072 584</b>	<b>38,5</b>	<b>9,1</b>	<b>3,5</b>	<b>1 251 940</b>
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	<b>1 542 065</b>	<b>1 822 355</b>	<b>4,3</b>	<b>18,2</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>280 290</b>
<b>Limpopo</b>	<b>757 520</b>	<b>915 759</b>	<b>2,1</b>	<b>20,9</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>158 239</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>35 929 127</b>	<b>39 948 381</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>11,2</b>	<b>11,2</b>	<b>4 019 254</b>

1/ 2014 and 2015 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between Jan. to May 2014 and Jan. to May 2015 with the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during Jan. to May 2014, divided by 100.

Six provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of building plans passed during January to May 2015. The increase in the value of building plans passed was dominated by Western Cape (contributing 7,0 percentage points or R2 518,3 million) and Gauteng (contributing 3,5 percentage points or R1 251,9 million) (see Table B).

**Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2010 prices:  
January to May 2014 versus January to May 2015**

Estimates at constant 2010 prices	January to May 2014 1/	January to May 2015 1/	Difference in value between January to May 2014 and January to May 2015	% change between January to May 2014 and January to May 2015
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	13 775 156	15 344 949	1 569 793	11,4
<b>Non-residential buildings 1/</b>	7 532 668	7 622 133	89 465	1,2
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	7 588 176	7 880 090	291 914	3,8
<b>Total</b>	<b>28 896 000</b>	<b>30 847 172</b>	<b>1 951 172</b>	<b>6,8</b>

1/ 2014 and 2015 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

### Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2010 prices) increased by 6,8% (R1 951,2 million) year-on-year during January to May 2015. Increases were recorded for residential buildings (11,4% or R1 569,8 million), additions and alterations (3,8% or R291,9 million) and non-residential buildings (1,2% or R89,5 million) (see Table C).

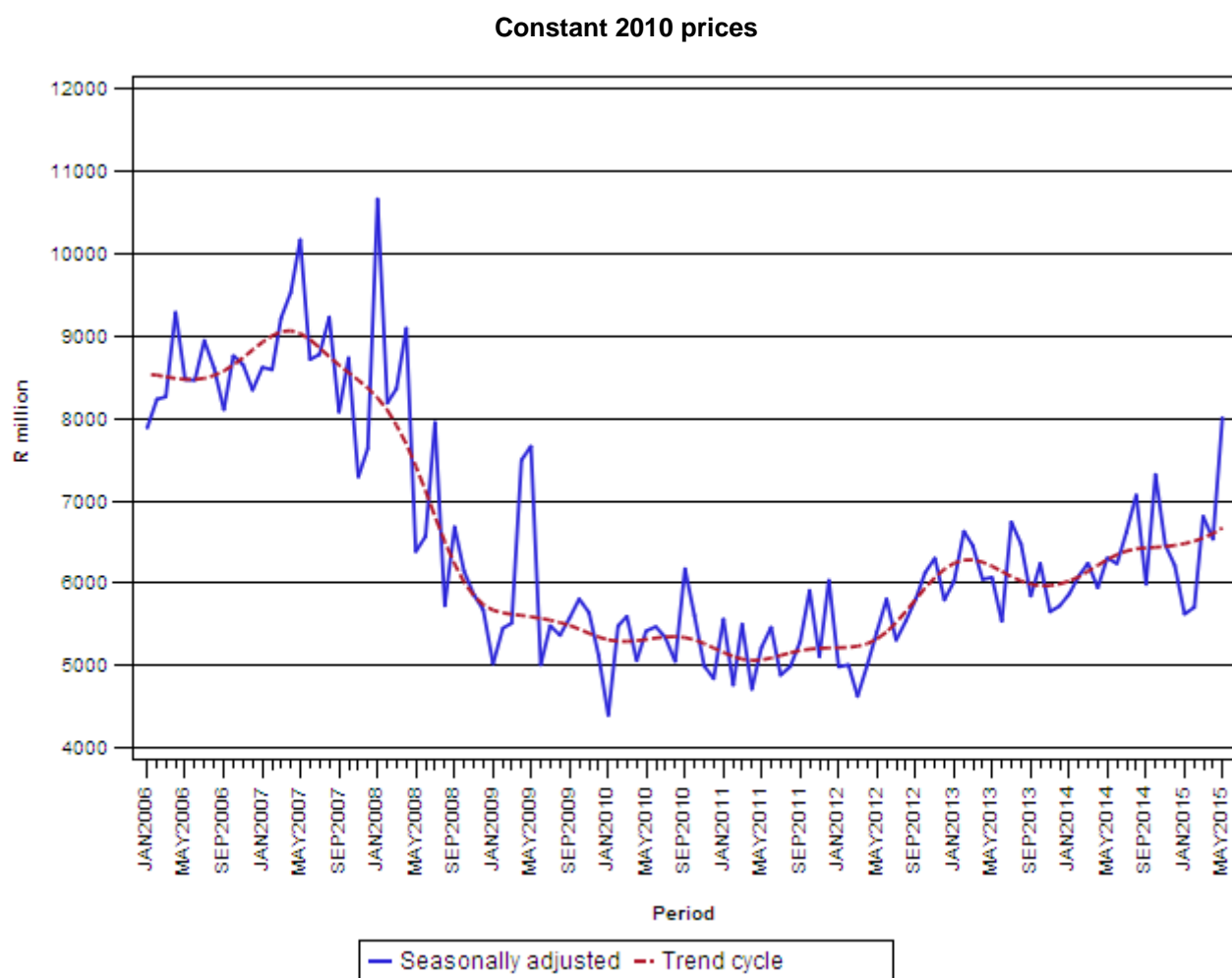
**Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by  
larger municipalities at constant 2010 prices**

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2010 prices	December 2014 to February 2015	March to May 2015	% change between December 2014 to February 2015 and March to May 2015
	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	9 533 486	9 942 633	4,3
<b>Non-residential buildings 1/</b>	2 851 579	6 232 624	118,6
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	5 168 543	5 179 986	0,2
<b>Total</b>	<b>17 553 608</b>	<b>21 355 243</b>	<b>21,7</b>

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

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed increased by 21,7% during the three months ended May 2015 compared with the previous three months. Non-residential buildings rose by 118,6% (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 May 2014 versus January to May 2015**

Estimates at current prices	January to May 2014 1/	January to May 2015 1/	Difference in value between January to May 2014 and January to May 2015	% change between January to May 2014 and January to May 2015
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>10 085 497</b>	<b>12 180 829</b>	<b>2 095 332</b>	<b>20,8</b>
-Dwelling-houses	6 721 260	9 016 819	2 295 559	34,2
-Flats and townhouses	3 146 733	2 820 719	-326 014	-10,4
-Other residential buildings	217 504	343 291	125 787	57,8
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>5 036 993</b>	<b>4 363 140</b>	<b>-673 853</b>	<b>-13,4</b>
Additions and alterations	3 919 283	3 904 296	-14 987	-0,4
<b>Total</b>	<b>19 041 773</b>	<b>20 448 265</b>	<b>1 406 492</b>	<b>7,4</b>

1/ 2014 and 2015 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**

*As indicated in Table E, the value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 7,4% (R1 406,5 million) during January to May 2015 compared with January to May 2014.*

Residential buildings rose by 20,8% (R2 095,3 million) and non-residential buildings fell by 13,4% (-R673,9 million).

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:  
January to May 2014 versus January to May 2015**

Estimates at current prices	January to May 2014 1/	January to May 2015 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to May 2014	% change between January to May 2014 and January to May 2015	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January to May 2014 and January to May 2015	Difference in value between January to May 2014 and January to May 2015
	R'000	R'000			2/	R'000
<b>Western Cape</b>	<b>4 049 547</b>	<b>5 328 616</b>	<b>21,3</b>	<b>31,6</b>	<b>6,7</b>	<b>1 279 069</b>
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	<b>923 299</b>	<b>766 074</b>	<b>4,8</b>	<b>-17,0</b>	<b>-0,8</b>	<b>-157 225</b>
<b>Northern Cape</b>	<b>229 306</b>	<b>191 072</b>	<b>1,2</b>	<b>-16,7</b>	<b>-0,2</b>	<b>-38 234</b>
<b>Free State</b>	<b>219 846</b>	<b>659 321</b>	<b>1,2</b>	<b>199,9</b>	<b>2,3</b>	<b>439 475</b>
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	<b>2 362 608</b>	<b>2 714 207</b>	<b>12,4</b>	<b>14,9</b>	<b>1,8</b>	<b>351 599</b>
<b>North West</b>	<b>814 662</b>	<b>941 889</b>	<b>4,3</b>	<b>15,6</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>127 227</b>
<b>Gauteng</b>	<b>9 060 119</b>	<b>8 805 601</b>	<b>47,6</b>	<b>-2,8</b>	<b>-1,3</b>	<b>-254 518</b>
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	<b>1 178 600</b>	<b>848 806</b>	<b>6,2</b>	<b>-28,0</b>	<b>-1,7</b>	<b>-329 794</b>
<b>Limpopo</b>	<b>203 786</b>	<b>192 679</b>	<b>1,1</b>	<b>-5,5</b>	<b>-0,1</b>	<b>-11 107</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>19 041 773</b>	<b>20 448 265</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>7,4</b>	<b>7,4</b>	<b>1 406 492</b>

1/ 2014 and 2015 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between Jan. to May 2014 and Jan. to May 2015 with the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during Jan. to May 2014, divided by 100.

Four provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to May 2015. Western Cape contributed 6,7 percentage points (R1 279,1 million) (see Table F).

**Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2010 prices:  
January to May 2014 versus January to May 2015**

Estimates at constant 2010 prices	January to May 2014 1/	January to May 2015 1/	Difference in value between January to May 2014 and January to May 2015	% change between January to May 2014 and January to May 2015
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	8 475 218	9 592 444	1 117 226	13,2
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	4 482 767	3 630 058	-852 709	-19,0
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	3 369 810	3 135 721	-234 089	-6,9
<b>Total</b>	<b>16 327 795</b>	<b>16 358 223</b>	<b>30 428</b>	<b>0,2</b>

1/ 2014 and 2015 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

### Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2010 prices) increased by 0,2% (R30,4 million) year-on-year during January to May 2015. Residential buildings rose by 13,2% (R1 117,2 million) while decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-19,0% or -R852,7 million) and additions and alterations (-6,9% or -R234,1 million) (see Table G).

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

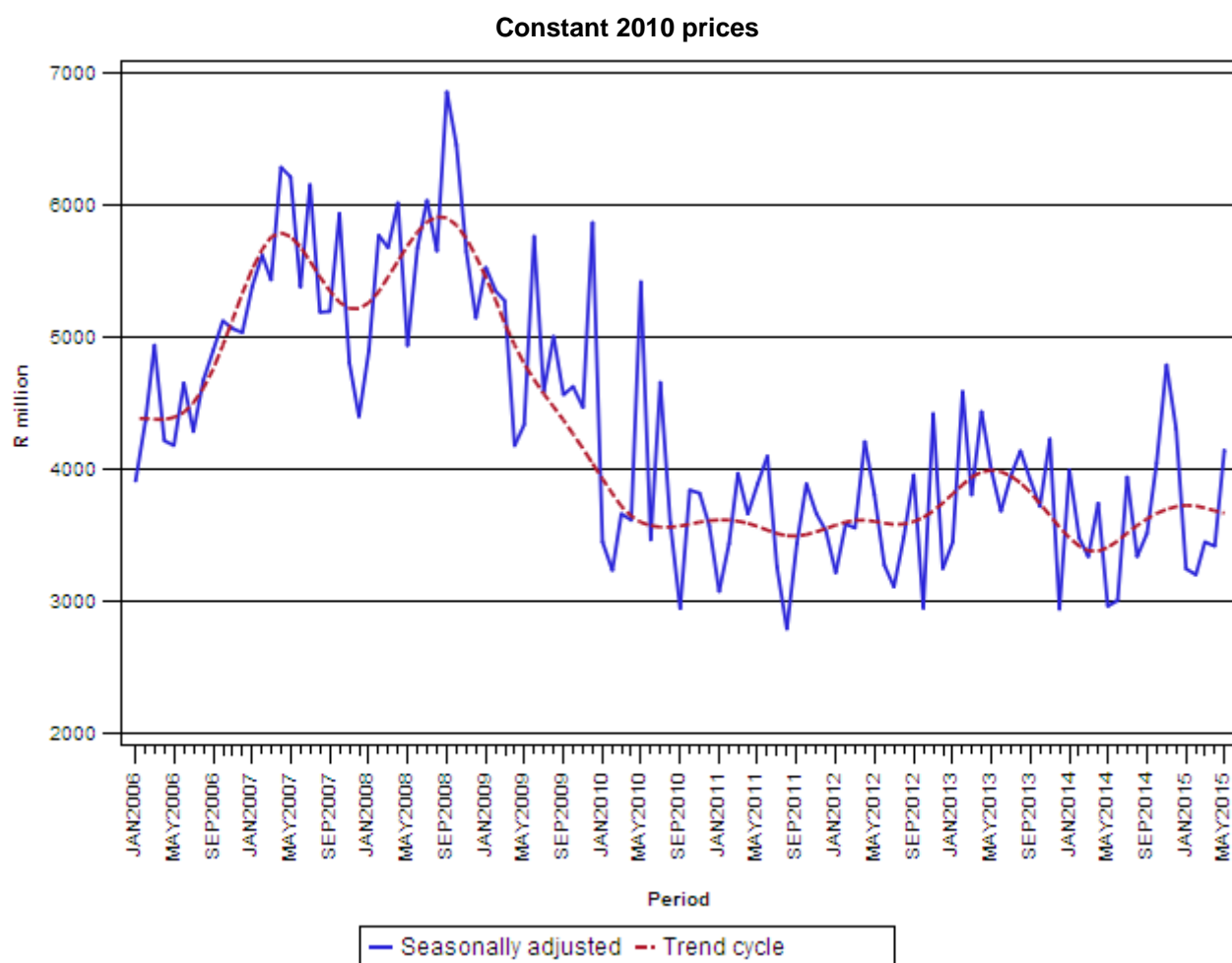
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2010 prices	December 2014 to February 2015	March to May 2015	% change between December 2014 to February 2015 and March to May 2015
	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	5 752 412	6 836 491	18,8
<b>Non-residential buildings 1/</b>	3 225 079	2 119 007	-34,3
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	1 783 320	2 061 630	15,6
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 760 810</b>	<b>11 017 129</b>	<b>2,4</b>

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

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 2,4% during the three months ended May 2015 compared with the previous three months. Increases were reported for residential buildings (18,8%) and additions and alterations (15,6%). A significant decrease was reported for non-residential buildings (-34,3%) (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/
2014	January	3 235 268	48,9	1 344 728	-43,7	1 535 551	3,0	6 115 547	1,1
	February	3 267 441	-1,3	2 053 955	-5,3	2 056 519	2,3	7 377 915	-1,5
	March	3 468 612	17,4	2 275 160	7,6	1 952 793	15,3	7 696 565	13,8
	April	3 041 339	-2,6	1 726 454	2,1	1 976 731	-10,7	6 744 524	-4,0
	May	4 110 707	15,7	1 970 370	-1,5	1 913 499	-6,1	7 994 576	5,3
	June	3 911 224	20,4	2 034 001	59,6	1 918 240	3,5	7 863 465	23,3
	July	4 028 934	3,7	3 020 132	18,2	2 300 350	-4,7	9 349 416	5,6
	August	4 763 279	34,2	2 188 628	-12,4	2 596 407	20,7	9 548 314	16,5
	September	4 186 488	33,6	1 293 843	-32,0	2 621 773	13,8	8 102 104	10,4
	October	5 263 607	32,0	3 057 974	30,2	2 328 749	4,9	10 650 330	24,5
	November	4 150 427	40,9	2 113 168	11,0	2 278 644	-3,1	8 542 239	18,6
	December	2 955 810	21,2	1 872 912	15,4	1 877 595	14,8	6 706 317	17,7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>46 383 136</b>	<b>21,1</b>	<b>24 951 325</b>	<b>2,0</b>	<b>25 356 851</b>	<b>4,0</b>	<b>96 691 312</b>	<b>10,9</b>
2015	January	3 411 357	5,4	605 147	-55,0	1 669 101	8,7	5 685 605	-7,0
	February	3 825 309	17,1	1 179 924	-42,6	2 141 834	4,1	7 147 067	-3,1
	March	4 171 252	20,3	2 150 503	-5,5	2 254 077	15,4	8 575 832	11,4
	April	4 221 905	38,8	1 939 405	12,3	1 956 426	-1,0	8 117 736	20,4
	May	4 230 686	2,9	4 016 160	103,8	2 175 295	13,7	10 422 141	30,4

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	3 840 142	15,5	1 344 728	-17,2	1 994 144	-3,1	7 179 014	2,5
	February	3 423 057	-10,9	2 053 955	52,7	2 076 772	4,1	7 553 785	5,2
	March	3 375 592	-1,4	2 275 160	10,8	2 069 241	-0,4	7 719 992	2,2
	April	3 541 445	4,9	1 726 454	-24,1	2 147 466	3,8	7 415 365	-3,9
	May	3 951 000	11,6	1 970 370	14,1	2 006 213	-6,6	7 927 583	6,9
	June	3 893 798	-1,4	2 034 001	3,2	1 969 021	-1,9	7 896 820	-0,4
	July	3 367 138	-13,5	3 020 132	48,5	2 025 925	2,9	8 413 195	6,5
	August	4 308 372	28,0	2 188 628	-27,5	2 496 902	23,2	8 993 902	6,9
	September	4 159 644	-3,5	1 293 843	-40,9	2 195 629	-12,1	7 649 116	-15,0
	October	4 293 026	3,2	3 057 974	136,3	2 029 820	-7,6	9 380 820	22,6
	November	4 096 357	-4,6	2 113 168	-30,9	2 095 230	3,2	8 304 756	-11,5
	December	3 896 633	-4,9	1 872 912	-11,4	2 230 635	6,5	8 000 180	-3,7
2015	January	4 369 962	12,1	605 147	-67,7	2 316 169	3,8	7 291 278	-8,9
	February	4 001 569	-8,4	1 179 924	95,0	2 170 737	-6,3	7 352 231	0,8
	March	4 398 405	9,9	2 150 503	82,3	2 266 336	4,4	8 815 243	19,9
	April	4 377 756	-0,5	1 939 405	-9,8	2 137 825	-5,7	8 454 986	-4,1
	May	4 042 829	-7,7	4 016 160	107,1	2 323 546	8,7	10 382 535	22,8
	Dec. 14 – Feb. 15	12 268 164		3 657 983		6 717 541		22 643 689	
	Mar. – May 15 2/	12 818 990	4,5	8 106 068	121,6	6 727 707	0,2	27 652 764	22,1

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 11 and 12 on page 38.

**Table 3 – Value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2010 prices by type of building**

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	2 651 859	39,9	1 102 236	-47,1	1 258 648	-3,2	5 012 743	-5,1
	February	2 641 424	-8,0	1 660 432	-11,7	1 662 505	-4,7	5 964 361	-8,2
	March	2 772 671	9,8	1 818 673	0,7	1 560 986	7,9	6 152 330	6,4
	April	2 431 126	-8,3	1 380 059	-3,8	1 580 121	-15,9	5 391 306	-9,6
	May	3 278 076	8,3	1 571 268	-7,8	1 525 916	-12,1	6 375 260	-1,4
	June	3 101 684	12,5	1 613 006	49,2	1 521 205	-3,3	6 235 895	15,3
	July	3 169 893	-2,7	2 376 186	10,8	1 809 874	-10,6	7 355 953	-1,0
	August	3 732 977	25,9	1 715 226	-17,8	2 034 802	13,2	7 483 005	9,3
	September	3 278 377	26,0	1 013 190	-35,9	2 053 072	7,3	6 344 639	4,1
	October	4 102 578	24,3	2 383 456	22,6	1 815 081	-1,3	8 301 115	17,2
	November	3 237 463	32,8	1 648 337	4,7	1 777 413	-8,6	6 663 213	11,9
	December	2 307 424	14,6	1 462 070	9,1	1 465 726	8,5	5 235 220	11,3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>36 705 552</b>	<b>13,6</b>	<b>19 744 139</b>	<b>-4,4</b>	<b>20 065 349</b>	<b>-2,4</b>	<b>76 515 040</b>	<b>4,1</b>
2015	January	2 652 688	0,0	470 565	-57,3	1 297 901	3,1	4 421 154	-11,8
	February	2 979 213	12,8	918 944	-44,7	1 668 095	0,3	5 566 252	-6,7
	March	3 226 026	16,4	1 663 189	-8,5	1 743 292	11,7	6 632 507	7,8
	April	3 242 631	33,4	1 489 558	7,9	1 502 631	-4,9	6 234 820	15,6
	May	3 244 391	-1,0	3 079 877	96,0	1 668 171	9,3	7 992 439	25,4

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

**Table 4 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2010 prices by type of building**

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	3 162 245	17,0	1 102 236	-17,8	1 608 043	-4,4	5 872 525	2,6
	February	2 773 637	-12,3	1 660 432	50,6	1 660 555	3,3	6 094 623	3,8
	March	2 777 726	0,1	1 818 673	9,5	1 646 016	-0,9	6 242 415	2,4
	April	2 857 213	2,9	1 380 059	-24,1	1 709 409	3,9	5 946 681	-4,7
	May	3 119 133	9,2	1 571 268	13,9	1 616 890	-5,4	6 307 290	6,1
	June	3 054 551	-2,1	1 613 006	2,7	1 571 139	-2,8	6 238 695	-1,1
	July	2 646 393	-13,4	2 376 186	47,3	1 600 609	1,9	6 623 188	6,2
	August	3 403 096	28,6	1 715 226	-27,8	1 954 239	22,1	7 072 561	6,8
	September	3 248 852	-4,5	1 013 190	-40,9	1 727 203	-11,6	5 989 245	-15,3
	October	3 336 060	2,7	2 383 456	135,2	1 599 934	-7,4	7 319 450	22,2
	November	3 177 041	-4,8	1 648 337	-30,8	1 638 246	2,4	6 463 624	-11,7
	December	3 038 362	-4,4	1 462 070	-11,3	1 717 039	4,8	6 217 471	-3,8
2015	January	3 374 937	11,1	470 565	-67,8	1 781 504	3,8	5 627 006	-9,5
	February	3 120 187	-7,5	918 944	95,3	1 670 000	-6,3	5 709 131	1,5
	March	3 406 231	9,2	1 663 189	81,0	1 743 739	4,4	6 813 159	19,3
	April	3 401 780	-0,1	1 489 558	-10,4	1 644 727	-5,7	6 536 065	-4,1
	May	3 134 622	-7,9	3 079 877	106,8	1 791 520	8,9	8 006 019	22,5
	Dec. 14 – Feb. 15	9 533 486		2 851 579		5 168 543		17 553 608	
	Mar. – May 15 2/	9 942 633	4,3	6 232 624	118,6	5 179 986	0,2	21 355 243	21,7

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	1 864 951	14,2	947 942	135,7	772 015	-1,9	3 584 908	27,0
	February	1 901 135	-10,4	1 024 739	-31,8	957 322	-22,4	3 883 196	-20,1
	March	2 225 573	12,2	1 117 237	3,6	793 665	-31,5	4 136 475	-2,0
	April	2 235 694	-2,0	1 279 830	1,7	629 675	-53,9	4 145 199	-15,5
	May	1 858 144	-4,0	667 245	-45,9	766 606	-26,5	3 291 995	-21,8
	June	1 952 010	-2,4	799 842	-28,1	651 885	-21,8	3 403 737	-13,8
	July	2 522 008	6,1	1 653 772	41,6	758 975	-35,0	4 934 755	4,7
	August	2 380 745	0,9	941 925	-38,1	936 852	-6,3	4 259 522	-12,7
	September	2 543 242	3,9	1 068 777	-1,2	799 479	-23,3	4 411 498	-3,5
	October	2 882 645	19,1	1 426 294	38,1	899 738	-12,0	5 208 677	16,4
	November	3 072 324	27,0	2 550 356	29,9	718 978	-18,8	6 341 658	20,4
	December	2 502 517	28,9	2 020 839	169,8	689 403	4,2	5 212 759	55,5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>27 940 988</b>	<b>7,8</b>	<b>15 498 798</b>	<b>9,9</b>	<b>9 374 593</b>	<b>-23,2</b>	<b>52 814 379</b>	<b>1,1</b>
2015	January	1 818 640	-2,5	785 616	-17,1	501 685	-35,0	3 105 941	-13,4
	February	2 087 746	9,8	1 019 816	-0,5	675 990	-29,4	3 783 552	-2,6
	March	2 568 046	15,4	858 760	-23,1	1 025 680	29,2	4 452 486	7,6
	April	2 596 585	16,1	730 600	-42,9	904 083	43,6	4 231 268	2,1
	May	3 109 812	67,4	968 348	45,1	796 858	3,9	4 875 018	48,1

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	2 645 876	46,8	947 942	26,6	1 042 806	24,1	4 636 624	36,7
	February	2 108 749	-20,3	1 024 739	8,1	898 024	-13,9	4 031 512	-13,1
	March	2 121 277	0,6	1 117 237	9,0	582 836	-35,1	3 821 350	-5,2
	April	2 536 101	19,6	1 279 830	14,6	718 849	23,3	4 534 780	18,7
	May	2 029 502	-20,0	667 245	-47,9	792 892	10,3	3 489 640	-23,0
	June	2 052 314	1,1	799 842	19,9	704 701	-11,1	3 556 857	1,9
	July	2 332 190	13,6	1 653 772	106,8	680 538	-3,4	4 666 499	31,2
	August	2 229 114	-4,4	941 925	-43,0	835 832	22,8	4 006 871	-14,1
	September	2 395 750	7,5	1 068 777	13,5	786 573	-5,9	4 251 100	6,1
	October	2 615 606	9,2	1 426 294	33,5	870 011	10,6	4 911 911	15,5
	November	2 531 656	-3,2	2 550 356	78,8	696 654	-19,9	5 778 666	17,6
	December	2 342 706	-7,5	2 020 839	-20,8	879 101	26,2	5 242 647	-9,3
2015	January	2 555 951	9,1	785 616	-61,1	680 169	-22,6	4 021 735	-23,3
	February	2 320 659	-9,2	1 019 816	29,8	633 102	-6,9	3 973 577	-1,2
	March	2 580 270	11,2	858 760	-15,8	927 807	46,5	4 366 837	9,9
	April	2 778 266	7,7	730 600	-14,9	827 508	-10,8	4 336 374	-0,7
	May	3 411 689	22,8	968 348	32,5	819 585	-1,0	5 199 623	19,9
	Dec. 14 – Feb. 15	7 219 316		3 826 271		2 192 372		13 237 959	
	Mar. – May 15 2/	8 770 225	21,5	2 557 708	-33,2	2 574 900	17,4	13 902 834	5,0

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 11 and 12 on page 38.

**Table 7 – Value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2010 prices by type of building**

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	1 577 690	7,2	846 377	122,9	673 661	-7,2	3 097 728	20,2
	February	1 604 474	-16,0	914 946	-35,4	830 288	-26,3	3 349 708	-24,8
	March	1 871 420	5,2	994 868	-1,7	678 346	-35,6	3 544 634	-7,8
	April	1 870 720	-8,1	1 136 616	-3,5	534 529	-56,7	3 541 865	-20,4
	May	1 550 914	-9,8	589 960	-48,6	652 986	-30,6	2 793 860	-26,6
	June	1 622 819	-8,3	704 707	-31,8	552 913	-26,2	2 880 439	-18,9
	July	2 083 259	-0,3	1 443 082	33,9	636 724	-38,9	4 163 065	-1,1
	August	1 937 886	-6,2	816 934	-41,2	782 667	-12,3	3 537 487	-18,6
	September	2 055 674	-3,4	913 485	-7,0	664 019	-28,4	3 633 178	-10,0
	October	2 318 466	11,6	1 210 776	29,5	744 816	-18,0	4 274 058	9,0
	November	2 477 900	18,9	2 172 365	22,7	594 688	-24,0	5 244 953	13,1
	December	2 009 778	20,7	1 714 028	154,7	569 284	-2,3	4 293 090	47,0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>22 981 000</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>13 458 144</b>	<b>3,6</b>	<b>7 914 921</b>	<b>-27,8</b>	<b>44 354 065</b>	<b>-5,1</b>
2015	January	1 442 828	-8,5	659 074	-22,1	411 217	-39,0	2 513 119	-18,9
	February	1 646 859	2,6	851 977	-6,9	546 475	-34,2	3 045 311	-9,1
	March	2 021 858	8,0	713 256	-28,3	819 888	20,9	3 555 002	0,3
	April	2 037 232	8,9	604 801	-46,8	722 688	35,2	3 364 721	-5,0
	May	2 443 667	57,6	800 950	35,8	635 453	-2,7	3 880 070	38,9

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

2/ Preliminary figures.



**Table 8 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2010 prices by type of building**

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	2 247 221	46,4	846 377	25,8	902 612	22,9	3 996 210	35,8
	February	1 792 638	-20,2	914 946	8,1	774 175	-14,2	3 481 759	-12,9
	March	1 847 020	3,0	994 868	8,7	498 049	-35,7	3 339 937	-4,1
	April	1 996 279	8,1	1 136 616	14,2	612 489	23,0	3 745 385	12,1
	May	1 698 431	-14,9	589 960	-48,1	677 276	10,6	2 965 667	-20,8
	June	1 704 552	0,4	704 707	19,4	599 058	-11,5	3 008 317	1,4
	July	1 926 214	13,0	1 443 082	104,8	573 567	-4,3	3 942 863	31,1
	August	1 821 259	-5,4	816 934	-43,4	702 335	22,5	3 340 528	-15,3
	September	1 948 543	7,0	913 485	11,8	654 994	-6,7	3 517 021	5,3
	October	2 117 946	8,7	1 210 776	32,5	720 470	10,0	4 049 192	15,1
	November	2 046 032	-3,4	2 172 365	79,4	572 878	-20,5	4 791 275	18,3
	December	1 873 241	-8,4	1 714 028	-21,1	721 247	25,9	4 308 516	-10,1
2015	January	2 035 922	8,7	659 074	-61,5	553 296	-23,3	3 248 292	-24,6
	February	1 843 249	-9,5	851 977	29,3	508 777	-8,0	3 204 002	-1,4
	March	1 995 618	8,3	713 256	-16,3	742 421	45,9	3 451 296	7,7
	April	2 151 658	7,8	604 801	-15,2	663 877	-10,6	3 420 336	-0,9
	May	2 689 215	25,0	800 950	32,4	655 332	-1,3	4 145 497	21,2
	Dec. 14 – Feb. 15	5 752 412		3 225 079		1 783 320		10 760 810	
	Mar. – May 15 2/	6 836 491	18,8	2 119 007	-34,3	2 061 630	15,6	11 017 129	2,4

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

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

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

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

			May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	Jan. - May 2014	Jan. - May 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	1 669	1 848	2 272	8 901	8 132	-8,6
		Square metres	83 088	84 953	103 199	441 515	381 849	-13,5
		R'000	285 386	272 300	383 842	1 491 347	1 453 017	-2,6
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	1 395	1 267	1 527	6 585	6 843	3,9
		Square metres	340 323	343 634	377 314	1 697 969	1 837 240	8,2
		R'000	2 022 820	2 171 075	2 368 694	10 188 684	11 526 108	13,1
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	3 181	2 791	1 437	8 387	8 703	3,8
		Square metres	249 183	237 527	158 885	756 731	872 149	15,3
		R'000	1 769 705	1 756 503	1 086 984	5 064 370	6 230 193	23,0
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	5 742	3 635	47 658	76 834	89 531	16,5
		R'000	32 796	22 027	391 166	378 966	651 191	71,8
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	4 110 707	4 221 905	4 230 686	17 123 367	19 860 509	16,0
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	64 766	25 437	248 996	452 560	370 360	-18,2
		R'000	514 942	177 177	1 978 237	3 610 256	2 902 726	-19,6
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	33 920	102 145	158 906	229 488	403 319	75,7
		R'000	236 196	663 024	1 284 995	1 431 669	2 884 090	101,4
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	211 949	186 038	107 701	705 412	610 241	-13,5
		R'000	1 129 450	901 549	560 685	3 421 719	3 133 174	-8,4
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	16 742	35 143	39 173	163 092	170 803	4,7
		R'000	89 782	197 655	192 243	907 023	971 149	7,1
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 970 370	1 939 405	4 016 160	9 370 667	9 891 139	5,6
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	246 487	243 820	260 114	1 213 618	1 218 031
R'000			1 380 720	1 416 238	1 523 804	6 699 359	7 126 124	6,4
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	85 000	61 748	85 972	410 802	401 814	-2,2
		R'000	532 779	540 188	651 491	2 735 734	3 070 609	12,2
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	1 913 499	1 956 426	2 175 295	9 435 093	10 196 733	8,1
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	7 994 576	8 117 736	10 422 141	35 929 127	39 948 381	11,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2014 and 2015.

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**

			May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	Jan. - May 2014	Jan. - May 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	52	281	823	2 537	2 617	3,2
		Square metres	2 851	12 226	34 866	113 287	114 144	0,8
		R'000	18 595	64 055	188 392	367 962	626 210	70,2
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	299	255	419	1 263	1 866	47,7
		Square metres	66 606	67 500	92 916	302 249	455 252	50,6
		R'000	390 238	417 616	586 304	1 803 108	2 859 713	58,6
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	172	940	417	1 139	2 407	111,3
		Square metres	41 615	63 827	42 830	132 065	216 421	63,9
		R'000	331 495	456 593	332 245	987 492	1 589 497	61,0
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	2 468	1 718	41 353	9 169	48 402	427,9
		R'000	13 574	11 225	343 355	58 584	388 256	562,7
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	753 902	949 489	1 450 296	3 217 146	5 463 676	69,8
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	5 400	1 129	42 559	74 366	63 537	-14,6
		R'000	37 202	9 536	328 718	510 018	468 930	-8,1
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	2 841	2 875	31 216	71 852	40 688	-43,4
		R'000	15 726	22 029	252 863	473 538	325 112	-31,3
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	104 063	46 739	13 341	175 321	157 913	-9,9
		R'000	645 392	305 974	83 353	1 031 276	1 011 976	-1,9
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	6 941	16 712	17 847	79 352	59 676	-24,8
		R'000	34 271	97 602	84 376	448 236	336 094	-25,0
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	732 591	435 141	749 310	2 463 068	2 142 112	-13,0
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	52 124	67 155	77 310	293 192	374 939
R'000			271 008	368 421	428 210	1 505 303	2 100 740	39,6
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	19 955	17 694	22 783	118 389	90 969	-23,2
		R'000	146 016	148 872	206 914	892 327	889 650	-0,3
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	417 024	517 293	635 124	2 397 630	2 990 390	24,7
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 903 517	1 901 923	2 834 730	8 077 844	10 596 178	31,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2014 and 2015.

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**

			May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	Jan. - May 2014	Jan. - May 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	<b>Number</b>	588	348	64	863	479	-44,5
		<b>Square metres</b>	24 728	14 340	3 863	37 160	22 303	-40,0
		<b>R'000</b>	60 479	33 194	17 335	97 287	70 043	-28,0
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	<b>Number</b>	107	60	111	406	413	1,7
		<b>Square metres</b>	23 947	13 784	23 796	86 282	94 463	9,5
		<b>R'000</b>	113 727	75 980	125 395	421 430	523 833	24,3
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	<b>Number</b>	17	38	52	119	133	11,8
		<b>Square metres</b>	2 106	5 925	7 035	9 879	17 519	77,3
		<b>R'000</b>	11 288	30 521	36 166	51 316	90 691	76,7
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	<b>Square metres</b>	0	1 007	0	2 431	1 716	-29,4
		<b>R'000</b>	0	6 545	0	14 941	11 154	-25,3
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>185 494</b>	<b>146 240</b>	<b>178 896</b>	<b>584 974</b>	<b>695 721</b>	<b>18,9</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	<b>Square metres</b>	1 562	0	821	4 006	4 567	14,0
		<b>R'000</b>	5 842	0	3 664	15 498	24 146	55,8
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	<b>Square metres</b>	1 619	762	2 687	36 532	8 625	-76,4
		<b>R'000</b>	8 543	3 429	12 373	211 618	40 497	-80,9
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	<b>Square metres</b>	18 783	238	14 534	58 961	36 135	-38,7
		<b>R'000</b>	91 735	1 071	74 414	274 671	174 293	-36,5
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	<b>Square metres</b>	2 248	0	6 558	8 926	10 716	20,1
		<b>R'000</b>	9 522	0	34 145	35 076	50 853	45,0
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>115 642</b>	<b>4 500</b>	<b>124 596</b>	<b>536 863</b>	<b>289 789</b>	<b>-46,0</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	<b>Square metres</b>	35 578	27 810	29 608	119 098	132 127	10,9
		<b>R'000</b>	168 951	139 377	144 453	551 307	669 578	21,5
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	<b>Square metres</b>	20 162	4 450	3 491	45 721	38 826	-15,1
		<b>R'000</b>	86 467	20 073	22 664	193 064	188 255	-2,5
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>255 418</b>	<b>159 450</b>	<b>167 117</b>	<b>744 371</b>	<b>857 833</b>	<b>15,2</b>
<b>4. Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>556 554</b>	<b>310 190</b>	<b>470 609</b>	<b>1 866 208</b>	<b>1 843 343</b>	<b>-1,2</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2014 and 2015.

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**

			May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	Jan. - May 2014	Jan. - May 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	0	0	12	7	17	142,9
		Square metres	0	0	880	311	1 054	238,9
		R'000	0	0	5 280	1 334	6 330	374,5
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	15	8	16	165	61	-63,0
		Square metres	2 439	1 534	2 443	24 155	12 131	-49,8
		R'000	11 097	8 108	13 299	110 684	61 974	-44,0
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	48	0	..
		Square metres	0	0	0	3 614	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	13 010	0	..
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	5 600	29 528	5 600	-81,0
		R'000	0	0	44 638	132 686	44 638	-66,4
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	11 097	8 108	63 217	257 714	112 942	-56,2
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	210	0	0	1 516	0	..
		R'000	1 050	0	0	7 580	0	..
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	0	0	5 976	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	26 893	0	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	0	1 008	0	4 735	1 993	-57,9
		R'000	0	5 544	0	22 672	10 962	-51,6
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	246	0	1 057	502	-52,5
		R'000	0	1 107	0	4 529	2 330	-48,6
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 050	6 651	0	61 674	13 292	-78,4
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	2 775	5 123	2 624	21 709	20 152	-7,2
		R'000	13 288	27 794	14 552	98 659	109 307	10,8
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	188	324	1 350	13 484	2 140	-84,1
		R'000	1 178	1 788	11 152	64 887	15 828	-75,6
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	14 466	29 582	25 704	163 546	125 135	-23,5
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	26 613	44 341	88 921	482 934	251 369	-47,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2014 and 2015.

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**

			May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	Jan. - May 2014	Jan. - May 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	22	87	197	227	798	251,5
		Square metres	1 416	4 825	10 374	12 524	42 748	241,3
		R'000	6 407	13 221	27 384	40 507	105 785	161,2
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	71	57	99	349	388	11,2
		Square metres	14 403	14 395	17 658	72 721	80 020	10,0
		R'000	68 795	69 655	90 258	338 796	406 088	19,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	16	14	17	298	212	-28,9
		Square metres	1 441	1 507	1 182	44 276	21 109	-52,3
		R'000	7 526	8 434	7 047	233 701	124 929	-46,5
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	240	258	705	20 740	18 987	-8,5
		R'000	1 320	1 496	3 173	93 243	109 778	17,7
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	84 048	92 806	127 862	706 247	746 580	5,7
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	428	0	0	2 697	6 588	144,3
		R'000	2 117	0	0	14 002	44 608	218,6
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	424	44 982	1 566	3 868	72 499	1 774,3
		R'000	2 508	223 696	10 782	17 236	415 023	2 307,9
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	10 407	4 634	15 950	45 932	25 018	-45,5
		R'000	51 422	20 766	84 371	197 400	129 019	-34,6
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	180	421	460	1 704	4 916	188,5
		R'000	1 044	2 947	3 220	8 853	30 287	242,1
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	57 091	247 409	98 373	237 491	618 937	160,6
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	11 030	10 933	16 640	60 862	9,1
			R'000	48 479	50 388	80 904	265 195	19,2
		2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	2 644	6 092	615	17 290	-3,8
			R'000	21 002	56 026	7 616	116 839	4,7
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	69 481	106 414	88 520	382 034	438 412	14,8
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	210 620	446 629	314 755	1 325 772	1 803 929	36,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2014 and 2015.

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**

			May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	Jan. - May 2014	Jan. - May 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	19	34	34	114	137	20,2
		Square metres	1 049	1 982	2 077	6 745	7 887	16,9
		R'000	5 994	14 730	16 522	44 826	59 049	31,7
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	104	132	135	515	639	24,1
		Square metres	34 325	37 514	37 503	159 869	195 165	22,1
		R'000	274 523	330 036	309 072	1 247 819	1 621 853	30,0
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	1 260	59	202	1 755	532	-69,7
		Square metres	90 737	10 123	26 164	167 465	78 458	-53,1
		R'000	567 267	81 823	179 380	1 143 680	563 787	-50,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	1 579	0	0	8 461	2 442	-71,1
		R'000	7 800	0	0	48 461	24 176	-50,1
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	855 584	426 589	504 974	2 484 786	2 268 865	-8,7
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	34 484	21 061	32 566	158 646	75 454	-52,4
		R'000	293 383	150 083	181 580	1 361 173	510 388	-62,5
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	14 540	35 097	4 807	27 429	41 101	49,8
		R'000	121 530	314 001	26 483	216 554	351 616	62,4
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	35 223	19 772	24 838	153 142	137 775	-10,0
		R'000	150 294	96 319	150 847	714 345	718 592	0,6
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	6 196	938	27 618	42 443	53,7
		R'000	0	38 499	5 013	164 767	283 888	72,3
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	565 207	598 902	363 923	2 456 839	1 864 484	-24,1
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	28 970	27 345	28 560	148 915	132 536	-11,0
		R'000	212 959	209 748	227 614	1 062 499	1 042 310	-1,9
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	11 777	17 170	30 242	98 804	131 237	32,8
		R'000	88 153	195 639	247 051	741 324	1 117 727	50,8
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	301 112	405 387	474 665	1 803 823	2 160 037	19,7
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 721 903	1 430 878	1 343 562	6 745 448	6 293 386	-6,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2014 and 2015.

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**

			May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	Jan. - May 2014	Jan. - May 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	<b>Number</b>	10	65	6	41	618	1 407,3
		<b>Square metres</b>	640	2 974	346	2 623	28 151	973,2
		<b>R'000</b>	2 473	6 562	1 454	11 653	70 560	505,5
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	<b>Number</b>	88	75	85	394	358	-9,1
		<b>Square metres</b>	24 196	21 013	23 912	94 847	96 469	1,7
		<b>R'000</b>	125 764	108 796	118 676	458 967	481 785	5,0
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	<b>Number</b>	166	282	35	623	646	3,7
		<b>Square metres</b>	13 266	19 673	2 004	51 797	51 147	-1,3
		<b>R'000</b>	64 537	113 387	10 976	264 666	281 622	6,4
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	<b>Square metres</b>	0	0	0	564	464	-17,7
		<b>R'000</b>	0	0	0	1 974	2 611	32,3
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>192 774</b>	<b>228 745</b>	<b>131 106</b>	<b>737 260</b>	<b>836 578</b>	<b>13,5</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	<b>Square metres</b>	667	375	0	667	3 661	448,9
		<b>R'000</b>	3 668	1 875	0	3 668	18 154	394,9
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	<b>Square metres</b>	4 045	900	1 919	24 526	26 370	7,5
		<b>R'000</b>	19 405	4 320	8 686	115 232	151 639	31,6
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	<b>Square metres</b>	0	1 581	0	9 766	3 602	-63,1
		<b>R'000</b>	0	6 324	0	41 361	14 792	-64,2
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	<b>Square metres</b>	3 652	413	2 771	12 059	5 649	-53,2
		<b>R'000</b>	18 822	1 920	11 084	61 216	23 219	-62,1
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>41 895</b>	<b>14 439</b>	<b>19 770</b>	<b>221 477</b>	<b>207 804</b>	<b>-6,2</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	<b>Square metres</b>	9 865	10 001	10 083	63 851	55 980	-12,3
		<b>R'000</b>	45 218	47 439	46 841	280 530	258 090	-8,0
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	<b>Square metres</b>	5 420	390	1 808	15 312	7 966	-48,0
		<b>R'000</b>	26 331	2 294	11 947	71 425	47 006	-34,2
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>71 549</b>	<b>49 733</b>	<b>58 788</b>	<b>351 955</b>	<b>305 096</b>	<b>-13,3</b>
<b>4. Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>306 218</b>	<b>292 917</b>	<b>209 664</b>	<b>1 310 692</b>	<b>1 349 478</b>	<b>3,0</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2014 and 2015.

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**

			May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	Jan. - May 2014	Jan. - May 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	846	947	1 018	4 469	2 833	-36,6
		Square metres	44 765	44 113	45 401	234 415	132 593	-43,4
		R'000	163 206	122 270	101 255	782 433	372 721	-52,4
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	544	428	454	2 648	2 004	-24,3
		Square metres	132 879	131 459	130 986	755 370	635 317	-15,9
		R'000	844 907	900 571	903 820	4 865 633	4 317 436	-11,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	1 483	1 380	614	3 772	4 386	16,3
		Square metres	96 105	127 286	73 170	297 007	441 294	48,6
		R'000	770 221	1 020 469	491 149	2 147 889	3 360 146	56,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	726	0	0	1 539	5 141	234,0
		R'000	5 336	0	0	9 254	40 245	334,9
		5. Total residential buildings	R'000	1 783 670	2 043 310	1 496 224	7 805 209	8 090 548
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	20 916	1 108	170 641	206 596	205 083	-0,7
		R'000	166 734	7 693	1 453 434	1 680 020	1 782 368	6,1
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	10 290	1 277	116 548	35 967	179 224	398,3
		R'000	67 871	8 867	973 073	235 829	1 424 791	504,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	33 838	105 684	30 990	209 475	205 372	-2,0
		R'000	148 606	431 364	128 260	933 733	871 514	-6,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	3 522	686	8 125	20 931	28 162	34,5
		R'000	25 149	4 764	42 201	134 332	154 863	15,3
		5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	408 360	452 688	2 596 968	2 983 914	4 233 536
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	81 451	72 871	74 627	396 529	328 167	-17,2
		R'000	512 999	478 327	487 489	2 468 462	2 148 859	-12,9
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	21 032	15 081	21 326	88 257	97 906	10,9
		R'000	136 242	112 988	115 490	563 059	599 641	6,5
		3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	649 241	591 315	602 979	3 031 521	2 748 500
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	2 841 271	3 087 313	4 696 171	13 820 644	15 072 584	9,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2014 and 2015.

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**

			May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	Jan. - May 2014	Jan. - May 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	102	65	79	482	482	0,0
		Square metres	5 828	3 261	3 360	24 922	24 705	-0,9
		R'000	19 892	12 186	13 600	98 181	99 782	1,6
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	123	201	155	633	843	33,2
		Square metres	27 905	41 111	34 699	140 510	191 354	36,2
		R'000	129 621	184 693	158 053	651 776	891 267	36,7
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	56	27	69	444	138	-68,9
		Square metres	2 862	1 393	3 227	27 168	8 729	-67,9
		R'000	13 024	6 311	14 658	123 894	39 731	-67,9
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	729	354	0	874	729	-16,6
		R'000	4 766	1 628	0	5 516	3 316	-39,9
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	167 303	204 818	186 311	879 367	1 034 096	17,6
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	1 390	2 409	1 909	7 269	280,8
		R'000	0	5 560	10 841	8 590	35 024	307,7
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	15 740	163	8 081	30 856	281,8
		R'000	0	84 378	735	36 368	157 609	333,4
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	5 966	6 095	6 328	37 806	35 354	-6,5
		R'000	25 490	32 752	31 812	164 468	169 770	3,2
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	199	410	340	7 833	2 810	-64,1
		R'000	974	1 642	1 530	34 008	13 182	-61,2
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	26 464	124 332	44 918	243 434	375 585	54,3
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	18 928	18 033	13 993	80 735	84 259	4,4
		R'000	82 785	73 203	62 163	344 167	370 762	7,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	2 239	0	3 687	10 493	8 430	-19,7
		R'000	17 434	46	18 349	75 097	41 912	-44,2
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	100 219	73 249	80 512	419 264	412 674	-1,6
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	293 986	402 399	311 741	1 542 065	1 822 355	18,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2014 and 2015.

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**

			May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	Jan. - May 2014	Jan. - May 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	30	21	39	161	151	-6,2
		Square metres	1 811	1 232	2 032	9 528	8 264	-13,3
		R'000	8 340	6 082	12 620	47 164	42 537	-9,8
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	44	51	53	212	271	27,8
		Square metres	13 623	15 324	13 401	61 966	77 069	24,4
		R'000	64 148	75 620	63 817	290 471	362 159	24,7
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	11	51	31	189	249	31,7
		Square metres	1 051	7 793	3 273	23 460	37 472	59,7
		R'000	4 347	38 965	15 363	98 722	179 790	82,1
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	298	0	3 528	6 050	71,5
		R'000	0	1 133	0	14 307	27 017	88,8
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	76 835	121 800	91 800	450 664	611 503	35,7
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	1 099	374	0	2 157	4 201	94,8
		R'000	4 946	2 430	0	9 707	19 108	96,8
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	161	512	0	15 257	3 956	-74,1
		R'000	613	2 304	0	98 401	17 803	-81,9
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	3 669	287	1 720	10 274	7 079	-31,1
		R'000	16 511	1 435	7 628	41 793	32 256	-22,8
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	10 059	2 134	3 612	15 929	341,0
		R'000	0	49 174	10 674	16 006	76 433	377,5
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	22 070	55 343	18 302	165 907	145 600	-12,2
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	5 766	4 549	6 669	28 727	23 461	-18,3
		R'000	25 033	21 541	31 578	123 237	110 445	-10,4
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	1 583	547	670	3 052	7 712	152,7
		R'000	9 956	2 462	10 308	17 712	48 211	172,2
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	34 989	24 003	41 886	140 949	158 656	12,6
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	133 894	201 146	151 988	757 520	915 759	20,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2014 and 2015.

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**

			May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	Jan. - May 2014	Jan. - May 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	1 000	1 226	1 863	5 374	6 616	23,1
		Square metres	47 577	60 756	93 016	258 774	335 491	29,6
		R'000	172 133	233 839	345 548	850 972	1 268 914	49,1
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	832	994	1 115	3 974	4 817	21,2
		Square metres	190 611	265 557	276 061	985 388	1 246 730	26,5
		R'000	1 118 741	1 690 942	1 735 590	5 870 288	7 747 905	32,0
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	638	789	1 031	5 242	4 067	-22,4
		Square metres	88 184	79 190	122 350	480 304	407 157	-15,2
		R'000	565 418	484 151	908 981	3 146 733	2 820 719	-10,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	367	25 735	20 273	41 100	51 442	25,2
		R'000	1 852	187 653	119 693	217 504	343 291	57,8
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	1 858 144	2 596 585	3 109 812	10 085 497	12 180 829	20,8
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	17 214	32 415	47 199	130 791	189 109	44,6
		R'000	136 716	233 410	382 684	892 659	1 471 230	64,8
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	20 422	6 048	25 061	142 717	128 702	-9,8
		R'000	157 901	35 770	151 164	1 040 399	810 806	-22,1
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	74 776	55 524	81 164	547 428	324 540	-40,7
		R'000	302 248	266 164	402 671	2 575 118	1 604 019	-37,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	15 667	30 456	5 754	87 270	69 452	-20,4
		R'000	70 380	195 256	31 829	528 817	477 085	-9,8
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	667 245	730 600	968 348	5 036 993	4 363 140	-13,4
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	81 332	106 762	105 728	495 829	472 943
R'000			466 410	568 130	547 899	2 634 033	2 499 622	-5,1
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	49 566	42 130	30 077	214 857	172 743	-19,6
		R'000	300 196	335 953	248 959	1 285 250	1 404 674	9,3
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	766 606	904 083	796 858	3 919 283	3 904 296	-0,4
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	3 291 995	4 231 268	4 875 018	19 041 773	20 448 265	7,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2014 and 2015.

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**

			May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	Jan. - May 2014	Jan. - May 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	441	314	853	2 578	2 180	-15,4
		Square metres	18 546	14 556	42 816	110 629	105 235	-4,9
		R'000	51 753	56 882	176 129	288 054	423 643	47,1
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	94	227	300	747	1 278	71,1
		Square metres	25 934	53 578	67 261	198 373	301 355	51,9
		R'000	141 684	319 729	416 145	1 090 179	1 789 007	64,1
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	154	145	237	876	784	-10,5
		Square metres	17 081	11 594	47 699	96 691	95 548	-1,2
		R'000	114 104	73 495	351 731	593 448	682 801	15,1
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	10 199	721	21 777	11 697	-46,3
		R'000	0	63 251	4 872	124 129	74 099	-40,3
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	307 541	513 357	948 877	2 095 810	2 969 550	41,7
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	5 603	10 378	37 970	32 032	-15,6
		R'000	0	30 962	80 949	259 719	205 854	-20,7
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	1 027	614	6 220	19 757	217,6
		R'000	0	6 676	4 382	29 366	122 569	317,4
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	3 418	6 129	38 643	45 853	77 219	68,4
		R'000	15 274	39 495	210 624	219 037	446 307	103,8
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	54	13 691	5 264	14 048	24 923	77,4
		R'000	243	84 388	29 717	65 568	150 805	130,0
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	15 517	161 521	325 672	573 690	925 535	61,3
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	20 585	40 359	30 618	172 864	183 995
R'000			105 227	190 700	151 917	770 773	873 339	13,3
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	12 660	16 932	7 948	108 113	60 346	-44,2
		R'000	66 947	161 647	109 087	609 274	560 192	-8,1
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	172 174	352 347	261 004	1 380 047	1 433 531	3,9
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	495 232	1 027 225	1 535 553	4 049 547	5 328 616	31,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2014 and 2015.

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**

			May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	Jan. - May 2014	Jan. - May 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	43	66	39	177	395	123,2
		Square metres	2 099	3 294	2 196	9 151	18 321	100,2
		R'000	5 354	10 846	6 949	27 524	49 852	81,1
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	37	50	73	222	264	18,9
		Square metres	7 661	9 375	14 993	41 441	55 099	33,0
		R'000	35 580	44 810	72 001	189 558	263 507	39,0
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	35	17	19	178	87	-51,1
		Square metres	3 274	2 343	1 656	15 805	7 893	-50,1
		R'000	15 819	11 819	8 549	73 469	39 339	-46,5
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	100	248	0	520	248	-52,3
		R'000	650	1 220	0	3 380	1 220	-63,9
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	57 403	68 695	87 499	293 931	353 918	20,4
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	1 992	0	0	3 016	0	..
		R'000	7 968	0	0	11 772	0	..
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	562	762	2 309	10 386	4 053	-61,0
		R'000	3 500	3 429	11 545	47 123	20 727	-56,0
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	2 441	0	0	84 517	28 228	-66,6
		R'000	11 066	0	0	341 841	154 388	-54,8
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	5 472	32	23	5 939	4 343	-26,9
		R'000	20 531	96	69	21 985	21 300	-3,1
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	43 065	3 525	11 614	422 721	196 415	-53,5
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	7 847	9 656	6 000	39 278	41 466
R'000			28 250	37 955	27 546	148 044	172 079	16,2
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	3 649	1 809	801	14 528	6 849	-52,9
		R'000	18 016	8 209	3 790	58 603	43 662	-25,5
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	46 266	46 164	31 336	206 647	215 741	4,4
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	146 734	118 384	130 449	923 299	766 074	-17,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2014 and 2015.

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**

			May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	Jan. - May 2014	Jan. - May 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	0	32	3	2	36	1 700,0
		Square metres	0	1 760	225	82	2 036	2 382,9
		R'000	0	9 680	1 350	276	11 311	3 998,2
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	11	94	12	46	123	167,4
		Square metres	2 166	7 990	1 229	10 448	13 224	26,6
		R'000	10 253	43 945	6 105	48 001	71 746	49,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	0	42	0	10	42	320,0
		Square metres	0	2 940	0	1 159	2 940	153,7
		R'000	0	16 170	0	4 655	16 170	247,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	10 253	69 795	7 455	52 932	99 227	87,5
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	0	269	14 879	269	-98,2
		R'000	0	0	1 480	50 589	1 480	-97,1
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	222	0	363	222	-38,8
		R'000	0	1 221	0	1 634	1 221	-25,3
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	2 774	0	0	5 283	915	-82,7
		R'000	13 870	0	0	26 415	4 318	-83,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	242	0	0	242	0	..
		R'000	1 089	0	0	1 089	0	..
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	14 959	1 221	1 480	79 727	7 019	-91,2
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	2 481	2 346	5 433	10 611	14,8
			R'000	11 569	12 906	29 886	48 860	40,3
		2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	6 047	0	2 069	9 665	-77,7
			R'000	27 939	0	15 911	47 787	-66,0
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	39 508	12 906	45 797	96 647	84 826	-12,2
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	64 720	83 922	54 732	229 306	191 072	-16,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2014 and 2015.

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**

			May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	Jan. - May 2014	Jan. - May 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	5	116	149	114	701	514,9
		Square metres	287	6 298	8 273	6 353	38 746	509,9
		R'000	1 292	13 064	19 228	14 968	93 430	524,2
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	16	9	30	59	112	89,8
		Square metres	4 501	729	4 866	15 973	20 675	29,4
		R'000	22 619	3 283	23 673	78 143	95 521	22,2
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	0	136	22	150	201	34,0
		Square metres	0	17 190	2 193	16 621	25 713	54,7
		R'000	0	80 221	11 392	81 525	126 428	55,1
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	267	5 034	19 552	267	24 586	9 108,2
		R'000	1 202	27 687	114 821	1 202	142 508	11 755,9
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	25 113	124 255	169 114	175 838	457 887	160,4
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	470	1 000	0	2 405	..
		R'000	0	2 585	6 000	0	14 382	..
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	621	798	451	5 568	1 134,6
		R'000	0	3 100	3 990	2 030	26 323	1 196,7
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	0	3 807	0	0	3 807	..
		R'000	0	15 228	0	0	15 228	..
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	4 158	0	725	4 261	487,7
		R'000	0	24 948	0	2 700	25 463	843,1
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	45 861	9 990	4 730	81 396	1 620,8
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	1 361	473	6 166	5 335	13 242
			R'000	6 125	2 156	29 250	22 523	62 598
		2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	0	1 382	3 016	556	6 660
			R'000	910	16 007	16 271	16 755	57 440
		3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	7 035	18 163	45 521	39 278	120 038
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	32 148	188 279	224 625	219 846	659 321	199,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2014 and 2015.

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**

			May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	Jan. - May 2014	Jan. - May 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	13	29	10	75	94	25,3
		Square metres	770	1 592	598	4 218	5 788	37,2
		R'000	5 699	15 460	3 741	27 142	49 737	83,2
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	51	52	81	317	299	-5,7
		Square metres	12 374	13 937	25 309	93 017	79 710	-14,3
		R'000	98 168	114 133	195 859	710 184	620 642	-12,6
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	33	79	43	768	341	-55,6
		Square metres	7 355	15 989	6 744	71 322	59 240	-16,9
		R'000	47 372	123 998	56 599	536 926	446 223	-16,9
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	231	0	0	1 887	..
R'000		0	2 287	0	0	11 074	..	
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	151 239	255 878	256 199	1 274 252	1 127 676	-11,5	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	13 861	0	14 935	25 136	16 935	-32,6
		R'000	119 205	0	138 895	197 732	153 961	-22,1
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	915	682	2 297	5 872	37 692	541,9
		R'000	7 869	6 343	12 475	34 842	302 804	769,1
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	879	14 085	21 480	39 361	57 980	47,3
		R'000	3 164	71 226	106 440	182 187	289 896	59,1
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	1 456	175	139	6 805	7 359	8,1
R'000		10 523	1 190	626	38 911	54 590	40,3	
5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	140 761	78 759	258 436	453 672	801 251	76,6	
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	13 050	11 853	11 011	62 250	50 102	-19,5
		R'000	111 378	109 468	92 634	505 636	441 695	-12,6
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	5 312	6 291	649	17 901	38 854	117,0
		R'000	37 832	39 772	26 014	129 048	343 585	166,2
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	149 210	149 240	118 648	634 684	785 280	23,7
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	441 210	483 877	633 283	2 362 608	2 714 207	14,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2014 and 2015.

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**

			May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	Jan. - May 2014	Jan. - May 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	4	6	14	84	30	-64,3
		Square metres	240	440	940	4 541	2 007	-55,8
		R'000	980	1 800	2 456	15 898	6 353	-60,0
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	182	68	62	485	319	-34,2
		Square metres	22 204	11 563	12 104	69 352	60 372	-12,9
		R'000	99 927	52 922	60 697	307 885	271 383	-11,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	69	96	85	443	469	5,9
		Square metres	4 829	7 283	5 926	39 679	33 668	-15,1
		R'000	20 654	33 117	26 720	202 370	149 607	-26,1
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	193	1 227	535,8
		R'000	0	0	0	676	4 908	626,0
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	121 561	87 839	89 873	526 829	432 251	-18,0
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	0	667	4 401	5 590
R'000			0	0	3 668	21 778	30 612	40,6
2. Shopping space		Square metres	0	1 613	1 680	24 894	30 059	20,7
		R'000	0	6 788	9 224	143 123	148 041	3,4
3. Industrial and warehouse space		Square metres	0	0	0	11 513	13 257	15,1
		R'000	0	0	0	39 805	53 028	33,2
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		Square metres	0	4 224	218	2 938	4 442	51,2
		R'000	0	21 119	763	15 496	21 882	41,2
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	0	27 907	13 655	220 202	253 563	15,2
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	2 999	16 696	23 223	12 228	52 629
	R'000		14 914	67 237	92 891	53 246	210 671	295,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	759	3 861	4 515	2 695	9 557	254,6
		R'000	5 794	16 706	22 903	14 385	45 404	215,6
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	20 708	83 943	115 794	67 631	256 075	278,6
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	142 269	199 689	219 322	814 662	941 889	15,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2014 and 2015.

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**

			May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	Jan. - May 2014	Jan. - May 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	375	597	683	1 798	2 583	43,7
		Square metres	18 512	29 235	31 886	94 402	131 217	39,0
		R'000	78 869	112 084	109 208	361 362	510 000	41,1
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	373	398	437	1 737	1 909	9,9
		Square metres	100 968	144 638	125 632	477 727	597 859	25,1
		R'000	646 879	1 011 006	852 326	3 108 583	4 101 773	31,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	298	213	578	2 132	2 007	-5,9
		Square metres	51 796	17 534	55 216	195 038	172 303	-11,7
		R'000	350 090	125 076	440 485	1 391 871	1 314 939	-5,5
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	8 791	0	330	10 565	3 101,5
		R'000	0	87 664	0	1 980	103 938	5 149,4
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	1 075 838	1 335 830	1 402 019	4 863 796	6 030 650	24,0
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	1 361	26 130	18 851	44 071	129 247	193,3
		R'000	9 543	198 904	146 197	345 794	1 052 415	204,3
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	18 945	1 121	12 680	72 808	20 231	-72,2
		R'000	146 532	8 213	88 005	549 281	141 828	-74,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	59 279	30 690	21 041	338 163	133 440	-60,5
		R'000	232 011	136 556	85 607	1 666 778	595 877	-64,2
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	7 987	36	44 251	23 342	-47,3
		R'000	0	62 759	320	327 655	199 335	-39,2
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	388 086	406 432	320 129	2 889 508	1 989 455	-31,1
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	24 865	16 217	10 638	149 957	-53,5
			R'000	155 038	109 613	69 402	905 432	-49,1
		2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	21 039	11 855	8 712	60 132	-24,4
			R'000	140 640	93 612	43 440	401 383	-19,2
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	295 678	203 225	112 842	1 306 815	785 496	-39,9
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 759 602	1 945 487	1 834 990	9 060 119	8 805 601	-2,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2014 and 2015.

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**

			May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	Jan. - May 2014	Jan. - May 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	105	50	91	464	505	8,8
		Square metres	6 227	2 650	4 860	24 666	26 778	8,6
		R'000	24 154	9 367	20 375	94 486	98 864	4,6
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	55	82	102	266	442	66,2
		Square metres	11 640	20 182	20 520	57 313	95 750	67,1
		R'000	49 542	83 837	88 155	243 176	427 735	75,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	49	43	43	614	102	-83,4
		Square metres	3 849	2 661	2 424	36 807	5 805	-84,2
		R'000	17 379	11 975	11 043	231 940	26 258	-88,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	1 232	0	17 689	1 232	-93,0
		R'000	0	5 544	0	84 841	5 544	-93,5
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	91 075	110 723	119 573	654 443	558 401	-14,7
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	0	0	0	1 320	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	6 072	..
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	0	4 683	21 723	9 825	-54,8
		R'000	0	0	21 543	233 000	42 113	-81,9
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	5 985	813	0	14 560	5 588	-61,6
		R'000	26 863	3 659	0	62 819	26 500	-57,8
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	8 443	0	0	12 322	519	-95,8
		R'000	37 994	0	0	55 413	2 620	-95,3
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	64 857	3 659	21 543	351 232	77 305	-78,0
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	7 714	8 535	12 423	40 405	48 499
R'000			32 206	35 489	53 363	167 503	204 359	22,0
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	0	0	1 608	1 042	2 110	102,5
		R'000	0	0	6 432	5 422	8 741	61,2
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	32 206	35 489	59 795	172 925	213 100	23,2
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	188 138	149 871	200 911	1 178 600	848 806	-28,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2014 and 2015.

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**

			May 2014	Apr. 2015	May 2015	Jan. - May 2014	Jan. - May 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>1. Residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres</b>	Number	14	16	21	82	92	12,2
		Square metres	896	931	1 222	4 732	5 363	13,3
		R'000	4 032	4 656	6 112	21 262	25 724	21,0
	<b>2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres</b>	Number	13	14	18	95	71	-25,3
		Square metres	3 163	3 565	4 147	21 744	22 686	4,3
		R'000	14 089	17 277	20 629	94 579	106 591	12,7
	<b>3. Flats and townhouses</b>	Number	0	18	4	71	34	-52,1
		Square metres	0	1 656	492	7 182	4 047	-43,7
		R'000	0	8 280	2 462	30 529	18 954	-37,9
	<b>4. Other residential buildings 2/</b>	Square metres	0	0	0	324	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	1 296	0	..
	<b>5. Total residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>18 121</b>	<b>30 213</b>	<b>29 203</b>	<b>147 666</b>	<b>151 269</b>	<b>2,4</b>
<b>2. Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1. Office and banking space</b>	Square metres	0	212	1 099	1 318	1 311	-0,5
		R'000	0	959	5 495	5 275	6 454	22,4
	<b>2. Shopping space</b>	Square metres	0	0	0	0	1 295	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	5 180	..
	<b>3. Industrial and warehouse space</b>	Square metres	0	0	0	8 178	4 106	-49,8
		R'000	0	0	0	36 236	18 477	-49,0
	<b>4. Other non-residential buildings 3/</b>	Square metres	0	189	74	0	263	..
		R'000	0	756	334	0	1 090	..
	<b>5. Total non-residential buildings</b>	R'000	<b>0</b>	<b>1 715</b>	<b>5 829</b>	<b>41 511</b>	<b>31 201</b>	<b>-24,8</b>
<b>3. Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1. Dwelling-houses</b>	Square metres	430	627	216	2 901	1 167	-59,8
		R'000	1 703	2 606	1 010	12 016	5 098	-57,6
	<b>2. Other buildings 4/</b>	Square metres	100	0	759	225	759	237,3
		R'000	2 118	0	5 111	2 593	5 111	97,1
	<b>3. Total additions and alterations</b>	R'000	<b>3 821</b>	<b>2 606</b>	<b>6 121</b>	<b>14 609</b>	<b>10 209</b>	<b>-30,1</b>
<b>4. Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>1. Total at current prices</b>	R'000	<b>21 942</b>	<b>34 534</b>	<b>41 153</b>	<b>203 786</b>	<b>192 679</b>	<b>-5,5</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2014 and 2015.

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

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

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

## Explanatory notes

<b>Introduction</b>	<b>1</b>	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.
	<b>2</b>	In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
<b>Purpose of the survey</b>	<b>3</b>	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
<b>Scope of the survey</b>	<b>4</b>	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• passing of building plans; and</li> <li>• final inspection of completed buildings.</li> </ul>
<b>Classification</b>	<b>5</b>	Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> , (SIC) <i>Fifth Edition</i> , Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
<b>Collection rate</b>	<b>6</b>	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for May 2015 was 93,6%. The collection rate for April 2015 was 94,5%.
<b>Statistical unit</b>	<b>7</b>	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
<b>Survey methodology and design</b>	<b>8</b>	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 86 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.
<b>Constant prices</b>	<b>9</b>	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2010. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: <i>Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP) Work Groups and Selected Materials Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base February 1991=100) are converted to the base year 2010=100.

- 10** The value of buildings completed at constant prices is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with the price index which is used to calculate building plans passed at constant prices (see paragraph 9). Since the completion of buildings may extend over a few months to a few years, the current value of buildings completed is deflated by price indices which prevailed at the time the plans were passed. Therefore, the duration of the completion of different types of buildings are taken into account in ascertaining the deflators e.g. the value of dwelling-houses completed at constant prices at January 2010 is obtained by deflating the current value of dwelling-houses completed for January 2010 with the price index of a month six months prior to January 2010. Furthermore, the value of other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and additions and alterations at constant prices is obtained by deflating the current values with price indices of 12 months, 18 months and 12 months prior to the relevant month, respectively.

#### Seasonal adjustment

- 11** Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by US Bureau of the Census Economic Research and Analyses Division, 1968.
- 12** Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore, the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for building statistics is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at [Click to download building statistics seasonal adjustment January 2015.pdf](#)

#### Trend cycle

- 13** The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.

#### Revised figures

- 14** Revised figures are due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or to respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. Figures for the latest two years are therefore preliminary. Data are edited at municipal level.
- 15** Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* is published with the revised and updated information at provincial and municipal level for the previous calendar year. Due to this comprehensive revision, the monthly statistical release P5041.1 reflects provincial revision where applicable.

#### Related publications

- 16** Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:
- P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* issued annually.
  - P9101.2: *Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region* issued annually.
  - *Bulletin of Statistics* issued quarterly.
  - *South African Statistics* issued annually.
  - *Building Statistics* (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.

#### Rounding-off of figures

- 17** Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.

**Symbols and  
abbreviations**

<b>18</b>	..	no meaningful percentage change between two specified periods available since either one or both of the totals are nil
	0	nil or figure too small to publish
	*	revised
	Stats SA	Statistics South Africa
	SIC	Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities
	ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities



## Glossary

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

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

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