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Results for January to September 2016

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

Estimates at current prices	January to September 2015 1/	January to September 2016 1/	Difference in value between January to September 2015 and January to September 2016 R'000	% change between January to September 2015 and January to September 2016
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	37 860 120	39 108 676	1 248 556	3,3
-Dwelling-houses	25 554 381	24 907 907	-646 474	-2,5
-Flats and townhouses	11 459 210	12 896 592	1 437 382	12,5
-Other residential buildings	846 529	1 304 177	457 648	54,1
Non-residential buildings	19 941 905	19 351 430	-590 475	-3,0
Additions and alterations	19 817 686	20 192 749	375 063	1,9
Total	77 619 711	78 652 855	1 033 144	1,3

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

Total value of recorded building plans passed at current prices

The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) increased by 1,3% (R1 033,1 million) during January to September 2016 compared with January to September 2015.

Residential buildings rose by 3,3% (R1 248,6 million), while non-residential buildings fell by 3,0% (-R590,5 million) – see Table A.

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

Estimates at current prices	January to September 2015 1/	January to September 2016 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to September 2015	% change between January to September 2015 and January to September 2016	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January to September 2015 and January to September 2016 2/	Difference in value between January to September 2015 and January to September 2016 R'000
	R'000	R'000				
Western Cape	19 027 270	21 479 732	24,5	12,9	3,2	2 452 462
Eastern Cape	3 890 955	3 379 282	5,0	-13,2	-0,7	-511 673
Northern Cape	478 929	726 691	0,6	51,7	0,3	247 762
Free State	2 830 009	2 618 669	3,6	-7,5	-0,3	-211 340
KwaZulu-Natal	12 815 432	15 232 514	16,5	18,9	3,1	2 417 082
North West	2 600 105	2 207 688	3,3	-15,1	-0,5	-392 417
Gauteng	30 989 927	28 611 024	39,9	-7,7	-3,1	-2 378 903
Mpumalanga	3 305 191	3 066 932	4,3	-7,2	-0,3	-238 259
Limpopo	1 681 893	1 330 323	2,2	-20,9	-0,5	-351 570
Total	77 619 711	78 652 855	100,0	1,3	1,3	1 033 144

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

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

The largest positive contributions to the total increase of 1,3% (R1 033,1 million) were made by Western Cape (contributing 3,2 percentage points or R2 452,5 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 3,1 percentage points or R2 417,1 million). The largest negative contribution was made by Gauteng (contributing -3,1 percentage points or -R2 378,9 million) – see Table B.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to September 2015	January to September 2016	Difference in value between January to September 2015 and January to September 2016	% change between January to September 2015 and January to September 2016
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	37 963 484	36 979 891	-983 593	-2,6
Non-residential buildings	19 969 949	18 380 392	-1 589 557	-8,0
Additions and alterations	19 873 720	19 076 906	-796 814	-4,0
Total	77 807 153	74 437 189	-3 369 964	-4,3

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

Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 4,3% (-R3 370,0 million) year-on-year during January to September 2016. All three major building categories recorded decreases. The largest decrease was recorded for non-residential buildings (-8,0% or -R1 589,6 million), followed by residential buildings (-2,6% or -R983,6 million) and additions and alterations (-4,0% or -R796,8 million) – see Table C.

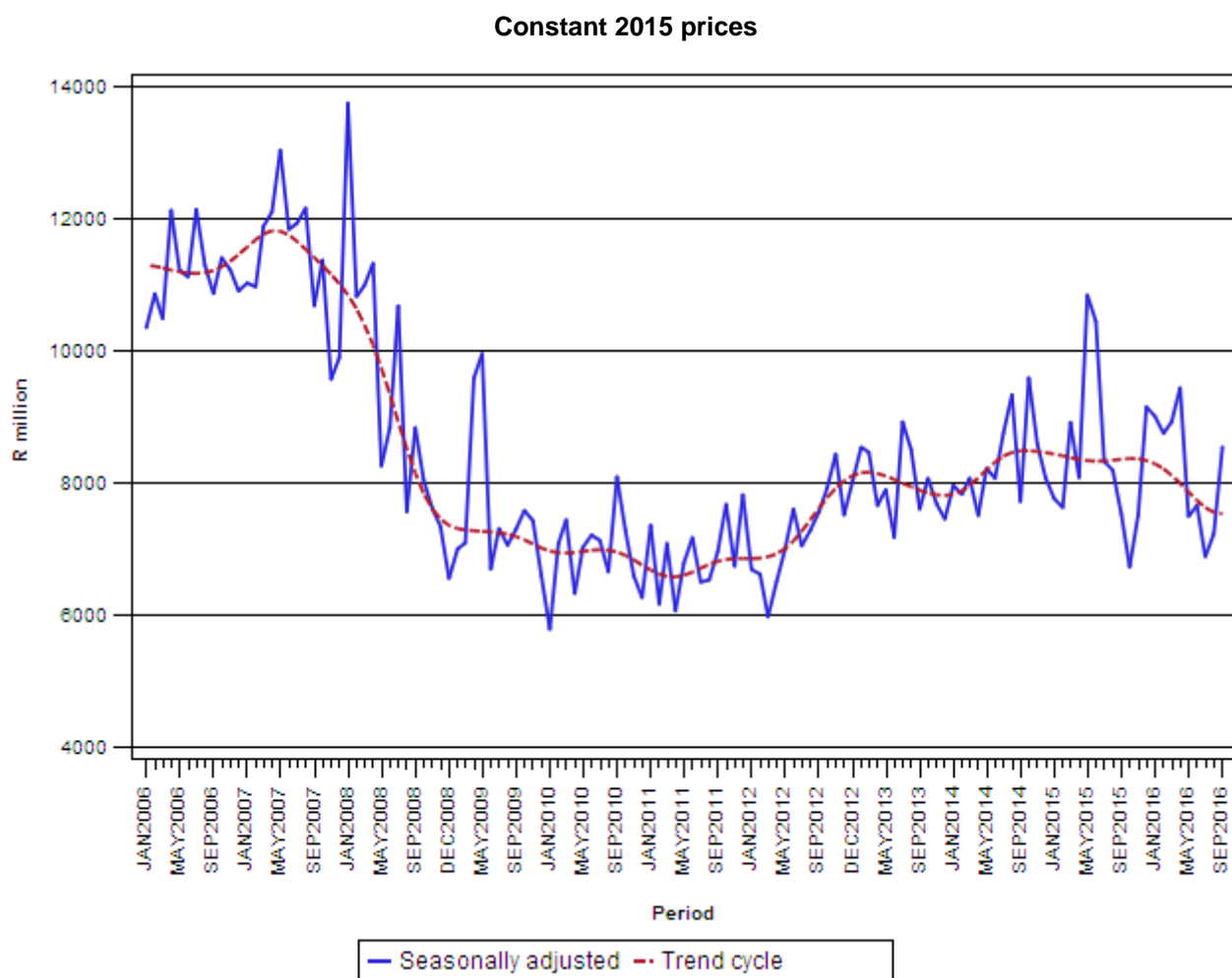
Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	April to June 2016	July to September 2016	% change between April to June 2016 and July to September 2016
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	12 585 926	11 196 843	-11,0
Non-residential buildings 1/	5 387 367	5 259 058	-2,4
Additions and alterations	6 640 134	6 221 532	-6,3
Total	24 613 426	22 677 433	-7,9

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed decreased by 7,9% in the third quarter of 2016 compared with the previous quarter – 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 September 2015 versus January to September 2016**

Estimates at current prices	January to September 2015 1/	January to September 2016 1/	Difference in value between January to September 2015 and January to September 2016	% change between January to September 2015 and January to September 2016
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	23 270 172	24 384 679	1 114 507	4,8
-Dwelling-houses	17 022 008	16 999 066	-22 942	-0,1
-Flats and townhouses	5 820 250	7 196 849	1 376 599	23,7
-Other residential buildings	427 914	188 764	-239 150	-55,9
Non-residential buildings	9 583 817	12 359 620	2 775 803	29,0
Additions and alterations	7 398 649	7 548 003	149 354	2,0
Total	40 252 638	44 292 302	4 039 664	10,0

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

Total value of buildings reported as completed at current prices

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 10,0% (R4 039,7 million) during January to September 2016 compared with January to September 2015. Non-residential buildings rose by 29,0% (R2 775,8 million) – see Table E. There were large year-on-year increases in completions of non-residential buildings in KwaZulu-Natal (R1 618,3 million) and Gauteng (R1 613,4 million) – see Tables 24 and 26, pages 32 and 34.

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

Estimates at current prices	January to September 2015 1/	January to September 2016 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to September 2015	% change between January to September 2015 and January to September 2016	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January to September 2015 and January to September 2016	Difference in value between January to September 2015 and January to September 2016
	R'000	R'000			2/	
Western Cape	11 184 238	12 188 815	27,8	9,0	2,5	1 004 577
Eastern Cape	1 535 214	1 195 179	3,8	-22,1	-0,8	-340 035
Northern Cape	366 196	395 585	0,9	8,0	0,1	29 389
Free State	947 808	1 234 987	2,4	30,3	0,7	287 179
KwaZulu-Natal	5 716 327	7 274 640	14,2	27,3	3,9	1 558 313
North West	1 581 471	1 551 139	3,9	-1,9	-0,1	-30 332
Gauteng	16 774 810	18 398 786	41,7	9,7	4,0	1 623 976
Mpumalanga	1 623 925	1 435 993	4,0	-11,6	-0,5	-187 932
Limpopo	522 649	617 178	1,3	18,1	0,2	94 529
Total	40 252 638	44 292 302	100,0	10,0	10,0	4 039 664

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

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January to September 2015 and January to September 2016 with the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January to September 2015, divided by 100.

Six provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to September 2016. The largest contributions were recorded for Gauteng (contributing 4,0 percentage points or R1 624,0 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 3,9 percentage points or R1 558,3 million) and Western Cape (contributing 2,5 percentage points or R1 004,6 million) – see Table F.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to September 2015	January to September 2016	Difference in value between January to September 2015 and January to September 2016	% change between January to September 2015 and January to September 2016
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	23 326 299	23 053 643	-272 656	-1,2
Non-residential buildings	9 605 079	11 684 529	2 079 450	21,6
Additions and alterations	7 417 650	7 140 194	-277 456	-3,7
Total	40 349 028	41 878 366	1 529 338	3,8

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

Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2015 prices) increased by 3,8% (R1 529,3 million) year-on-year during January to September 2016. Non-residential buildings rose by 21,6% (R2 079,5 million) – see Table G. There were large year-on-year increases in completions of non-residential buildings in KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng – see Tables 24 and 26, pages 32 and 34.

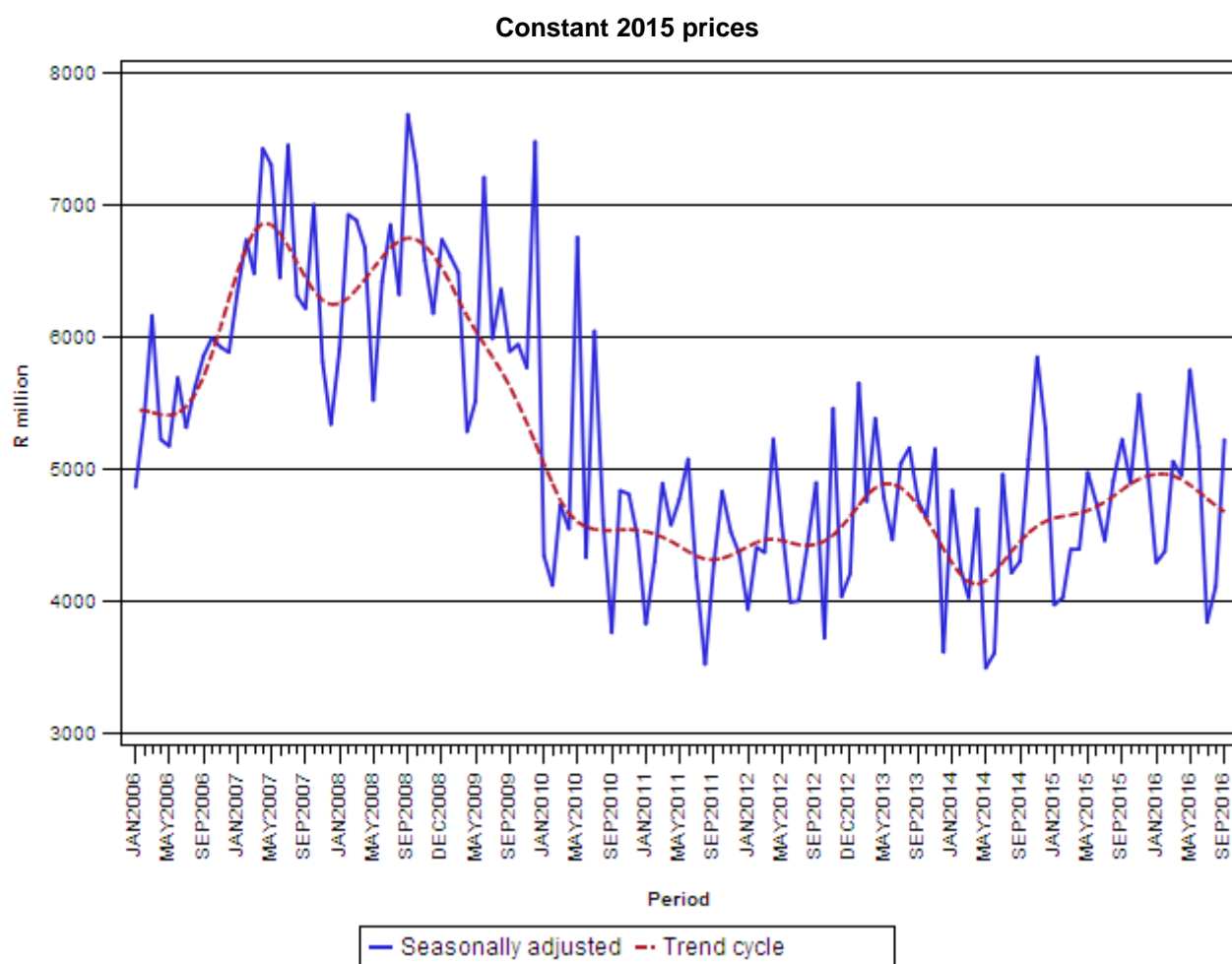
Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	April to June 2016	July to September 2016	% change between April to June 2016 and July to September 2016
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 486 825	7 494 685	-11,7
Non-residential buildings 1/	4 967 195	3 432 767	-30,9
Additions and alterations	2 424 569	2 254 125	-7,0
Total	15 878 590	13 181 578	-17,0

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 decreased by 17,0% in the third quarter of 2016 compared with the previous quarter. All three major building categories decreased: non-residential buildings (-30,9%), residential buildings (-11,7%) and additions and alterations (-7,0%) – see Table H.

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2015	January	3 411 357	5,4	687 316	-48,9	1 669 101	8,7	5 767 774	-5,7
	February	3 825 309	17,1	1 310 712	-36,2	2 328 241	13,2	7 464 262	1,2
	March	4 215 260	21,5	2 150 503	-7,0	2 254 077	15,4	8 619 840	11,5
	April	4 231 730	38,5	1 939 405	12,3	1 979 962	0,2	8 151 097	20,6
	May	4 217 439	2,6	4 402 502	123,4	2 175 725	13,7	10 795 666	35,0
	June	4 515 235	15,4	3 972 054	95,3	2 213 891	15,4	10 701 180	36,1
	July	4 486 702	11,4	2 076 730	-31,2	2 655 555	15,4	9 218 987	-1,4
	August	4 255 093	-10,7	1 892 818	-13,5	2 292 582	-11,7	8 440 493	-11,6
	September	4 701 995	12,3	1 509 865	16,7	2 248 552	-14,2	8 460 412	4,4
	October	3 909 559	-25,7	1 126 314	-63,5	2 306 634	-0,9	7 342 507	-31,2
	November	4 369 235	5,3	1 277 790	-39,5	2 138 157	-6,2	7 785 182	-8,9
	December	3 715 285	25,7	2 006 222	7,1	2 171 504	15,7	7 893 011	17,7
	Total	49 854 199	7,5	24 352 231	-2,6	26 433 981	4,2	100 640 411	4,0
2016	January	2 849 293	-16,5	3 244 246	372,0	1 451 533	-13,0	7 545 072	30,8
	February	4 592 411	20,1	2 247 812	71,5	2 125 304	-8,7	8 965 527	20,1
	March	4 537 940	7,7	2 515 020	17,0	2 056 047	-8,8	9 109 007	5,7
	April	5 000 890	18,2	2 739 501	41,3	2 388 049	20,6	10 128 440	24,3
	May	4 208 361	-0,2	1 580 343	-64,1	2 241 429	3,0	8 030 133	-25,6
	June	4 978 546	10,3	1 381 030	-65,2	2 415 528	9,1	8 775 104	-18,0
	July	3 762 166	-16,1	1 334 132	-35,8	2 532 825	-4,6	7 629 123	-17,2
	August	4 376 380	2,9	1 796 152	-5,1	2 286 461	-0,3	8 458 993	0,2
	September	4 802 689	2,1	2 513 194	66,5	2 695 573	19,9	10 011 456	18,3

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2015	January	4 713 781	21,0	687 316	-63,3	2 337 676	4,3	7 738 773	-3,4
	February	4 117 108	-12,7	1 310 712	90,7	2 332 766	-0,2	7 760 586	0,3
	March	4 358 981	5,9	2 150 503	64,1	2 413 979	3,5	8 923 463	15,0
	April	4 159 665	-4,6	1 939 405	-9,8	1 922 802	-20,3	8 021 871	-10,1
	May	4 148 612	-0,3	4 402 502	127,0	2 331 652	21,3	10 882 766	35,7
	June	4 253 719	2,5	3 972 054	-9,8	2 198 559	-5,7	10 424 332	-4,2
	July	4 023 981	-5,4	2 076 730	-47,7	2 286 957	4,0	8 387 668	-19,5
	August	4 168 454	3,6	1 892 818	-8,9	2 207 178	-3,5	8 268 450	-1,4
	September	4 194 898	0,6	1 509 865	-20,2	1 861 250	-15,7	7 566 013	-8,5
	October	3 439 679	-18,0	1 126 314	-25,4	2 187 352	17,5	6 753 345	-10,7
	November	4 508 096	31,1	1 277 790	13,4	1 964 825	-10,2	7 750 711	14,8
	December	4 784 682	6,1	2 006 222	57,0	2 601 474	32,4	9 392 378	21,2
2016	January	3 974 444	-16,9	3 244 246	61,7	2 096 814	-19,4	9 315 504	-0,8
	February	4 360 832	9,7	2 247 812	-30,7	2 115 183	0,9	8 723 826	-6,4
	March	4 586 015	5,2	2 515 020	11,9	2 184 922	3,3	9 285 957	6,4
	April	4 862 729	6,0	2 739 501	8,9	2 329 776	6,6	9 932 006	7,0
	May	4 116 774	-15,3	1 580 343	-42,3	2 269 194	-2,6	7 966 310	-19,8
	June	4 474 272	8,7	1 381 030	-12,6	2 420 724	6,7	8 276 026	3,9
	July	3 655 336	-18,3	1 334 132	-3,4	2 346 918	-3,0	7 336 386	-11,4
	August	3 978 582	8,8	1 796 152	34,6	1 982 669	-15,5	7 757 403	5,7
	September	4 398 366	10,6	2 513 194	39,9	2 317 165	16,9	9 228 726	19,0
	Apr. – Jun. 16	13 453 775		5 700 874		7 019 694		26 174 342	
	Jul. – Sep. 16 2/	12 032 284	-10,6	5 643 478	-1,0	6 646 752	-5,3	24 322 515	-7,1

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 2015 prices by type of building

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2015	January	3 459 794	-0,1	697 075	-51,6	1 692 800	3,0	5 849 669	-10,7
	February	3 887 509	12,8	1 332 024	-38,5	2 366 099	9,1	7 585 632	-2,5
	March	4 257 838	17,6	2 172 225	-10,0	2 276 845	11,7	8 706 908	7,9
	April	4 244 463	33,1	1 945 241	7,9	1 985 920	-3,8	8 175 624	15,9
	May	4 221 661	-1,3	4 406 909	114,9	2 177 903	9,4	10 806 473	29,9
	June	4 501 730	11,2	3 960 173	88,1	2 207 269	11,2	10 669 172	31,1
	July	4 455 513	7,7	2 062 294	-33,5	2 637 095	11,7	9 154 902	-4,6
	August	4 242 366	-12,9	1 887 157	-15,7	2 285 725	-13,9	8 415 248	-13,8
	September	4 692 610	9,7	1 506 851	14,0	2 244 064	-16,2	8 443 525	2,0
	October	3 874 687	-27,6	1 116 268	-64,4	2 286 059	-3,5	7 277 014	-33,0
	November	4 325 975	2,4	1 265 139	-41,2	2 116 987	-8,8	7 708 101	-11,4
	December	3 678 500	22,2	1 986 358	4,1	2 150 004	12,4	7 814 862	14,4
	Total	49 842 646	4,0	24 337 714	-5,8	26 426 770	0,9	100 607 130	0,7
2016	January	2 787 958	-19,4	3 174 409	355,4	1 420 287	-16,1	7 382 654	26,2
	February	4 403 079	13,3	2 155 141	61,8	2 037 684	-13,9	8 595 904	13,3
	March	4 338 375	1,9	2 404 417	10,7	1 965 628	-13,7	8 708 420	0,0
	April	4 744 677	11,8	2 599 147	33,6	2 265 701	14,1	9 609 525	17,5
	May	3 981 420	-5,7	1 495 121	-66,1	2 120 557	-2,6	7 597 098	-29,7
	June	4 661 560	3,6	1 293 099	-67,3	2 261 730	2,5	8 216 389	-23,0
	July	3 512 760	-21,2	1 245 688	-39,6	2 364 916	-10,3	7 123 364	-22,2
	August	4 082 444	-3,8	1 675 515	-11,2	2 132 893	-6,7	7 890 852	-6,2
	September	4 467 618	-4,8	2 337 855	55,1	2 507 510	11,7	9 312 983	10,3

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2015	January	4 719 042	20,7	697 075	-63,5	2 353 318	3,9	7 769 435	-3,9
	February	3 933 176	-16,7	1 332 024	91,1	2 369 717	0,7	7 634 918	-1,7
	March	4 308 902	9,6	2 172 225	63,1	2 440 616	3,0	8 921 743	16,9
	April	4 203 338	-2,4	1 945 241	-10,4	1 936 555	-20,7	8 085 134	-9,4
	May	4 108 838	-2,2	4 406 909	126,5	2 334 885	20,6	10 850 632	34,2
	June	4 299 734	4,6	3 960 173	-10,1	2 192 538	-6,1	10 452 445	-3,7
	July	3 974 759	-7,6	2 062 294	-47,9	2 295 527	4,7	8 332 581	-20,3
	August	4 110 035	3,4	1 887 157	-8,5	2 202 031	-4,1	8 199 223	-1,6
	September	4 170 900	1,5	1 506 851	-20,2	1 861 160	-15,5	7 538 911	-8,1
	October	3 454 329	-17,2	1 116 268	-25,9	2 164 200	16,3	6 734 797	-10,7
	November	4 323 898	25,2	1 265 139	13,3	1 931 480	-10,8	7 520 517	11,7
	December	4 612 882	6,7	1 986 358	57,0	2 558 096	32,4	9 157 336	21,8
2016	January	3 798 693	-17,7	3 174 409	59,8	2 040 560	-20,2	9 013 662	-1,6
	February	4 580 361	20,6	2 155 141	-32,1	2 022 119	-0,9	8 757 621	-2,8
	March	4 434 242	-3,2	2 404 417	11,6	2 091 288	3,4	8 929 947	2,0
	April	4 627 080	4,3	2 599 147	8,1	2 219 927	6,2	9 446 153	5,8
	May	3 857 716	-16,6	1 495 121	-42,5	2 145 820	-3,3	7 498 657	-20,6
	June	4 101 130	6,3	1 293 099	-13,5	2 274 387	6,0	7 668 616	2,3
	July	3 432 116	-16,3	1 245 688	-3,7	2 212 404	-2,7	6 890 208	-10,2
	August	3 709 305	8,1	1 675 515	34,5	1 853 550	-16,2	7 238 370	5,1
	September	4 055 422	9,3	2 337 855	39,5	2 155 578	16,3	8 548 855	18,1
	Apr. – Jun. 16	12 585 926		5 387 367		6 640 134		24 613 426	
	Jul. – Sep. 16 2/	11 196 843	-11,0	5 259 058	-2,4	6 221 532	-6,3	22 677 433	-7,9

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/
2015	January	1 818 640	-2,5	785 616	-17,1	501 685	-35,0	3 105 941	-13,4
	February	2 087 746	9,8	1 019 816	-0,5	675 990	-29,4	3 783 552	-2,6
	March	2 568 046	15,4	858 760	-23,1	1 025 680	29,2	4 452 486	7,6
	April	2 608 404	16,7	730 600	-42,9	903 209	43,4	4 242 213	2,3
	May	3 119 539	67,9	968 348	45,1	797 255	4,0	4 885 142	48,4
	June	2 599 782	33,2	1 057 013	32,2	983 921	50,9	4 640 716	36,3
	July	2 635 346	4,5	1 095 693	-33,7	852 594	12,3	4 583 633	-7,1
	August	2 830 856	18,9	1 420 995	50,9	814 463	-13,1	5 066 314	18,9
	September	3 001 813	18,0	1 646 976	54,1	843 852	5,6	5 492 641	24,5
	October	2 688 004	-6,8	1 693 843	18,8	766 090	-14,9	5 147 937	-1,2
	November	3 436 641	11,9	1 971 370	-22,7	871 502	21,2	6 279 513	-1,0
	December	2 797 120	11,8	1 449 198	-28,3	764 722	10,9	5 011 040	-3,9
	Total	32 191 937	15,2	14 698 228	-5,2	9 800 963	4,5	56 691 128	7,3
2016	January	2 208 305	21,4	578 503	-26,4	651 330	29,8	3 438 138	10,7
	February	2 459 034	17,8	1 029 861	1,0	869 860	28,7	4 358 755	15,2
	March	2 523 781	-1,7	1 810 745	110,9	878 230	-14,4	5 212 756	17,1
	April	2 316 846	-11,2	2 113 528	189,3	822 389	-8,9	5 252 763	23,8
	May	3 275 280	5,0	1 819 266	87,9	913 420	14,6	6 007 966	23,0
	June	3 105 362	19,4	1 325 164	25,4	930 103	-5,5	5 360 629	15,5
	July	2 339 251	-11,2	1 150 587	5,0	705 601	-17,2	4 195 439	-8,5
	August	2 509 254	-11,4	1 205 852	-15,1	793 153	-2,6	4 508 259	-11,0
	September	3 647 566	21,5	1 326 114	-19,5	983 917	16,6	5 957 597	8,5

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2015	January	2 493 710	4,6	785 616	-61,1	660 593	-21,0	3 939 919	-24,8
	February	2 323 912	-6,8	1 019 816	29,8	622 314	-5,8	3 966 042	0,7
	March	2 590 202	11,5	858 760	-15,8	896 266	44,0	4 345 228	9,6
	April	2 772 110	7,0	730 600	-14,9	864 983	-3,5	4 367 693	0,5
	May	3 175 950	14,6	968 348	32,5	812 041	-6,1	4 956 338	13,5
	June	2 740 401	-13,7	1 057 013	9,2	948 241	16,8	4 745 655	-4,3
	July	2 509 223	-8,4	1 095 693	3,7	870 452	-8,2	4 475 368	-5,7
	August	2 737 785	9,1	1 420 995	29,7	770 964	-11,4	4 929 745	10,2
	September	2 777 513	1,5	1 646 976	15,9	807 550	4,7	5 232 039	6,1
	October	2 491 175	-10,3	1 693 843	2,8	760 087	-5,9	4 945 105	-5,5
	November	2 815 604	13,0	1 971 370	16,4	859 947	13,1	5 646 921	14,2
	December	2 708 057	-3,8	1 449 198	-26,5	929 838	8,1	5 087 094	-9,9
2016	January	2 982 552	10,1	578 503	-60,1	852 205	-8,3	4 413 260	-13,2
	February	2 738 074	-8,2	1 029 861	78,0	798 505	-6,3	4 566 440	3,5
	March	2 665 083	-2,7	1 810 745	75,8	818 532	2,5	5 294 360	15,9
	April	2 348 833	-11,9	2 113 528	16,7	737 931	-9,8	5 200 292	-1,8
	May	3 319 795	41,3	1 819 266	-13,9	922 819	25,1	6 061 881	16,6
	June	3 284 874	-1,1	1 325 164	-27,2	898 197	-2,7	5 508 236	-9,1
	July	2 230 235	-32,1	1 150 587	-13,2	722 330	-19,6	4 103 153	-25,5
	August	2 443 735	9,6	1 205 852	4,8	758 644	5,0	4 408 231	7,4
	September	3 348 148	37,0	1 326 114	10,0	933 321	23,0	5 607 584	27,2
	Apr. – Jun. 16	8 953 502		5 257 958		2 558 947		16 770 409	
	Jul. – Sep. 16 2/	8 022 118	-10,4	3 682 553	-30,0	2 414 295	-5,7	14 118 968	-15,8

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2015	January	1 844 462	-7,6	796 771	-21,5	508 808	-38,4	3 150 041	-17,9
	February	2 121 693	5,8	1 036 398	-4,1	686 982	-32,0	3 845 073	-6,1
	March	2 593 986	11,7	867 434	-25,6	1 036 040	25,1	4 497 460	4,2
	April	2 616 253	12,1	732 798	-45,1	905 927	37,8	4 254 978	-1,7
	May	3 122 662	61,5	969 317	39,6	798 053	0,0	4 890 032	42,7
	June	2 592 006	28,3	1 053 851	27,3	980 978	45,4	4 626 835	31,3
	July	2 617 027	1,1	1 088 076	-35,9	846 667	8,7	4 551 770	-10,2
	August	2 822 389	15,9	1 416 745	47,1	812 027	-15,2	5 051 161	16,0
	September	2 995 821	15,3	1 643 689	50,6	842 168	3,1	5 481 678	21,6
	October	2 664 028	-9,2	1 678 734	15,7	759 257	-17,0	5 102 019	-3,7
	November	3 402 615	8,8	1 951 851	-24,8	862 873	17,9	6 217 339	-3,7
	December	2 769 426	8,7	1 434 850	-30,3	757 150	7,8	4 961 426	-6,5
	Total	32 162 368	11,5	14 670 514	-8,2	9 796 930	1,0	56 629 812	3,9
2016	January	2 160 768	17,1	566 050	-29,0	637 309	25,3	3 364 127	6,8
	February	2 357 655	11,1	987 403	-4,7	833 998	21,4	4 179 056	8,7
	March	2 412 793	-7,0	1 731 114	99,6	839 608	-19,0	4 983 515	10,8
	April	2 198 146	-16,0	2 005 245	173,6	780 255	-13,9	4 983 646	17,1
	May	3 098 657	-0,8	1 721 160	77,6	864 163	8,3	5 683 980	16,2
	June	2 907 642	12,2	1 240 790	17,7	870 883	-11,2	5 019 315	8,5
	July	2 184 175	-16,5	1 074 311	-1,3	658 824	-22,2	3 917 310	-13,9
	August	2 340 722	-17,1	1 124 862	-20,6	739 882	-8,9	4 205 466	-16,7
	September	3 393 085	13,3	1 233 594	-24,9	915 272	8,7	5 541 951	1,1

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2015	January	2 514 479	4,5	796 771	-61,3	664 164	-21,4	3 975 414	-25,1
	February	2 360 216	-6,1	1 036 398	30,1	633 866	-4,6	4 030 481	1,4
	March	2 621 050	11,1	867 434	-16,3	906 880	43,1	4 395 364	9,1
	April	2 793 380	6,6	732 798	-15,5	871 125	-3,9	4 397 303	0,0
	May	3 195 567	14,4	969 317	32,3	814 116	-6,5	4 979 000	13,2
	June	2 740 377	-14,2	1 053 851	8,7	951 062	16,8	4 745 290	-4,7
	July	2 503 018	-8,7	1 088 076	3,2	868 224	-8,7	4 459 318	-6,0
	August	2 732 145	9,2	1 416 745	30,2	770 137	-11,3	4 919 027	10,3
	September	2 779 176	1,7	1 643 689	16,0	806 007	4,7	5 228 872	6,3
	October	2 465 290	-11,3	1 678 734	2,1	750 090	-6,9	4 894 114	-6,4
	November	2 772 419	12,5	1 951 851	16,3	846 531	12,9	5 570 802	13,8
	December	2 656 487	-4,2	1 434 850	-26,5	913 032	7,9	5 004 369	-10,2
2016	January	2 901 118	9,2	566 050	-60,5	827 189	-9,4	4 294 357	-14,2
	February	2 624 224	-9,5	987 403	74,4	767 713	-7,2	4 379 340	2,0
	March	2 548 569	-2,9	1 731 114	75,3	782 950	2,0	5 062 634	15,6
	April	2 242 744	-12,0	2 005 245	15,8	703 762	-10,1	4 951 752	-2,2
	May	3 159 129	40,9	1 721 160	-14,2	874 458	24,3	5 754 747	16,2
	June	3 084 952	-2,3	1 240 790	-27,9	846 349	-3,2	5 172 091	-10,1
	July	2 091 241	-32,2	1 074 311	-13,4	677 284	-20,0	3 842 836	-25,7
	August	2 280 489	9,0	1 124 862	4,7	708 860	4,7	4 114 212	7,1
	September	3 122 955	36,9	1 233 594	9,7	867 981	22,4	5 224 530	27,0
	Apr. – Jun. 16	8 486 825		4 967 195		2 424 569		15 878 590	
	Jul. – Sep. 16 2/	7 494 685	-11,7	3 432 767	-30,9	2 254 125	-7,0	13 181 578	-17,0

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

			Sep. 2015	Aug. 2016	Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 589	1 508	1 052	17 754	13 058	-26,5
		square metres	76 258	71 469	55 388	840 071	631 740	-24,8
		R'000	302 241	373 707	304 278	2 953 672	2 982 432	1,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 597	1 217	1 507	12 842	12 057	-6,1
		square metres	434 172	342 613	412 480	3 516 182	3 270 799	-7,0
		R'000	2 937 694	2 384 204	2 853 571	22 600 709	21 925 475	-3,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 742	1 820	1 833	15 448	16 024	3,7
		square metres	176 212	184 844	201 132	1 548 933	1 611 040	4,0
		R'000	1 367 896	1 583 822	1 610 029	11 459 210	12 896 592	12,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	12 407	6 731	6 632	116 478	164 415	41,2
		R'000	94 164	34 647	34 811	846 529	1 304 177	54,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	4 701 995	4 376 380	4 802 689	37 860 120	39 108 676	3,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	67 107	43 933	60 076	575 746	413 976	-28,1
		R'000	529 691	413 518	496 293	4 639 638	3 581 775	-22,8
	Shopping space	square metres	16 303	42 680	44 636	968 156	742 253	-23,3
		R'000	99 102	312 390	294 108	7 212 327	5 961 533	-17,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	118 845	165 221	228 300	1 135 380	1 240 121	9,2
		R'000	680 574	874 523	1 367 949	5 942 821	6 893 865	16,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	38 893	31 955	55 790	366 242	442 311	20,8
		R'000	200 498	195 721	354 844	2 147 119	2 914 257	35,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 509 865	1 796 152	2 513 194	19 941 905	19 351 430	-3,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	283 336	257 577	287 838	2 358 857	2 248 163	-4,7
		R'000	1 787 038	1 736 935	1 905 046	14 192 791	14 687 370	3,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	53 537	54 284	76 705	726 795	596 606	-17,9
		R'000	461 514	549 526	790 527	5 624 895	5 505 379	-2,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 248 552	2 286 461	2 695 573	19 817 686	20 192 749	1,9
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	8 460 412	8 458 993	10 011 456	77 619 711	78 652 855	1,3

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2015	Aug. 2016	Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	335	567	389	4 338	5 126	18,2
		square metres	15 355	26 441	19 029	189 424	233 749	23,4
		R'000	78 764	159 758	110 948	1 015 243	1 302 890	28,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	388	356	442	3 282	3 443	4,9
		square metres	97 754	87 336	111 152	833 416	852 961	2,3
		R'000	625 094	577 209	765 522	5 242 164	5 653 168	7,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	604	177	602	4 089	3 807	-6,9
		square metres	41 053	28 382	77 423	365 689	456 922	24,9
		R'000	296 679	209 995	611 294	2 690 214	3 479 919	29,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	10 417	1 411	0	59 479	42 190	-29,1
		R'000	83 700	6 624	0	475 999	319 404	-32,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 084 237	953 586	1 487 764	9 423 620	10 755 381	14,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	42 309	2 658	36 975	130 691	91 251	-30,2
		R'000	318 921	23 383	303 099	993 933	759 055	-23,6
	Shopping space	square metres	4 223	1 332	8 391	84 221	120 420	43,0
		R'000	35 940	8 586	67 336	687 627	981 311	42,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	17 579	21 086	66 286	254 532	285 062	12,0
		R'000	104 932	130 893	459 194	1 613 725	1 909 499	18,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	7 963	9 454	42 894	116 476	139 233	19,5
		R'000	46 461	63 231	286 932	710 149	925 947	30,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	506 254	226 093	1 116 561	4 005 434	4 575 812	14,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	69 086	73 354	88 795	679 918	654 014	-3,8
		R'000	388 561	475 713	574 452	3 848 124	4 160 941	8,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	13 001	20 040	26 445	173 542	193 447	11,5
		R'000	164 507	216 275	256 986	1 750 092	1 987 598	13,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	553 068	691 988	831 438	5 598 216	6 148 539	9,8
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 143 559	1 871 667	3 435 763	19 027 270	21 479 732	12,9

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2015	Aug. 2016	Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	208	13	65	1 485	652	-56,1
		square metres	8 910	844	4 584	64 600	33 676	-47,9
		R'000	22 241	5 135	25 795	171 351	154 839	-9,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	86	60	131	732	818	11,7
		square metres	19 385	13 061	33 026	178 624	186 987	4,7
		R'000	111 904	75 230	185 023	1 012 114	1 069 114	5,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	14	80	58	260	712	173,8
		square metres	2 460	8 252	12 517	29 063	60 924	109,6
		R'000	14 268	46 964	72 173	160 580	339 584	111,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	699	0	161	2 415	2 225	-7,9
		R'000	3 049	0	900	14 203	9 526	-32,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	151 462	127 329	283 891	1 358 248	1 573 063	15,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	619	0	5 301	1 163	-78,1
		R'000	0	2 786	0	28 376	5 287	-81,4
	Shopping space	square metres	253	1 642	1 421	91 690	4 999	-94,5
		R'000	1 230	9 274	9 589	576 651	27 896	-95,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 150	352	12 555	53 980	83 321	54,4
		R'000	26 949	1 699	66 459	266 528	401 422	50,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	5 357	12 123	1 895	24 866	30 545	22,8
		R'000	26 513	66 209	9 475	120 545	148 997	23,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	54 692	79 968	85 523	992 100	583 602	-41,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	26 903	20 394	32 717	239 937	190 936	-20,4
		R'000	138 295	109 127	165 804	1 220 610	989 794	-18,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 456	3 099	3 427	65 943	51 828	-21,4
		R'000	25 101	14 451	22 613	319 997	232 823	-27,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	163 396	123 578	188 417	1 540 607	1 222 617	-20,6
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	369 550	330 875	557 831	3 890 955	3 379 282	-13,2

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2015	Aug. 2016	Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	6	3	22	24	9,1	
		square metres	0	403	198	1 234	1 652	33,9	
		R'000	0	2 348	1 170	7 410	9 857	33,0	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	20	24	11	125	151	20,8	
		square metres	3 306	4 019	2 117	25 816	27 707	7,3	
		R'000	17 692	25 039	13 676	140 664	177 425	26,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	10	0	61	..	
		square metres	0	0	361	0	6 217	..	
		R'000	0	0	2 347	0	37 970	..	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	822	0	5 600	822	-85,3	
		R'000	0	5 343	0	44 638	5 343	-88,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	17 692	32 730	17 193	192 712	230 595	19,7
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	721	102	9 924	9 629,4
			R'000	0	0	4 687	612	59 837	9 677,3
Shopping space		square metres	0	0	0	228	4 585	1 911,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	1 186	26 902	2 168,3	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	0	605	3 090	1 993	13 071	555,8	
		R'000	0	3 933	18 693	10 962	76 878	601,3	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	379	0	0	1 714	1 511	-11,8	
		R'000	2 068	0	0	8 855	9 000	1,6	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	2 068	3 933	23 380	21 615	172 617	698,6	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 299	5 180	5 036	40 089	40 979	2,2
	R'000		33 530	36 813	32 986	228 377	286 497	25,4	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	384	0	34	5 634	2 471	-56,1	
		R'000	3 264	410	1 321	36 225	36 982	2,1	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	36 794	37 223	34 307	264 602	323 479	22,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	56 554	73 886	74 880	478 929	726 691	51,7	

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2015	Aug. 2016	Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	67	89	32	1 360	675	-50,4
		square metres	3 523	4 716	1 683	73 891	35 637	-51,8
		R'000	10 520	17 117	3 996	192 665	124 151	-35,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	65	58	75	656	630	-4,0
		square metres	12 124	13 030	16 695	133 143	143 919	8,1
		R'000	65 674	70 267	93 942	693 842	783 377	12,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	9	5	0	334	348	4,2
		square metres	1 320	730	0	33 422	41 208	23,3
		R'000	9 240	3 285	0	208 204	270 660	30,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	642	3 830	608	20 962	9 099	-56,6
		R'000	4 494	19 604	2 736	121 643	53 439	-56,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	89 928	110 273	100 674	1 216 354	1 231 627	1,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	121	280	2 436	7 181	15 547	116,5
		R'000	847	1 260	19 480	48 341	122 444	153,3
	Shopping space	square metres	262	3 285	870	78 366	11 168	-85,7
		R'000	1 179	26 280	3 916	457 200	75 532	-83,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 434	10 975	2 909	58 933	47 850	-18,8
		R'000	6 453	49 388	13 091	289 193	223 882	-22,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	867	1 500	0	9 497	11 575	21,9
		R'000	4 452	11 098	0	51 496	84 579	64,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	12 931	88 026	36 487	846 230	506 437	-40,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 099	11 987	11 584	116 020	108 305	-6,6
		R'000	55 793	65 154	61 940	564 227	566 900	0,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 328	515	3 294	27 999	17 201	-38,6
		R'000	23 162	24 954	138 975	203 198	313 705	54,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	78 955	90 108	200 915	767 425	880 605	14,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	181 814	288 407	338 076	2 830 009	2 618 669	-7,5

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2015	Aug. 2016	Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	26	21	225	277	23,1
		square metres	883	1 412	1 002	13 051	14 155	8,5
		R'000	7 116	12 564	8 572	97 557	103 082	5,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	144	118	148	1 198	1 077	-10,1
		square metres	43 483	34 841	46 797	370 089	333 340	-9,9
		R'000	421 072	313 275	448 698	3 166 165	2 914 089	-8,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	204	245	573	1 856	2 938	58,3
		square metres	37 930	33 259	54 707	247 460	292 008	18,0
		R'000	352 868	312 592	540 793	2 059 359	2 726 976	32,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	1 904	6 769	5 698	-15,8
		R'000	0	0	9 520	68 031	30 603	-55,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	781 056	638 431	1 007 583	5 391 112	5 774 750	7,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 193	3 267	86 398	96 985	12,3
		R'000	0	9 705	24 044	606 196	927 738	53,0
	Shopping space	square metres	3 690	9 564	22 620	135 320	306 359	126,4
		R'000	16 605	78 000	154 512	1 145 583	2 811 837	145,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	14 053	34 817	71 085	299 444	232 239	-22,4
		R'000	77 230	198 911	401 659	1 562 608	1 286 928	-17,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 061	3 217	3 404	54 872	78 448	43,0
		R'000	4 244	23 954	23 666	364 871	536 533	47,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	98 079	310 570	603 881	3 679 258	5 563 036	51,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	34 093	32 510	35 241	259 465	270 564	4,3
		R'000	291 814	293 175	325 400	2 091 013	2 379 972	13,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	5 744	13 306	13 308	195 771	157 357	-19,6
		R'000	64 636	148 880	149 924	1 654 049	1 514 756	-8,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	356 450	442 055	475 324	3 745 062	3 894 728	4,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 235 585	1 391 056	2 086 788	12 815 432	15 232 514	18,9

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2015	Aug. 2016	Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	10	6	1 071	101	-90,6
		square metres	325	562	378	55 815	6 129	-89,0
		R'000	1 485	2 565	1 781	178 053	28 176	-84,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	127	74	97	811	703	-13,3
		square metres	27 275	17 306	25 639	192 814	175 636	-8,9
		R'000	132 736	87 859	134 657	952 719	904 717	-5,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	54	0	107	927	758	-18,2
		square metres	3 599	0	8 398	73 827	57 650	-21,9
		R'000	19 350	0	35 272	404 722	295 321	-27,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	1 310	1 325	1,1
		R'000	0	0	0	6 841	7 954	16,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	153 571	90 424	171 710	1 542 335	1 236 168	-19,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	104	0	0	8 640	1 312	-84,8
		R'000	572	0	0	46 526	6 494	-86,0
	Shopping space	square metres	801	788	768	36 803	22 835	-38,0
		R'000	3 945	3 477	4 491	199 622	123 528	-38,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	11 366	9 551	20 133	20 573	39 548	92,2
		R'000	58 781	42 980	85 094	99 150	176 820	78,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	10 825	1 747	1 444	18 839	10 744	-43,0
		R'000	48 713	10 482	6 498	84 390	57 209	-32,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	112 011	56 939	96 083	429 688	364 051	-15,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 770	14 329	15 848	108 732	111 600	2,6
		R'000	56 543	69 559	80 742	509 446	536 389	5,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 528	1 324	854	19 832	11 176	-43,6
		R'000	11 376	7 242	4 308	118 636	71 080	-40,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	67 919	76 801	85 050	628 082	607 469	-3,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	333 501	224 164	352 843	2 600 105	2 207 688	-15,1

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2015	Aug. 2016	Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	845	774	430	8 174	5 134	-37,2	
		square metres	41 600	35 910	22 330	385 945	248 792	-35,5	
		R'000	157 445	169 224	121 424	1 044 338	1 025 421	-1,8	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	608	380	430	4 208	3 728	-11,4	
		square metres	191 074	127 395	130 867	1 319 425	1 173 966	-11,0	
		R'000	1 380 684	987 146	994 361	9 201 657	8 529 822	-7,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	729	1 304	474	7 181	7 087	-1,3	
		square metres	81 541	113 142	45 280	719 201	662 282	-7,9	
		R'000	639 597	1 005 917	336 396	5 554 502	5 566 617	0,2	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	1 822	5 831	93 395	1 501,7	
		R'000	0	0	12 038	44 550	833 224	1 770,3	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	2 177 726	2 162 287	1 464 219	15 845 047	15 955 084	0,7
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	23 235	39 095	10 214	314 863	158 882	-49,5
R'000			202 771	375 988	106 724	2 785 456	1 488 950	-46,5	
Shopping space		square metres	2 992	13 525	4 267	455 177	208 180	-54,3	
		R'000	21 833	124 597	25 407	3 697 049	1 590 540	-57,0	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	60 384	65 899	50 339	367 738	462 220	25,7	
		R'000	367 163	345 498	316 350	1 719 678	2 455 754	42,8	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	11 390	2 412	902	113 204	139 965	23,6	
		R'000	62 861	13 951	4 059	678 696	1 004 287	48,0	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	654 628	860 034	452 540	8 880 879	6 539 531	-26,4	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	106 360	83 053	77 752	730 941	700 413	-4,2
	R'000		736 307	609 504	570 184	4 895 451	4 965 561	1,4	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	19 435	13 723	20 711	208 580	136 708	-34,5	
		R'000	140 452	120 475	156 172	1 368 550	1 150 848	-15,9	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	876 759	729 979	726 356	6 264 001	6 116 409	-2,4
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 709 113	3 752 300	2 643 115	30 989 927	28 611 024	-7,7	

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2015	Aug. 2016	Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	81	21	74	828	921	11,2
		square metres	3 766	1 045	4 249	42 159	49 058	16,4
		R'000	14 885	4 316	20 982	175 245	190 207	8,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	109	87	105	1 345	1 022	-24,0
		square metres	26 398	25 474	25 029	324 272	234 795	-27,6
		R'000	121 504	150 615	118 210	1 542 356	1 204 572	-21,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	88	0	0	276	229	-17,0
		square metres	5 768	0	0	17 683	18 316	3,6
		R'000	24 195	0	0	78 399	100 987	28,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	649	529	2 137	8 062	8 220	2,0
		R'000	2 921	2 381	9 617	43 607	37 219	-14,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	163 505	157 312	148 809	1 839 607	1 532 985	-16,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	221	88	5 677	15 565	33 030	112,2
		R'000	995	396	34 329	97 114	183 700	89,2
	Shopping space	square metres	4 082	7 477	2 640	54 886	50 909	-7,2
		R'000	18 370	36 841	10 562	265 775	260 534	-2,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	8 879	20 616	887	64 488	57 692	-10,5
		R'000	39 066	94 357	3 548	322 515	269 547	-16,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	702	1 502	4 815	9 255	24 344	163,0
		R'000	3 441	6 796	22 034	44 600	112 820	153,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	61 872	138 390	70 473	730 004	826 601	13,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 574	11 305	14 349	141 264	122 183	-13,5
		R'000	66 380	50 624	62 743	634 159	561 587	-11,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 603	2 161	7 458	17 976	18 919	5,2
		R'000	21 192	12 259	52 696	101 421	145 759	43,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	87 572	62 883	115 439	735 580	707 346	-3,8
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	312 949	358 585	334 721	3 305 191	3 066 932	-7,2

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2015	Aug. 2016	Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	32	2	32	251	148	-41,0
		square metres	1 896	136	1 935	13 952	8 892	-36,3
		R'000	9 785	680	9 610	71 810	43 809	-39,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	50	60	68	485	485	0,0
		square metres	13 373	20 151	21 158	138 583	141 488	2,1
		R'000	61 334	97 564	99 482	649 028	689 191	6,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	40	9	9	525	84	-84,0
		square metres	2 541	1 079	2 446	62 588	15 513	-75,2
		R'000	11 699	5 069	11 754	303 230	78 558	-74,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	139	0	6 050	1 441	-76,2
		R'000	0	695	0	27 017	7 465	-72,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	82 818	104 008	120 846	1 051 085	819 023	-22,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 117	0	786	7 005	5 882	-16,0
		R'000	5 585	0	3 930	33 084	28 270	-14,6
	Shopping space	square metres	0	5 067	3 659	31 465	12 798	-59,3
		R'000	0	25 335	18 295	181 634	63 453	-65,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	1 320	1 016	13 699	19 118	39,6
		R'000	0	6 864	3 861	58 462	93 135	59,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	349	0	436	17 519	5 946	-66,1
		R'000	1 745	0	2 180	83 517	34 885	-58,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	7 330	32 199	28 266	356 697	219 743	-38,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 152	5 465	6 516	42 491	49 169	15,7
		R'000	19 815	27 266	30 795	201 384	239 729	19,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 058	116	1 174	11 518	7 499	-34,9
		R'000	7 824	4 580	7 532	72 727	51 828	-28,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	27 639	31 846	38 327	274 111	291 557	6,4
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	117 787	168 053	187 439	1 681 893	1 330 323	-20,9

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2015	Aug. 2016	Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 396	1 143	1 451	11 621	10 763	-7,4
		square metres	69 534	59 387	69 826	580 255	527 046	-9,2
		R'000	267 674	274 994	330 859	2 221 970	2 274 744	2,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 133	959	1 244	8 939	9 175	2,6
		square metres	289 922	242 095	296 857	2 342 902	2 237 414	-4,5
		R'000	1 849 639	1 634 970	2 005 128	14 800 038	14 724 322	-0,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 067	866	1 357	8 298	9 717	17,1
		square metres	108 811	75 530	158 386	817 932	946 704	15,7
		R'000	882 520	583 422	1 295 696	5 820 250	7 196 849	23,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	425	3 214	1 698	65 650	27 732	-57,8
		R'000	1 980	15 868	15 883	427 914	188 764	-55,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	3 001 813	2 509 254	3 647 566	23 270 172	24 384 679	4,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	87 908	29 067	30 925	377 042	417 196	10,6
		R'000	623 552	189 507	267 648	2 870 916	3 444 022	20,0
	Shopping space	square metres	70 151	38 302	70 156	317 503	403 516	27,1
		R'000	573 342	241 320	479 173	2 164 627	3 240 104	49,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	74 389	111 740	95 482	702 371	821 234	16,9
		R'000	359 622	679 944	538 047	3 563 358	4 444 528	24,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	12 150	15 536	7 303	153 240	195 638	27,7
		R'000	90 460	95 081	41 246	984 916	1 230 966	25,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 646 976	1 205 852	1 326 114	9 583 817	12 359 620	29,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	122 221	93 006	125 934	894 739	905 574	1,2
		R'000	675 428	571 874	707 317	4 850 754	5 308 025	9,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	21 363	27 432	31 634	327 529	267 348	-18,4
		R'000	168 424	221 279	276 600	2 547 895	2 239 978	-12,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	843 852	793 153	983 917	7 398 649	7 548 003	2,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	5 492 641	4 508 259	5 957 597	40 252 638	44 292 302	10,0

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2015	Aug. 2016	Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	318	266	603	3 890	2 870	-26,2
		square metres	14 096	12 051	26 846	181 319	129 642	-28,5
		R'000	58 463	59 444	106 545	765 100	628 362	-17,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	307	309	349	2 413	2 533	5,0
		square metres	67 170	77 632	80 966	573 926	592 972	3,3
		R'000	395 902	486 891	500 550	3 435 195	3 694 825	7,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	182	221	425	2 139	2 830	32,3
		square metres	22 903	25 863	48 191	216 047	287 009	32,8
		R'000	166 711	196 321	368 797	1 551 853	2 192 652	41,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	768	477	13 372	6 356	-52,5
		R'000	0	5 219	3 186	82 961	50 483	-39,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	621 076	747 875	979 078	5 835 109	6 566 322	12,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	38 335	17 422	3 824	116 746	87 132	-25,4
		R'000	244 036	107 644	24 496	765 320	541 767	-29,2
	Shopping space	square metres	16 162	16 032	9 233	82 197	40 134	-51,2
		R'000	116 736	91 493	80 098	583 279	285 971	-51,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 689	34 740	47 775	175 076	198 271	13,2
		R'000	23 270	262 832	305 568	1 043 154	1 270 382	21,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	8 149	12 413	3 388	58 693	72 632	23,7
		R'000	61 455	78 257	16 523	358 286	482 370	34,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	445 497	540 226	426 685	2 750 039	2 580 490	-6,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	49 401	43 927	67 706	361 874	388 456	7,3
		R'000	235 929	239 998	328 792	1 722 292	2 003 576	16,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	5 162	8 546	23 778	91 297	110 494	21,0
		R'000	59 694	92 311	192 874	876 798	1 038 427	18,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	295 623	332 309	521 666	2 599 090	3 042 003	17,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 362 196	1 620 410	1 927 429	11 184 238	12 188 815	9,0

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2015	Aug. 2016	Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	31	29	242	729	698	-4,3
		square metres	1 636	1 402	10 103	33 451	32 736	-2,1
		R'000	6 221	5 429	66 643	92 933	150 968	62,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	51	40	254	477	527	10,5
		square metres	9 378	8 016	32 411	96 099	89 494	-6,9
		R'000	47 543	40 850	206 572	468 270	516 062	10,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	14	2	61	122	328	168,9
		square metres	1 511	497	3 957	12 220	31 518	157,9
		R'000	8 153	2 582	23 741	63 075	171 986	172,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	2 071	0	8 838	3 130	-64,6
		R'000	0	8 672	0	43 639	15 556	-64,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	61 917	57 533	296 956	667 917	854 572	27,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	252	1 187	859	4 636	439,7
		R'000	0	1 134	6 703	4 500	26 689	493,1
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	4 068	7 179	6 470	-9,9
		R'000	0	0	19 776	35 147	32 182	-8,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	23 081	3 078	0	92 660	6 801	-92,7
		R'000	103 865	14 624	0	443 493	30 388	-93,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	4 343	373	-91,4
		R'000	0	0	0	21 300	1 706	-92,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	103 865	15 758	26 479	504 440	90 965	-82,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 580	4 891	4 474	64 107	39 571	-38,3
		R'000	21 462	22 686	21 308	268 939	179 611	-33,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 885	613	907	16 674	14 263	-14,5
		R'000	8 004	3 529	5 896	93 918	70 031	-25,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	29 466	26 215	27 204	362 857	249 642	-31,2
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	195 248	99 506	350 639	1 535 214	1 195 179	-22,1

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2015	Aug. 2016	Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	1	2	38	3	-92,1
		square metres	0	70	156	2 111	226	-89,3
		R'000	0	315	936	11 761	1 251	-89,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	5	11	16	159	77	-51,6
		square metres	847	2 685	2 202	22 893	14 185	-38,0
		R'000	4 578	19 371	16 302	128 859	95 808	-25,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	4	42	5	-88,1
		square metres	0	0	612	2 940	761	-74,1
		R'000	0	0	3 978	16 170	5 006	-69,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	158	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	948	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	4 578	19 686	21 216	156 790	103 013	-34,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 461	0	0	2 119	325	-84,7
		R'000	8 766	0	0	12 580	1 463	-88,4
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	265	678	540	-20,4
		R'000	0	0	1 193	4 102	2 431	-40,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	925	0	0	3 198	0	..
		R'000	5 550	0	0	16 363	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	802	0	802	..
		R'000	0	0	4 010	0	4 010	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	14 316	0	5 203	33 045	7 904	-76,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 613	4 021	3 519	20 381	33 836	66,0
		R'000	16 970	29 837	25 374	114 294	245 384	114,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	263	810	0	10 723	3 910	-63,5
		R'000	2 452	6 548	787	62 067	39 284	-36,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	19 422	36 385	26 161	176 361	284 668	61,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	38 316	56 071	52 580	366 196	395 585	8,0

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2015	Aug. 2016	Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	254	7	22	1 498	226	-84,9
		square metres	14 230	410	1 124	82 288	12 412	-84,9
		R'000	38 501	2 242	3 074	190 253	32 643	-82,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	22	28	20	202	244	20,8
		square metres	3 744	6 228	4 589	35 391	47 696	34,8
		R'000	19 714	35 440	25 874	168 724	250 541	48,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	137	11	201	1 304	548,8
		square metres	0	11 298	1 598	25 713	71 522	178,2
		R'000	0	79 086	11 160	126 428	405 412	220,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	290	203	0	24 876	308	-98,8
		R'000	1 305	1 117	0	143 813	1 642	-98,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	59 520	117 885	40 108	629 218	690 238	9,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	506	0	2 405	6 572	173,3
		R'000	0	4 048	0	14 382	46 510	223,4
	Shopping space	square metres	6 379	0	0	12 585	18 668	48,3
		R'000	42 452	0	0	71 514	139 582	95,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	790	0	0	4 597	40 159	773,6
		R'000	4 582	0	0	19 810	197 716	898,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	480	4 453	480	-89,2
		R'000	0	0	2 400	26 615	2 400	-91,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	47 034	4 048	2 400	132 321	386 208	191,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 261	1 621	3 608	25 738	24 562	-4,6
		R'000	11 069	7 745	16 713	118 063	113 104	-4,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	275	0	0	7 638	6 127	-19,8
		R'000	3 553	2 006	2 178	68 206	45 437	-33,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	14 622	9 751	18 891	186 269	158 541	-14,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	121 176	131 684	61 399	947 808	1 234 987	30,3

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2015	Aug. 2016	Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	26	25	15	186	193	3,8
		square metres	1 451	1 515	727	11 082	11 240	1,4
		R'000	13 880	13 861	6 601	97 600	95 350	-2,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	68	77	68	570	565	-0,9
		square metres	15 770	19 695	21 401	148 938	153 670	3,2
		R'000	118 344	155 256	188 496	1 187 199	1 267 330	6,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	48	28	185	727	638	-12,2
		square metres	8 886	6 567	25 811	122 076	106 892	-12,4
		R'000	74 899	51 726	264 421	982 724	975 611	-0,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	3 983	8 796	120,8
		R'000	0	0	0	32 601	48 677	49,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	207 123	220 843	459 518	2 300 124	2 386 968	3,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	4 646	2 100	48 038	96 354	100,6
		R'000	0	26 727	22 051	449 878	829 774	84,4
	Shopping space	square metres	35 335	5 398	3 013	94 659	172 686	82,4
		R'000	353 350	56 680	14 335	831 933	1 623 852	95,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	16 871	49 960	8 792	102 460	193 526	88,9
		R'000	92 603	284 770	46 966	534 966	1 035 438	93,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 938	722	372	12 767	5 446	-57,3
		R'000	28 602	3 247	3 460	93 041	39 087	-58,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	474 555	371 424	86 812	1 909 818	3 528 151	84,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	16 862	10 926	11 892	111 424	107 902	-3,2
		R'000	134 804	101 105	107 452	977 174	969 040	-0,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 746	7 710	2 245	66 384	52 545	-20,8
		R'000	30 671	56 507	38 727	529 211	390 481	-26,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	165 475	157 612	146 179	1 506 385	1 359 521	-9,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	847 153	749 879	692 509	5 716 327	7 274 640	27,3

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2015	Aug. 2016	Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	14	11	39	65	378	481,5	
		square metres	818	747	2 310	4 177	23 116	453,4	
		R'000	5 054	3 241	9 207	17 193	86 541	403,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	82	54	34	645	991	53,6	
		square metres	21 160	11 878	7 392	132 414	162 621	22,8	
		R'000	97 974	55 848	33 831	611 551	751 475	22,9	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	40	111	12	610	500	-18,0	
		square metres	3 407	3 179	1 521	48 299	39 629	-18,0	
		R'000	16 114	21 872	6 780	216 272	197 731	-8,6	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	1 227	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	4 908	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	119 142	80 961	49 818	849 924	1 035 747	21,9
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 418	0	0	9 243	7 032	-23,9
R'000			13 411	0	0	50 099	36 804	-26,5	
Shopping space		square metres	255	10 122	0	33 716	22 071	-34,5	
		R'000	1 140	47 465	0	166 123	110 971	-33,2	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	1 524	0	0	16 701	2 940	-82,4	
		R'000	8 534	0	0	70 202	16 110	-77,1	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	0	399	5 104	6 571	28,7	
		R'000	0	0	1 995	25 192	31 487	25,0	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	23 085	47 465	1 995	311 616	195 372	-37,3	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 375	2 884	1 642	82 676	67 329	-18,6	
		R'000	63 773	14 446	7 019	339 756	288 915	-15,0	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 152	1 109	0	16 306	6 633	-59,3	
		R'000	12 149	5 011	200	80 175	31 105	-61,2	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	75 922	19 457	7 219	419 931	320 020	-23,8
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	218 149	147 883	59 032	1 581 471	1 551 139	-1,9	

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2015	Aug. 2016	Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	706	703	448	4 398	5 471	24,4
		square metres	34 814	38 154	23 489	221 801	269 956	21,7
		R'000	134 208	171 518	118 972	866 857	1 088 619	25,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	517	367	408	3 560	3 387	-4,9
		square metres	151 953	99 547	124 229	1 125 163	978 204	-13,1
		R'000	1 075 942	768 098	925 854	7 846 947	7 233 134	-7,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	710	346	627	3 983	3 758	-5,6
		square metres	66 440	25 622	74 191	356 608	380 320	6,6
		R'000	590 226	219 478	604 294	2 703 927	3 107 593	14,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	1 221	11 415	7 639	-33,1
		R'000	0	0	12 697	111 199	65 233	-41,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 800 376	1 159 094	1 661 817	11 528 930	11 494 579	-0,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	44 160	5 871	23 505	190 355	204 283	7,3
		R'000	347 828	48 104	212 853	1 536 560	1 903 684	23,9
	Shopping space	square metres	2 612	3 711	25 414	45 765	103 474	126,1
		R'000	18 785	34 133	220 560	303 573	839 129	176,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	26 536	21 562	36 709	275 391	348 055	26,4
		R'000	117 522	106 145	172 457	1 287 719	1 734 583	34,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	63	1 531	1 848	50 576	101 980	101,6
		R'000	403	10 083	12 785	373 677	637 524	70,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	484 538	198 465	618 655	3 501 529	5 114 920	46,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	22 248	18 992	24 839	141 206	180 223	27,6
		R'000	148 395	131 476	164 977	938 009	1 235 323	31,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	5 175	8 584	4 370	112 059	61 861	-44,8
		R'000	44 628	53 289	33 954	806 342	553 964	-31,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	193 023	184 765	198 931	1 744 351	1 789 287	2,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 477 937	1 542 324	2 479 403	16 774 810	18 398 786	9,7

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2015	Aug. 2016	Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	34	91	73	650	805	23,8
		square metres	1 802	4 368	4 587	34 507	40 459	17,2
		R'000	7 993	15 594	16 643	134 100	154 990	15,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	61	52	77	742	643	-13,3
		square metres	15 351	10 451	18 232	164 088	144 679	-11,8
		R'000	67 017	44 417	80 637	740 522	655 836	-11,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	55	8	0	305	148	-51,5
		square metres	3 806	331	0	16 637	9 886	-40,6
		R'000	17 127	1 492	0	75 003	44 340	-40,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	1 804	1 001	-44,5
		R'000	0	0	0	8 118	4 505	-44,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	92 137	61 503	97 280	957 743	859 671	-10,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 534	0	0	2 854	8 655	203,3
		R'000	9 511	0	0	15 583	46 340	197,4
	Shopping space	square metres	6 715	0	1 597	36 736	9 868	-73,1
		R'000	28 760	0	10 381	151 657	61 607	-59,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	431	2 206	23 417	25 625	9,4
		R'000	0	1 728	13 056	109 817	130 856	19,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	856	0	1 616	6 482	301,1
		R'000	0	3 424	0	8 590	27 979	225,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	38 271	5 152	23 437	285 647	266 782	-6,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 189	5 287	7 437	84 273	58 342	-30,8
		R'000	39 911	22 454	31 668	358 526	247 382	-31,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 628	0	0	4 905	10 645	117,0
		R'000	6 979	1 778	636	22 009	62 158	182,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	46 890	24 232	32 304	380 535	309 540	-18,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	177 298	90 887	153 021	1 623 925	1 435 993	-11,6

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2015	Aug. 2016	Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	13	10	7	167	119	-28,7
		square metres	687	670	484	9 519	7 259	-23,7
		R'000	3 354	3 350	2 238	46 173	36 020	-22,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	20	21	18	171	208	21,6
		square metres	4 549	5 963	5 435	43 990	53 893	22,5
		R'000	22 625	28 799	27 012	212 771	259 311	21,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	18	13	32	169	206	21,9
		square metres	1 858	2 173	2 505	17 392	19 167	10,2
		R'000	9 290	10 865	12 525	84 798	96 518	13,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	135	172	0	135	344	154,8
		R'000	675	860	0	675	1 720	154,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	35 944	43 874	41 775	344 417	393 569	14,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	370	309	4 423	2 207	-50,1
		R'000	0	1 850	1 545	22 014	10 991	-50,1
	Shopping space	square metres	2 693	3 039	26 566	3 988	29 605	642,4
		R'000	12 119	11 549	132 830	17 299	144 379	734,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	973	1 969	0	8 871	5 857	-34,0
		R'000	3 696	9 845	0	37 834	29 055	-23,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	14	14	15 688	872	-94,4
		R'000	0	70	73	78 215	4 403	-94,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	15 815	23 314	134 448	155 362	188 828	21,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	692	457	817	3 060	5 353	74,9
		R'000	3 115	2 127	4 014	13 701	25 690	87,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	77	60	334	1 543	870	-43,6
		R'000	294	300	1 348	9 169	9 091	-0,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	3 409	2 427	5 362	22 870	34 781	52,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	55 168	69 615	181 585	522 649	617 178	18,1

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

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

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

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

Explanatory notes

Introduction	<p>1 Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.</p> <p>2 In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.</p>
Purpose of the survey	<p>3 The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.</p>
Scope of the survey	<p>4 This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	<p>5 Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i>, (SIC) <i>Fifth Edition</i>, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.</p>
Collection rate	<p>6 The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for September 2016 was 95,5%. The improved collection rate for August 2016 was 92,7%.</p>
Statistical unit	<p>7 The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.</p>
Survey methodology and design	<p>8 Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.</p>
Constant prices	<p>9 The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2015. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: <i>Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP) Work Groups and Selected Materials Indices</i>. In order to be applicable, these indices (base February 1991=100) are converted to the base year 2015=100.</p>

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

**Symbols and
abbreviations**

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

Glossary

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

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

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