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Results for January to April 2015

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

Estimates at current prices	January to April 2014	January to April 2015	Difference in value between January to April 2014 and January to April 2015	% change between January to April 2014 and January to April 2015
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	13 012 660	15 601 417	2 588 757	19,9
-Dwelling-houses	9 371 825	10 211 733	839 908	9,0
-Flats and townhouses	3 294 665	5 143 209	1 848 544	56,1
-Other residential buildings	346 170	246 475	-99 695	-28,8
Non-residential buildings	7 400 297	5 868 415	-1 531 882	-20,7
Additions and alterations	7 521 594	8 004 433	482 839	6,4
Total	27 934 551	29 474 265	1 539 714	5,5

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

Total value of recorded building plans passed at current prices

The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) increased by 5,5% (R1 539,7 million) during January to April 2015 compared with January to April 2014 (see Table A).

Increases were reported for residential buildings (19,9% or R2 588,8 million) and additions and alterations (6,4% or R482,8 million). Non-residential buildings fell by 20,7% (-R1 531,9 million).

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

Estimates at current prices	January to April 2014	January to April 2015	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to April 2014	% change between January to April 2014 and January to April 2015	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January to April 2014 and January to April 2015	Difference in value between January to April 2014 and January to April 2015
	1/	1/				
	R'000	R'000			2/	R'000
Western Cape	6 174 327	7 753 159	22,1	25,6	5,7	1 578 832
Eastern Cape	1 309 654	1 372 734	4,7	4,8	0,2	63 080
Northern Cape	456 321	162 448	1,6	-64,4	-1,1	-293 873
Free State	1 115 152	1 443 146	4,0	29,4	1,2	327 994
KwaZulu-Natal	5 023 545	4 949 824	18,0	-1,5	-0,3	-73 721
North West	1 004 474	1 139 814	3,6	13,5	0,5	135 340
Gauteng	10 979 373	10 376 413	39,3	-5,5	-2,2	-602 960
Mpumalanga	1 248 079	1 512 956	4,5	21,2	0,9	264 877
Limpopo	623 626	763 771	2,2	22,5	0,5	140 145
Total	27 934 551	29 474 265	100,0	5,5	5,5	1 539 714

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

Six provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of building plans passed during January to April 2015. The increase in the value of building plans passed was dominated by Western Cape (contributing 5,7 percentage points or R1 578,8 million) (see Table B).

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

Estimates at constant 2010 prices	January to April 2014	January to April 2015	Difference in value between January to April 2014 and January to April 2015	% change between January to April 2014 and January to April 2015
	1/	1/	R'000	
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	10 497 080	12 076 076	1 578 996	15,0
Non-residential buildings	5 961 400	4 536 022	-1 425 378	-23,9
Additions and alterations	6 062 260	6 197 659	135 399	2,2
Total	22 520 740	22 809 757	289 017	1,3

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Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2010 prices) increased by 1,3% (R289,0 million) year-on-year during January to April 2015. Increases were recorded for residential buildings (15,0% or R1 579,0 million) and additions and alterations (2,2% or R135,4 million). Non-residential buildings fell by 23,9% (-R1 425,4 million) (see Table C).

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

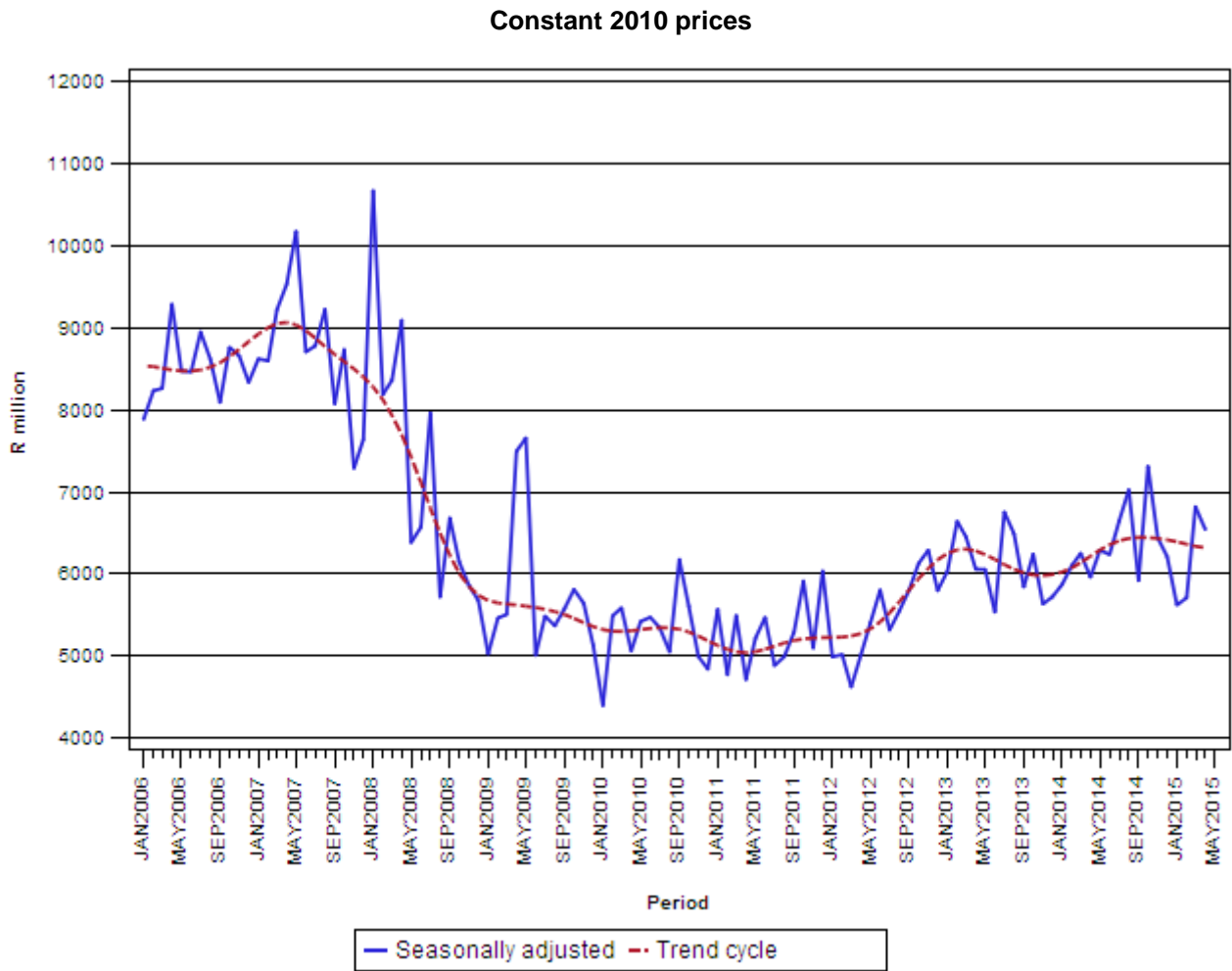
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2010 prices	November 2014 to January 2015	February to April 2015	% change between November 2014 to January 2015 and February to April 2015
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 576 315	9 988 929	4,3
Non-residential buildings 1/	3 579 106	4 067 323	13,6
Additions and alterations	5 121 287	5 019 655	-2,0
Total	18 276 710	19 075 907	4,4

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed increased by 4,4% during the three months ended April 2015 compared with the previous three months. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (13,6%) and residential buildings (4,3%). A decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-2,0%) (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 April 2014 versus January to April 2015**

Estimates at current prices	January to April 2014	January to April 2015	Difference in value between January to April 2014 and January to April 2015	% change between January to April 2014 and January to April 2015
	1/	1/	R'000	
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 227 353	9 049 401	822 048	10,0
-Dwelling-houses	5 430 386	6 939 065	1 508 679	27,8
-Flats and townhouses	2 581 315	1 911 738	-669 577	-25,9
-Other residential buildings	215 652	198 598	-17 054	-7,9
Non-residential buildings	4 369 748	3 394 762	-974 986	-22,3
Additions and alterations	3 152 677	3 126 151	-26 526	-0,8
Total	15 749 778	15 570 314	-179 464	-1,1

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

Total value of buildings reported as completed at current prices

As indicated in Table E, the value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 1,1% (-R179,5 million) during January to April 2015 compared with January to April 2014.

Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-22,3% or -R975,0 million) and additions and alterations (-0,8% or -R26,5 million). An increase was recorded for residential buildings (10,0% or R822,0 million).

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

Estimates at current prices	January to April 2014	January to April 2015	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to April 2014	% change between January to April 2014 and January to April 2015	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January to April 2014 and January to April 2015	Difference in value between January to April 2014 and January to April 2015
	1/	1/				R'000
	R'000	R'000			2/	R'000
Western Cape	3 554 315	3 783 256	22,6	6,4	1,5	228 941
Eastern Cape	776 565	635 595	4,9	-18,2	-0,9	-140 970
Northern Cape	164 586	136 340	1,0	-17,2	-0,2	-28 246
Free State	187 698	434 696	1,2	131,6	1,6	246 998
KwaZulu-Natal	1 921 398	2 080 924	12,2	8,3	1,0	159 526
North West	672 393	722 567	4,3	7,5	0,3	50 174
Gauteng	7 300 517	6 970 611	46,4	-4,5	-2,1	-329 906
Mpumalanga	990 462	654 799	6,3	-33,9	-2,1	-335 663
Limpopo	181 844	151 526	1,2	-16,7	-0,2	-30 318
Total	15 749 778	15 570 314	100,0	-1,1	-1,1	-179 464

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

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

Five provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed during January to April 2015. The largest year-on-year decreases were recorded for Mpumalanga (contributing -2,1 percentage points or -R335,7 million) and Gauteng (contributing -2,1 percentage points or -R329,9 million) (see Table F).

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

Estimates at constant 2010 prices	January to April 2014	January to April 2015	Difference in value between January to April 2014 and January to April 2015	% change between January to April 2014 and January to April 2015
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 924 304	7 131 449	207 145	3,0
Non-residential buildings	3 892 807	2 829 083	-1 063 724	-27,3
Additions and alterations	2 716 824	2 515 226	-201 598	-7,4
Total	13 533 935	12 475 758	-1 058 177	-7,8

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Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2010 prices) decreased by 7,8% (-R1 058,2 million) year-on-year during January to April 2015. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-27,3% or -R1 063,7 million) and additions and alterations (-7,4% or -R201,6 million). Residential buildings rose by 3,0% (R207,1 million) (see Table G).

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

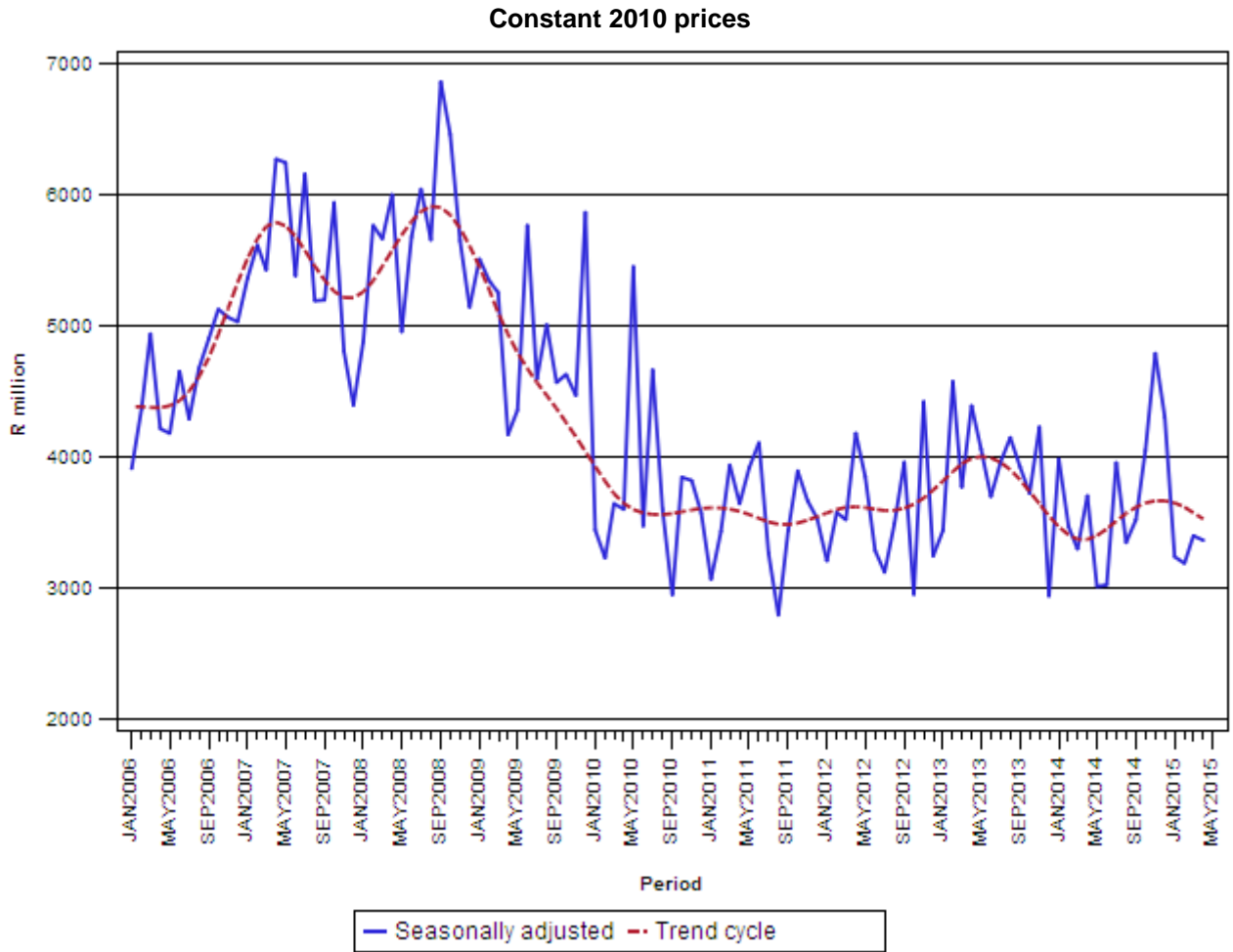
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2010 prices	November 2014 to January 2015	February to April 2015	% change between November 2014 to January 2015 and February to April 2015
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 947 664	5 881 088	-1,1
Non-residential buildings 1/	4 545 467	2 170 009	-52,3
Additions and alterations	1 846 767	1 907 926	3,3
Total	12 339 899	9 959 024	-19,3

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 19,3% during the three months ended April 2015 compared with the previous three months. A significant decrease was reported for non-residential buildings (-52,3%) (see Table H).

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



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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	3 235 268	48,9	1 344 728	-43,7	1 535 551	3,0	6 115 547	1,1
	February	3 267 441	-1,3	2 053 955	-5,3	2 056 519	2,3	7 377 915	-1,5
	March	3 468 612	17,4	2 275 160	7,6	1 952 793	15,3	7 696 565	13,8
	April	3 041 339	-2,6	1 726 454	2,1	1 976 731	-10,7	6 744 524	-4,0
	May	4 133 303	16,3	1 970 370	-1,5	1 913 499	-6,1	8 017 172	5,6
	June	3 911 224	20,4	2 034 001	59,6	1 918 240	3,5	7 863 465	23,3
	July	4 028 934	3,7	3 020 132	18,2	2 300 350	-4,7	9 349 416	5,6
	August	4 684 967	32,0	2 188 628	-12,4	2 596 407	20,7	9 470 002	15,5
	September	4 186 488	33,6	1 212 471	-36,3	2 621 773	13,8	8 020 732	9,3
	October	5 263 607	32,0	3 057 974	30,2	2 328 749	4,9	10 650 330	24,5
	November	4 150 427	40,9	2 113 168	11,0	2 278 644	-3,1	8 542 239	18,6
	December	2 955 810	21,2	1 872 912	15,4	1 877 595	14,8	6 706 317	17,7
	Total	46 327 420	20,9	24 869 953	1,6	25 356 851	4,0	96 554 224	10,8
2015	January	3 409 565	5,4	602 747	-55,2	1 667 102	8,6	5 679 414	-7,1
	February	3 817 791	16,8	1 178 435	-42,6	2 137 922	4,0	7 134 148	-3,3
	March	4 156 300	19,8	2 148 486	-5,6	2 255 375	15,5	8 560 161	11,2
	April	4 217 761	38,7	1 938 747	12,3	1 944 034	-1,7	8 100 542	20,1

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	3 836 144	15,3	1 344 728	-17,2	1 988 445	-3,2	7 169 317	2,3
	February	3 445 280	-10,2	2 053 955	52,7	2 066 447	3,9	7 565 682	5,5
	March	3 409 321	-1,0	2 275 160	10,8	2 054 370	-0,6	7 738 851	2,3
	April	3 565 176	4,6	1 726 454	-24,1	2 141 892	4,3	7 433 522	-3,9
	May	3 903 843	9,5	1 970 370	14,1	2 039 465	-4,8	7 913 679	6,5
	June	3 892 601	-0,3	2 034 001	3,2	1 972 495	-3,3	7 899 097	-0,2
	July	3 384 269	-13,1	3 020 132	48,5	2 027 767	2,8	8 432 168	6,7
	August	4 240 274	25,3	2 188 628	-27,5	2 505 002	23,5	8 933 903	6,0
	September	4 154 342	-2,0	1 212 471	-44,6	2 194 739	-12,4	7 561 552	-15,4
	October	4 282 744	3,1	3 057 974	152,2	2 029 804	-7,5	9 370 522	23,9
	November	4 075 597	-4,8	2 113 168	-30,9	2 092 141	3,1	8 280 907	-11,6
	December	3 898 378	-4,3	1 872 912	-11,4	2 223 741	6,3	7 995 031	-3,5
2015	January	4 365 736	12,0	602 747	-67,8	2 305 136	3,7	7 273 619	-9,0
	February	4 019 659	-7,9	1 178 435	95,5	2 154 365	-6,5	7 352 458	1,1
	March	4 423 614	10,0	2 148 486	82,3	2 252 534	4,6	8 824 634	20,0
	April	4 427 581	0,1	1 938 747	-9,8	2 106 151	-6,5	8 472 479	-4,0
	Nov. 14 – Jan. 15	12 339 711		4 588 827		6 621 018		23 549 557	
	Feb. – Apr. 15 2/	12 870 854	4,3	5 265 668	14,7	6 513 050	-1,6	24 649 571	4,7

1/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the relevant month compared with the seasonally adjusted value of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the previous month expressed as a percentage.
 2/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of recorded building plans passed by municipalities for the latest three months compared with the seasonally adjusted value of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the previous three months expressed as a percentage.
 3/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 11 and 12 on page 38.

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	2 651 859	39,9	1 102 236	-47,1	1 258 648	-3,2	5 012 743	-5,1
	February	2 641 424	-8,0	1 660 432	-11,7	1 662 505	-4,7	5 964 361	-8,2
	March	2 772 671	9,8	1 818 673	0,7	1 560 986	7,9	6 152 330	6,4
	April	2 431 126	-8,3	1 380 059	-3,8	1 580 121	-15,9	5 391 306	-9,6
	May	3 296 095	8,9	1 571 268	-7,8	1 525 916	-12,1	6 393 279	-1,1
	June	3 101 684	12,5	1 613 006	49,2	1 521 205	-3,3	6 235 895	15,3
	July	3 169 893	-2,7	2 376 186	10,8	1 809 874	-10,6	7 355 953	-1,0
	August	3 671 604	23,9	1 715 226	-17,8	2 034 802	13,2	7 421 632	8,4
	September	3 278 377	26,0	949 468	-39,9	2 053 072	7,3	6 280 917	3,0
	October	4 102 578	24,3	2 383 456	22,6	1 815 081	-1,3	8 301 115	17,2
	November	3 237 463	32,8	1 648 337	4,7	1 777 413	-8,6	6 663 213	11,9
	December	2 307 424	14,6	1 462 070	9,1	1 465 726	8,5	5 235 220	11,3
	Total	36 662 198	13,5	19 680 417	-4,7	20 065 349	-2,4	76 407 964	3,9
2015	January	2 651 295	-0,0	468 699	-57,5	1 296 347	3,0	4 416 341	-11,9
	February	2 973 357	12,6	917 784	-44,7	1 665 048	0,2	5 556 189	-6,8
	March	3 214 462	15,9	1 661 629	-8,6	1 744 296	11,7	6 620 387	7,6
	April	3 236 962	33,1	1 487 910	7,8	1 491 968	-5,6	6 216 840	15,3

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 2010 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	3 165 950	17,1	1 102 236	-17,8	1 605 292	-4,4	5 873 477	2,6
	February	2 788 305	-11,9	1 660 432	50,6	1 657 410	3,2	6 106 147	4,0
	March	2 797 651	0,3	1 818 673	9,5	1 634 713	-1,4	6 251 038	2,4
	April	2 876 959	2,8	1 380 059	-24,1	1 705 970	4,4	5 962 989	-4,6
	May	3 076 456	6,9	1 571 268	13,9	1 642 186	-3,7	6 289 910	5,5
	June	3 056 312	-0,7	1 613 006	2,7	1 569 174	-4,4	6 238 492	-0,8
	July	2 663 248	-12,9	2 376 186	47,3	1 602 784	2,1	6 642 217	6,5
	August	3 354 388	26,0	1 715 226	-27,8	1 957 122	22,1	7 026 736	5,8
	September	3 246 110	-3,2	949 468	-44,6	1 725 596	-11,8	5 921 174	-15,7
	October	3 328 506	2,5	2 383 456	151,0	1 600 810	-7,2	7 312 772	23,5
	November	3 157 612	-5,1	1 648 337	-30,8	1 634 406	2,1	6 440 356	-11,9
	December	3 038 502	-3,8	1 462 070	-11,3	1 712 568	4,8	6 213 140	-3,5
2015	January	3 380 201	11,2	468 699	-67,9	1 774 313	3,6	5 623 214	-9,5
	February	3 130 536	-7,4	917 784	95,8	1 662 021	-6,3	5 710 342	1,5
	March	3 423 511	9,4	1 661 629	81,0	1 734 699	4,4	6 819 838	19,4
	April	3 434 882	0,3	1 487 910	-10,5	1 622 935	-6,4	6 545 727	-4,0
	Nov. 14 – Jan. 15	9 576 315		3 579 106		5 121 287		18 276 710	
	Feb. – Apr. 15 2/	9 988 929	4,3	4 067 323	13,6	5 019 655	-2,0	19 075 907	4,4

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	1 864 951	14,2	947 942	135,7	772 015	-1,9	3 584 908	27,0
	February	1 901 135	-10,4	1 024 739	-31,8	957 322	-22,4	3 883 196	-20,1
	March	2 225 573	12,2	1 117 237	3,6	793 665	-31,5	4 136 475	-2,0
	April	2 235 694	-2,0	1 279 830	1,7	629 675	-53,9	4 145 199	-15,5
	May	1 858 144	-4,0	667 245	-45,9	766 606	-26,5	3 291 995	-21,8
	June	1 952 010	-2,4	799 842	-28,1	651 885	-21,8	3 403 737	-13,8
	July	2 522 008	6,1	1 653 772	41,6	758 975	-35,0	4 934 755	4,7
	August	2 380 745	0,9	941 925	-38,1	936 852	-6,3	4 259 522	-12,7
	September	2 543 242	3,9	1 068 777	-1,2	799 479	-23,3	4 411 498	-3,5
	October	2 882 645	19,1	1 426 294	38,1	899 738	-12,0	5 208 677	16,4
	November	3 072 324	27,0	2 550 356	29,9	718 978	-18,8	6 341 658	20,4
	December	2 502 517	28,9	2 020 839	169,8	689 403	4,2	5 212 759	55,5
	Total	27 940 988	7,8	15 498 798	9,9	9 374 593	-23,2	52 814 379	1,1
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	2 572 870	15,6	858 760	-23,1	1 020 286	28,6	4 451 916	7,6
	April	2 570 145	15,0	730 570	-42,9	928 190	47,4	4 228 905	2,0

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	2 634 599	47,5	947 942	26,6	1 042 647	24,3	4 625 188	37,1
	February	2 099 137	-20,3	1 024 739	8,1	895 033	-14,2	4 018 910	-13,1
	March	2 100 948	0,1	1 117 237	9,0	577 036	-35,5	3 795 221	-5,6
	April	2 500 539	19,0	1 279 830	14,6	711 658	23,3	4 492 026	18,4
	May	2 059 029	-17,7	667 245	-47,9	815 313	14,6	3 541 587	-21,2
	June	2 074 793	0,8	799 842	19,9	703 986	-13,7	3 578 621	1,0
	July	2 349 684	13,2	1 653 772	106,8	681 047	-3,3	4 684 503	30,9
	August	2 240 082	-4,7	941 925	-43,0	835 562	22,7	4 017 569	-14,2
	September	2 401 736	7,2	1 068 777	13,5	786 379	-5,9	4 256 892	6,0
	October	2 620 265	9,1	1 426 294	33,5	870 221	10,7	4 916 779	15,5
	November	2 528 190	-3,5	2 550 356	78,8	697 418	-19,9	5 775 965	17,5
	December	2 326 061	-8,0	2 020 839	-20,8	877 333	25,8	5 224 233	-9,6
2015	January	2 542 432	9,3	785 616	-61,1	680 251	-22,5	4 008 299	-23,3
	February	2 308 264	-9,2	1 019 816	29,8	630 913	-7,3	3 958 993	-1,2
	March	2 557 797	10,8	858 760	-15,8	915 172	45,1	4 331 729	9,4
	April	2 704 246	5,7	730 570	-14,9	837 288	-8,5	4 272 104	-1,4
	Nov. 14 – Jan. 15	7 396 683		5 356 811		2 255 002		15 008 497	
	Feb. – Apr. 15 2/	7 570 307	2,3	2 609 146	-51,3	2 383 373	5,7	12 562 826	-16,3

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	1 577 690	7,2	846 377	122,9	673 661	-7,2	3 097 728	20,2
	February	1 604 474	-16,0	914 946	-35,4	830 288	-26,3	3 349 708	-24,8
	March	1 871 420	5,2	994 868	-1,7	678 346	-35,6	3 544 634	-7,8
	April	1 870 720	-8,1	1 136 616	-3,5	534 529	-56,7	3 541 865	-20,4
	May	1 550 914	-9,8	589 960	-48,6	652 986	-30,6	2 793 860	-26,6
	June	1 622 819	-8,3	704 707	-31,8	552 913	-26,2	2 880 439	-18,9
	July	2 083 259	-0,3	1 443 082	33,9	636 724	-38,9	4 163 065	-1,1
	August	1 937 886	-6,2	816 934	-41,2	782 667	-12,3	3 537 487	-18,6
	September	2 055 674	-3,4	913 485	-7,0	664 019	-28,4	3 633 178	-10,0
	October	2 318 466	11,6	1 210 776	29,5	744 816	-18,0	4 274 058	9,0
	November	2 477 900	18,9	2 172 365	22,7	594 688	-24,0	5 244 953	13,1
	December	2 009 778	20,7	1 714 028	154,7	569 284	-2,3	4 293 090	47,0
	Total	22 981 000	0,8	13 458 144	3,6	7 914 921	-27,8	44 354 065	-5,1
2015	January	1 442 828	-8,5	659 074	-22,1	411 217	-39,0	2 513 119	-18,9
	February	1 646 859	2,6	851 977	-6,9	546 475	-34,2	3 045 311	-9,1
	March	2 025 636	8,2	713 256	-28,3	815 576	20,2	3 554 468	0,3
	April	2 016 126	7,8	604 776	-46,8	741 958	38,8	3 362 860	-5,1

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 2010 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	2 239 825	46,0	846 377	25,8	901 413	22,8	3 987 615	35,6
	February	1 782 577	-20,4	914 946	8,1	771 657	-14,4	3 469 180	-13,0
	March	1 813 272	1,7	994 868	8,7	491 633	-36,3	3 299 773	-4,9
	April	1 964 105	8,3	1 136 616	14,2	605 862	23,2	3 706 582	12,3
	May	1 724 126	-12,2	589 960	-48,1	701 159	15,7	3 015 245	-18,7
	June	1 723 438	0,0	704 707	19,4	597 735	-14,8	3 025 880	0,4
	July	1 941 913	12,7	1 443 082	104,8	573 670	-4,0	3 958 665	30,8
	August	1 830 771	-5,7	816 934	-43,4	701 922	22,4	3 349 627	-15,4
	September	1 955 354	6,8	913 485	11,8	654 755	-6,7	3 523 593	5,2
	October	2 121 610	8,5	1 210 776	32,5	720 776	10,1	4 053 162	15,0
	November	2 046 063	-3,6	2 172 365	79,4	573 688	-20,4	4 792 116	18,2
	December	1 871 421	-8,5	1 714 028	-21,1	720 438	25,6	4 305 887	-10,1
2015	January	2 030 180	8,5	659 074	-61,5	552 641	-23,3	3 241 896	-24,7
	February	1 831 415	-9,8	851 977	29,3	507 107	-8,2	3 190 500	-1,6
	March	1 958 222	6,9	713 256	-16,3	729 828	43,9	3 401 306	6,6
	April	2 091 451	6,8	604 776	-15,2	670 991	-8,1	3 367 218	-1,0
	Nov. 14 – Jan. 15	5 947 664		4 545 467		1 846 767		12 339 899	
	Feb. – Apr. 15 2/	5 881 088	-1,1	2 170 009	-52,3	1 907 926	3,3	9 959 024	-19,3

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

			Apr. 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	Jan. - Apr. 2014	Jan. - Apr. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	1 027	1 313	1 848	7 232	5 861	-19,0	
		Square metres	52 549	63 443	84 953	358 427	278 707	-22,2	
		R'000	198 031	278 883	272 300	1 205 961	1 069 307	-11,3	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	1 266	1 451	1 267	5 190	5 314	2,4	
		Square metres	321 446	402 404	343 634	1 357 646	1 460 622	7,6	
		R'000	1 939 448	2 496 426	2 167 127	8 165 864	9 142 426	12,0	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	1 334	1 237	2 791	5 206	7 266	39,6	
		Square metres	132 352	179 975	237 527	507 548	713 264	40,5	
		R'000	870 303	1 241 338	1 756 503	3 294 665	5 143 209	56,1	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	4 665	25 143	3 635	71 092	41 873	-41,1	
		R'000	33 557	139 653	21 831	346 170	246 475	-28,8	
	5. Total residential buildings		R'000	3 041 339	4 156 300	4 217 761	13 012 660	15 601 417	19,9
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	94 963	66 897	25 437	387 794	121 364	-68,7	
		R'000	828 712	557 678	177 177	3 095 314	924 489	-70,1	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	55 998	96 697	102 145	195 568	244 413	25,0	
		R'000	313 225	667 610	663 024	1 195 473	1 599 095	33,8	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	105 366	156 607	186 038	493 463	502 540	1,8	
		R'000	489 661	749 279	900 573	2 292 269	2 565 929	11,9	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	17 556	30 364	35 203	146 350	131 690	-10,0	
		R'000	94 856	173 919	197 973	817 241	778 902	-4,7	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 726 454	2 148 486	1 938 747	7 400 297	5 868 415	-20,7
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	240 149	260 982	243 820	967 131	957 898	-1,0
R'000			1 363 277	1 551 626	1 413 488	5 318 639	5 596 047	5,2	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	88 059	100 177	61 688	325 802	315 507	-3,2	
		R'000	613 454	703 749	530 546	2 202 955	2 408 386	9,3	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	1 976 731	2 255 375	1 944 034	7 521 594	8 004 433	6,4	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	6 744 524	8 560 161	8 100 542	27 934 551	29 474 265	5,5	

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

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

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

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

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

		Apr. 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	Jan. - Apr. 2014	Jan. - Apr. 2015	% change 1/		
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	121	598	281	2 485	1 794	-27,8	
		Square metres	5 533	26 388	12 226	110 436	79 278	-28,2	
		R'000	18 786	145 297	64 055	349 367	437 818	25,3	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	196	408	255	964	1 447	50,1	
		Square metres	52 922	99 786	67 500	235 643	362 336	53,8	
		R'000	318 547	618 735	414 248	1 412 870	2 266 921	60,4	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	148	364	940	967	1 990	105,8	
		Square metres	15 037	51 616	63 827	90 450	173 591	91,9	
		R'000	105 173	388 076	456 593	655 997	1 257 252	91,7	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	1 801	2 573	1 718	6 701	7 049	5,2	
		R'000	12 310	12 791	11 225	45 010	43 568	-3,2	
	5. Total residential buildings		R'000	454 816	1 164 899	946 121	2 463 244	4 005 559	62,6
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	6 022	11 915	1 129	68 966	20 978	-69,6	
		R'000	49 959	79 888	9 536	472 816	140 212	-70,3	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	16 140	562	2 875	69 011	9 472	-86,3	
		R'000	109 248	4 000	22 029	457 812	72 249	-84,2	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	6 487	15 281	46 739	71 258	144 572	102,9	
		R'000	39 235	93 761	304 998	385 884	926 998	140,2	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	2 845	5 454	16 712	72 411	41 829	-42,2	
		R'000	15 383	33 286	97 602	413 965	251 718	-39,2	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	213 825	210 935	434 165	1 730 477	1 391 177	-19,6
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	57 651	93 163	67 155	241 068	297 629	23,5
R'000			319 929	550 295	365 941	1 234 295	1 673 687	35,6	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	12 116	22 168	17 694	98 434	68 186	-30,7	
		R'000	115 506	251 902	148 872	746 311	682 736	-8,5	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	435 435	802 197	514 813	1 980 606	2 356 423	19,0	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 104 076	2 178 031	1 895 099	6 174 327	7 753 159	25,6	

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	Jan. - Apr. 2014	Jan. - Apr. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	127	30	348	275	415	50,9	
		Square metres	5 480	1 890	14 340	12 432	18 440	48,3	
		R'000	12 708	8 859	33 194	36 808	52 708	43,2	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	100	101	60	299	302	1,0	
		Square metres	19 839	25 102	13 784	62 335	70 667	13,4	
		R'000	98 893	129 130	75 980	307 703	398 438	29,5	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	12	14	38	102	81	-20,6	
		Square metres	2 364	1 492	5 925	7 773	10 484	34,9	
		R'000	12 670	7 533	30 521	40 028	54 525	36,2	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	888	155	1 007	2 431	1 716	-29,4	
		R'000	5 772	1 008	6 545	14 941	11 154	-25,3	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	130 043	146 530	146 240	399 480	516 825	29,4	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	751	0	2 444	3 746	53,3	
		R'000	0	3 380	0	9 656	20 482	112,1	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	2 261	2 056	762	34 913	5 938	-83,0	
		R'000	11 931	8 224	3 429	203 075	28 124	-86,2	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	3 905	9 885	238	40 178	21 601	-46,2	
		R'000	20 785	44 483	1 071	182 936	99 879	-45,4	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	125	3 528	0	6 678	4 158	-37,7	
		R'000	650	14 112	0	25 554	16 708	-34,6	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	33 366	70 199	4 500	421 221	165 193	-60,8
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	19 994	27 280	27 810	83 520	102 519	22,7
R'000			92 900	135 756	139 377	382 356	525 125	37,3	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	7 108	8 169	4 450	25 559	35 335	38,2	
		R'000	28 617	40 246	20 073	106 597	165 591	55,3	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	121 517	176 002	159 450	488 953	690 716	41,3	
4. Recorded plans passed		R'000	284 926	392 731	310 190	1 309 654	1 372 734	4,8	

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

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

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

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

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

		Apr. 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	Jan. - Apr. 2014	Jan. - Apr. 2015	% change 1/		
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	7	5	0	7	5	-28,6	
		Square metres	311	174	0	311	174	-44,1	
		R'000	1 334	1 050	0	1 334	1 050	-21,3	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	23	13	8	150	45	-70,0	
		Square metres	5 612	3 875	1 534	21 716	9 688	-55,4	
		R'000	25 485	18 908	8 108	99 587	48 675	-51,1	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	48	0	..	
		Square metres	0	0	0	3 614	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	13 010	0	..	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	29 528	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	132 686	0	..	
	5. Total residential buildings		R'000	26 819	19 958	8 108	246 617	49 725	-79,8
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	414	0	0	1 306	0	..	
		R'000	2 070	0	0	6 530	0	..	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	5 976	0	0	5 976	0	..	
		R'000	26 893	0	0	26 893	0	..	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	2 126	985	1 008	4 735	1 993	-57,9	
		R'000	10 630	5 418	5 544	22 672	10 962	-51,6	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	242	147	246	1 057	502	-52,5	
		R'000	1 089	809	1 107	4 529	2 330	-48,6	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	40 682	6 227	6 651	60 624	13 292	-78,1
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	4 122	4 494	5 123	18 934	17 528	-7,4
R'000			18 996	24 606	27 794	85 371	94 755	11,0	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	3 211	0	324	13 296	790	-94,1	
		R'000	16 263	90	1 788	63 709	4 676	-92,7	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	35 259	24 696	29 582	149 080	99 431	-33,3	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	102 760	50 881	44 341	456 321	162 448	-64,4	

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	Jan. - Apr. 2014	Jan. - Apr. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	60	178	87	205	601	193,2	
		Square metres	3 386	8 802	4 825	11 108	32 374	191,4	
		R'000	9 890	20 317	13 221	34 100	78 283	129,6	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	52	63	57	278	289	4,0	
		Square metres	11 115	13 646	14 395	58 318	62 362	6,9	
		R'000	54 024	67 669	69 075	270 001	304 195	12,7	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	98	63	14	282	195	-30,9	
		Square metres	14 884	8 037	1 507	42 835	19 927	-53,5	
		R'000	81 658	47 870	8 434	226 175	117 882	-47,9	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	18 024	258	20 500	18 282	-10,8	
		R'000	0	93 088	1 300	91 923	94 388	2,7	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	145 572	228 944	92 030	622 199	594 748	-4,4	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	3 994	0	2 269	6 588	190,3	
		R'000	0	26 951	0	11 885	44 608	275,3	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	632	25 395	44 982	3 444	70 933	1 959,6	
		R'000	2 844	177 765	223 696	14 728	404 241	2 644,7	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	17 959	870	4 634	35 525	9 068	-74,5	
		R'000	84 597	4 000	20 766	145 978	39 713	-72,8	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	638	452	421	1 524	4 456	192,4	
		R'000	3 487	2 300	2 947	7 809	26 745	242,5	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	90 928	211 016	247 409	180 400	515 307	185,6
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	10 850	9 771	10 933	49 832	49 770	-0,1
R'000			48 833	44 112	50 118	216 716	227 784	5,1	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	8 051	3 028	6 092	14 646	16 013	9,3	
		R'000	48 462	14 437	46 702	95 837	105 307	9,9	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	97 295	58 549	96 820	312 553	333 091	6,6	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	333 795	498 509	436 259	1 115 152	1 443 146	29,4	

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	Jan. - Apr. 2014	Jan. - Apr. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	28	21	34	95	103	8,4
		Square metres	1 809	1 154	1 982	5 696	5 810	2,0
		R'000	10 777	8 302	14 730	38 832	42 527	9,5
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	106	143	132	411	504	22,6
		Square metres	34 485	47 129	37 514	125 544	157 662	25,6
		R'000	268 783	387 411	330 036	973 296	1 312 781	34,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	155	104	59	495	330	-33,3
		Square metres	22 941	19 758	10 123	76 728	52 294	-31,8
		R'000	178 876	128 503	81 823	576 413	384 407	-33,3
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	1 401	0	0	6 882	2 442	-64,5
		R'000	12 889	0	0	40 661	24 176	-40,5
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	471 325	524 216	426 589	1 629 202	1 763 891	8,3	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	27 822	18 997	21 061	124 162	42 888	-65,5
		R'000	239 269	163 253	150 083	1 067 790	328 808	-69,2
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	3 701	0	35 097	12 889	36 294	181,6
		R'000	21 631	0	314 001	95 024	325 133	242,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	34 852	54 685	19 772	117 919	112 937	-4,2
		R'000	151 632	271 729	96 319	564 051	567 745	0,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	4 246	11 897	6 196	27 618	41 505	50,3
		R'000	29 341	80 271	38 499	164 767	278 875	69,3
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	441 873	515 253	598 902	1 891 632	1 500 561	-20,7
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	32 675	29 135	27 345	119 945	103 976
R'000			221 552	231 367	209 748	849 540	814 696	-4,1
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	37 408	30 619	17 170	87 027	100 995	16,1
		R'000	277 398	208 390	195 639	653 171	870 676	33,3
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	498 950	439 757	405 387	1 502 711	1 685 372	12,2
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 412 148	1 479 226	1 430 878	5 023 545	4 949 824	-1,5

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	Jan. - Apr. 2014	Jan. - Apr. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	8	33	65	31	612	1 874,2
		Square metres	430	1 500	2 974	1 983	27 805	1 302,2
		R'000	2 338	4 245	6 562	9 180	69 106	652,8
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	58	78	75	306	273	-10,8
		Square metres	14 515	19 079	21 013	70 651	72 557	2,7
		R'000	77 527	95 928	108 796	333 203	363 109	9,0
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	66	154	282	457	611	33,7
		Square metres	4 543	14 844	19 673	38 531	49 143	27,5
		R'000	24 573	80 669	113 387	200 129	270 646	35,2
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	564	464	-17,7
		R'000	0	0	0	1 974	2 611	32,3
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	104 438	180 842	228 745	544 486	705 472	29,6
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	700	375	0	3 661	..
		R'000	0	3 500	1 875	0	18 154	..
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	13 363	20 067	900	20 481	24 451	19,4
		R'000	62 568	118 936	4 320	95 827	142 953	49,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	1 435	1 248	1 581	9 766	3 602	-63,1
		R'000	6 314	5 376	6 324	41 361	14 792	-64,2
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	717	0	413	8 407	2 878	-65,8
		R'000	3 300	0	1 920	42 394	12 135	-71,4
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	72 182	127 812	14 439	179 582	188 034	4,7
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	10 347	12 763	10 001	53 986	45 897
R'000			46 584	61 167	47 439	235 312	211 249	-10,2
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	490	3 252	390	9 892	6 158	-37,7
		R'000	4 135	18 499	2 294	45 094	35 059	-22,3
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	50 719	79 666	49 733	280 406	246 308	-12,2
4. Recorded plans passed		1. Total at current prices	R'000	227 339	388 320	292 917	1 004 474	1 139 814

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	Jan. - Apr. 2014	Jan. - Apr. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	530	238	947	3 623	1 815	-49,9	
		Square metres	28 532	11 963	44 113	189 650	87 192	-54,0	
		R'000	114 019	38 611	122 270	619 227	271 466	-56,2	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	577	365	428	2 104	1 550	-26,3	
		Square metres	144 056	133 590	131 459	622 491	504 331	-19,0	
		R'000	917 465	890 277	900 571	4 020 726	3 413 616	-15,1	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	644	350	1 380	2 289	3 772	64,8	
		Square metres	56 706	55 366	127 286	200 902	368 124	83,2	
		R'000	394 348	453 141	1 020 469	1 377 668	2 868 997	108,3	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	575	4 391	0	813	5 141	532,3	
		R'000	2 586	32 766	0	3 918	40 245	927,2	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	1 428 418	1 414 795	2 043 310	6 021 539	6 594 324	9,5	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	59 647	26 418	1 108	185 680	34 442	-81,5	
		R'000	532 653	262 752	7 693	1 513 286	328 934	-78,3	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	6 980	46 403	1 277	25 677	62 676	144,1	
		R'000	46 861	349 585	8 867	167 958	451 718	168,9	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	28 634	57 349	105 684	175 637	174 382	-0,7	
		R'000	131 567	255 270	431 364	785 127	743 254	-5,3	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	5 380	5 432	746	17 409	20 097	15,4	
		R'000	26 472	27 827	5 082	109 183	112 980	3,5	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	737 553	895 434	453 006	2 575 554	1 636 886	-36,4
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	84 582	63 588	72 871	315 078	253 540	-19,5
R'000			528 444	412 392	478 327	1 955 463	1 661 370	-15,0	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	17 780	27 674	15 021	67 225	76 520	13,8	
		R'000	111 938	144 783	112 670	426 817	483 833	13,4	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	640 382	557 175	590 997	2 382 280	2 145 203	-10,0	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	2 806 353	2 867 404	3 087 313	10 979 373	10 376 413	-5,5	

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	Jan. - Apr. 2014	Jan. - Apr. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	124	170	65	380	404	6,3	
		Square metres	5 855	9 361	3 261	19 094	21 402	12,1	
		R'000	22 375	40 617	12 186	78 289	86 432	10,4	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	115	234	201	510	686	34,5	
		Square metres	27 245	46 046	41 111	112 605	157 351	39,7	
		R'000	125 990	219 072	184 693	522 155	736 349	41,0	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	176	26	27	388	69	-82,2	
		Square metres	9 303	2 982	1 393	24 306	5 502	-77,4	
		R'000	44 138	12 451	6 311	110 870	25 073	-77,4	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	354	145	729	402,8	
		R'000	0	0	1 628	750	3 316	342,1	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	192 503	272 140	204 818	712 064	851 170	19,5	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	1 984	1 390	1 909	4 860	154,6	
		R'000	0	8 623	5 560	8 590	24 183	181,5	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	6 945	1 730	15 740	8 081	30 693	279,8	
		R'000	31 249	6 922	84 378	36 368	156 874	331,4	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	8 378	15 149	6 095	31 840	29 026	-8,8	
		R'000	38 958	63 467	32 752	138 978	137 958	-0,7	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	1 427	410	7 634	2 470	-67,6	
		R'000	0	6 422	1 642	33 034	11 652	-64,7	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	70 207	85 434	124 332	216 970	330 667	52,4
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	16 680	16 027	18 033	61 807	70 247	13,7
R'000			72 190	69 157	73 203	261 382	308 514	18,0	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	1 790	1 063	0	8 254	4 468	-45,9	
		R'000	10 191	5 924	46	57 663	22 605	-60,8	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	82 381	75 081	73 249	319 045	331 119	3,8	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	345 091	432 655	402 399	1 248 079	1 512 956	21,2	

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	Jan. - Apr. 2014	Jan. - Apr. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	22	40	21	131	112	-14,5
		Square metres	1 213	2 211	1 232	7 717	6 232	-19,2
		R'000	5 804	11 585	6 082	38 824	29 917	-22,9
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	39	46	51	168	218	29,8
		Square metres	11 657	14 151	15 324	48 343	63 668	31,7
		R'000	52 734	69 296	75 620	226 323	298 342	31,8
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	35	162	51	178	218	22,5
		Square metres	6 574	25 880	7 793	22 409	34 199	52,6
		R'000	28 867	123 095	38 965	94 375	164 427	74,2
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	298	3 528	6 050	71,5
		R'000	0	0	1 133	14 307	27 017	88,8
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	87 405	203 976	121 800	373 829	519 703	39,0
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	1 058	2 138	374	1 058	4 201	297,1
		R'000	4 761	9 331	2 430	4 761	19 108	301,3
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	484	512	15 096	3 956	-73,8
		R'000	0	2 178	2 304	97 788	17 803	-81,8
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	1 590	1 155	287	6 605	5 359	-18,9
		R'000	5 943	5 775	1 435	25 282	24 628	-2,6
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	3 363	2 027	10 059	3 612	13 795	281,9
		R'000	15 134	8 892	49 174	16 006	65 759	310,8
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	25 838	26 176	55 343	143 837	127 298	-11,5
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	3 248	4 761	4 549	22 961	16 792
R'000			13 849	22 774	21 541	98 204	78 867	-19,7
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	105	4 204	547	1 469	7 042	379,4
		R'000	944	19 478	2 462	7 756	37 903	388,7
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	14 793	42 252	24 003	105 960	116 770	10,2
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	128 036	272 404	201 146	623 626	763 771	22,5

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	Jan. - Apr. 2014	Jan. - Apr. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	674	1 289	1 226	4 374	4 753	8,7
		Square metres	36 043	69 113	60 756	211 197	242 475	14,8
		R'000	150 728	271 575	233 839	678 839	923 366	36,0
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	728	1 047	994	3 142	3 703	17,9
		Square metres	185 471	265 851	265 557	794 777	971 716	22,3
		R'000	1 137 229	1 634 047	1 689 502	4 751 547	6 015 699	26,6
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	1 528	1 015	789	4 604	3 036	-34,1
		Square metres	133 303	95 968	79 190	392 120	284 807	-27,4
		R'000	861 600	643 516	484 151	2 581 315	1 911 738	-25,9
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	18 013	2 746	21 556	40 733	26 990	-33,7
		R'000	86 137	23 732	162 653	215 652	198 598	-7,9
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	2 235 694	2 572 870	2 570 145	8 227 353	9 049 401	10,0	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	19 339	28 945	32 415	113 577	141 910	24,9
		R'000	144 135	205 359	233 410	755 943	1 088 546	44,0
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	35 334	58 569	6 048	122 295	103 641	-15,3
		R'000	220 932	383 193	35 770	882 498	659 642	-25,3
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	172 846	31 195	55 524	472 652	243 376	-48,5
		R'000	867 309	147 179	266 164	2 272 870	1 201 348	-47,1
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	10 514	17 186	30 456	71 603	63 698	-11,0
		R'000	47 454	123 029	195 226	458 437	445 226	-2,9
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 279 830	858 760	730 570	4 369 748	3 394 762	-22,3
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	69 931	96 962	106 762	414 497	367 215
R'000			407 636	523 990	567 237	2 167 623	1 945 436	-10,3
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	34 717	57 083	46 309	165 291	146 845	-11,2
		R'000	222 039	496 296	360 953	985 054	1 180 715	19,9
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	629 675	1 020 286	928 190	3 152 677	3 126 151	-0,8
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	4 145 199	4 451 916	4 228 905	15 749 778	15 570 314	-1,1

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	Jan. - Apr. 2014	Jan. - Apr. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	83	305	314	2 137	1 327	-37,9
		Square metres	4 102	17 148	14 556	92 083	62 419	-32,2
		R'000	16 474	73 401	56 882	236 301	247 514	4,7
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	125	302	227	653	978	49,8
		Square metres	32 116	70 873	53 578	172 439	234 094	35,8
		R'000	193 363	417 948	318 289	948 495	1 369 342	44,4
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	271	274	145	722	547	-24,2
		Square metres	23 869	22 073	11 594	79 610	47 849	-39,9
		R'000	160 304	154 617	73 495	479 344	331 070	-30,9
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	777	6 020	21 777	6 797	-68,8
		R'000	0	5 976	38 251	124 129	44 227	-64,4
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	370 141	651 942	486 917	1 788 269	1 992 153	11,4	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	1 399	14 603	5 603	37 970	21 654	-43,0
		R'000	10 208	82 962	30 962	259 719	124 905	-51,9
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	740	284	1 027	6 220	19 143	207,8
		R'000	4 810	2 384	6 676	29 366	118 187	302,5
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	5 761	6 109	6 129	42 435	38 576	-9,1
		R'000	34 628	34 794	39 495	203 763	235 683	15,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	2 728	3 736	13 691	13 994	19 659	40,5
		R'000	10 806	23 941	84 388	65 325	121 088	85,4
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	60 452	144 081	161 521	558 173	599 863	7,5
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	16 427	45 352	40 359	152 279	153 377
R'000			84 178	215 428	189 807	665 546	715 135	7,5
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	7 060	21 659	21 111	95 453	56 577	-40,7
		R'000	57 742	181 223	186 647	542 327	476 105	-12,2
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	141 920	396 651	376 454	1 207 873	1 191 240	-1,4
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	572 513	1 192 674	1 024 892	3 554 315	3 783 256	6,4

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

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

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

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

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

		Apr. 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	Jan. - Apr. 2014	Jan. - Apr. 2015	% change 1/		
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	54	121	66	134	356	165,7	
		Square metres	2 635	5 495	3 294	7 052	16 125	128,7	
		R'000	7 957	13 429	10 846	22 170	42 903	93,5	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	54	66	50	185	191	3,2	
		Square metres	8 187	15 258	9 375	33 780	40 106	18,7	
		R'000	37 648	73 005	44 810	153 978	191 506	24,4	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	104	4	17	143	68	-52,4	
		Square metres	6 385	843	2 343	12 531	6 237	-50,2	
		R'000	31 099	4 638	11 819	57 650	30 790	-46,6	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	248	420	248	-41,0	
		R'000	0	0	1 220	2 730	1 220	-55,3	
	5. Total residential buildings		R'000	76 704	91 072	68 695	236 528	266 419	12,6
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	0	0	1 024	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	3 804	0	..	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	7 471	252	762	9 824	1 744	-82,2	
		R'000	33 620	1 008	3 429	43 623	9 182	-79,0	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	38 828	768	0	82 076	28 228	-65,6	
		R'000	174 727	3 456	0	330 775	154 388	-53,3	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	3 677	32	467	4 320	825,1	
		R'000	0	18 385	66	1 454	21 201	1 358,1	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	208 347	22 849	3 495	379 656	184 771	-51,3
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	5 650	9 751	9 656	31 431	35 466	12,8
R'000			21 412	39 884	37 955	119 794	144 533	20,7	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	3 353	2 308	1 809	10 879	6 048	-44,4	
		R'000	12 689	10 841	8 209	40 587	39 872	-1,8	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	34 101	50 725	46 164	160 381	184 405	15,0	
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	319 152	164 646	118 354	776 565	635 595	-18,2	

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	Jan. - Apr. 2014	Jan. - Apr. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	1	0	32	2	33	1 550,0
		Square metres	41	0	1 760	82	1 811	2 108,5
		R'000	71	0	9 680	276	9 961	3 509,1
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	9	1	94	35	111	217,1
		Square metres	1 468	144	7 990	8 282	11 995	44,8
		R'000	7 123	792	43 945	37 748	65 641	73,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	42	10	42	320,0
		Square metres	0	0	2 940	1 159	2 940	153,7
		R'000	0	0	16 170	4 655	16 170	247,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	7 194	792	69 795	42 679	91 772	115,0
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	0	0	14 879	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	50 589	0	..
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	0	222	363	222	-38,8
		R'000	0	0	1 221	1 634	1 221	-25,3
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	272	0	0	2 509	915	-63,5
		R'000	1 360	0	0	12 545	4 318	-65,6
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 360	0	1 221	64 768	5 539	-91,4
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	2 156	2 723	2 346	8 130	6 746
R'000			9 854	16 627	12 906	37 291	38 673	3,7
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	3 217	0	0	3 618	82	-97,7
		R'000	16 044	60	0	19 848	356	-98,2
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	25 898	16 687	12 906	57 139	39 029	-31,7
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	34 452	17 479	83 922	164 586	136 340	-17,2

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

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

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

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

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

		Apr. 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	Jan. - Apr. 2014	Jan. - Apr. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	4	166	116	109	552	406,4
		Square metres	200	9 301	6 298	6 066	30 473	402,4
		R'000	360	25 981	13 064	13 676	74 202	442,6
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	14	49	9	43	82	90,7
		Square metres	3 930	9 835	729	11 472	15 809	37,8
		R'000	19 559	43 466	3 283	55 524	71 848	29,4
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	30	43	136	150	179	19,3
		Square metres	2 286	6 330	17 190	16 621	23 520	41,5
		R'000	10 957	34 815	80 221	81 525	115 036	41,1
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	5 034	0	5 034	..
		R'000	0	0	27 687	0	27 687	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	30 876	104 262	124 255	150 725	288 773	91,6
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	935	470	0	1 405
R'000			0	5 797	2 585	0	8 382	..
2. Shopping space		Square metres	0	4 149	621	451	4 770	957,6
		R'000	0	19 233	3 100	2 030	22 333	1 000,1
3. Industrial and warehouse space		Square metres	0	0	3 807	0	3 807	..
		R'000	0	0	15 228	0	15 228	..
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		Square metres	0	0	4 158	725	4 261	487,7
		R'000	0	0	24 948	2 700	25 463	843,1
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	0	25 030	45 861	4 730	71 406	1 409,6
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	1 362	3 737	473	3 974	7 076
	R'000		6 131	19 849	2 156	16 398	33 348	103,4
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	0	114	1 382	556	3 644	555,4
		R'000	900	15 499	16 007	15 845	41 169	159,8
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	7 031	35 348	18 163	32 243	74 517	131,1
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	37 907	164 640	188 279	187 698	434 696	131,6

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	Jan. - Apr. 2014	Jan. - Apr. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	12	15	29	62	84	35,5
		Square metres	692	864	1 592	3 448	5 190	50,5
		R'000	3 682	6 639	15 460	21 443	45 996	114,5
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	64	59	52	266	218	-18,0
		Square metres	20 977	12 815	13 937	80 643	54 401	-32,5
		R'000	163 857	103 706	114 133	612 016	424 783	-30,6
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	275	58	79	735	298	-59,5
		Square metres	17 604	13 129	15 989	63 967	52 496	-17,9
		R'000	132 013	87 207	123 998	489 554	389 624	-20,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	195	231	0	1 887	..
		R'000	0	1 482	2 287	0	11 074	..
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	299 552	199 034	255 878	1 123 013	871 477	-22,4	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	1 673	930	0	11 275	2 000	-82,3
		R'000	14 388	5 115	0	78 527	15 066	-80,8
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	3 328	29 660	682	4 957	35 395	614,0
		R'000	16 713	240 626	6 343	26 973	290 329	976,4
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	12 488	3 646	14 085	38 482	36 500	-5,2
		R'000	57 445	17 415	71 226	179 023	183 456	2,5
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	108	3 068	175	5 349	7 220	35,0
		R'000	994	22 568	1 190	28 388	53 964	90,1
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	89 540	285 724	78 759	312 911	542 815	73,5
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	14 632	10 726	11 853	49 200	39 091
R'000			121 678	99 278	109 468	394 258	349 061	-11,5
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	5 986	20 551	6 291	12 589	38 205	203,5
		R'000	37 813	191 235	39 772	91 216	317 571	248,2
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	159 491	290 513	149 240	485 474	666 632	37,3
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	548 583	775 271	483 877	1 921 398	2 080 924	8,3

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	Jan. - Apr. 2014	Jan. - Apr. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	19	2	6	80	16	-80,0	
		Square metres	1 137	128	440	4 301	1 067	-75,2	
		R'000	4 542	512	1 800	14 918	3 897	-73,9	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	81	70	68	303	257	-15,2	
		Square metres	13 196	13 653	11 563	47 148	48 268	2,4	
		R'000	59 675	62 092	52 922	207 958	210 686	1,3	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	38	12	96	374	384	2,7	
		Square metres	3 579	1 226	7 283	34 850	27 742	-20,4	
		R'000	15 081	5 150	33 117	181 716	122 887	-32,4	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	193	1 227	535,8	
		R'000	0	0	0	676	4 908	626,0	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	79 298	67 754	87 839	405 268	342 378	-15,5	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	2 594	0	4 401	4 923	11,9	
		R'000	0	12 970	0	21 778	26 944	23,7	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	950	22 929	1 613	24 894	28 379	14,0	
		R'000	4 750	114 762	6 788	143 123	138 817	-3,0	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	0	0	0	11 513	13 257	15,1	
		R'000	0	0	0	39 805	53 028	33,2	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	0	4 224	2 938	4 224	43,8	
		R'000	0	0	21 119	15 496	21 119	36,3	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	4 750	127 732	27 907	220 202	239 908	8,9
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	1 766	2 166	16 696	9 229	29 406	218,6
R'000			8 344	8 689	67 237	38 332	117 780	207,3	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	0	628	3 861	1 936	5 042	160,4	
		R'000	0	1 884	16 706	8 591	22 501	161,9	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	8 344	10 573	83 943	46 923	140 281	199,0	
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	92 392	206 059	199 689	672 393	722 567	7,5	

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	Jan. - Apr. 2014	Jan. - Apr. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	326	496	597	1 423	1 900	33,5
		Square metres	18 505	26 307	29 235	75 890	99 331	30,9
		R'000	84 920	110 248	112 084	282 493	400 792	41,9
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	296	399	398	1 364	1 472	7,9
		Square metres	86 864	118 834	144 638	376 759	472 227	25,3
		R'000	573 716	817 663	1 011 006	2 461 704	3 249 447	32,0
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	311	596	213	1 834	1 429	-22,1
		Square metres	50 555	49 748	17 534	143 242	117 087	-18,3
		R'000	314 983	345 637	125 076	1 041 781	874 454	-16,1
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	1 774	8 791	330	10 565	3 101,5
		R'000	0	16 274	87 664	1 980	103 938	5 149,4
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	973 619	1 289 822	1 335 830	3 787 958	4 628 631	22,2	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	16 267	9 883	26 130	42 710	110 396	158,5
		R'000	119 539	98 515	198 904	336 251	906 218	169,5
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	22 845	0	1 121	53 863	7 551	-86,0
		R'000	161 039	0	8 213	402 749	53 823	-86,6
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	112 834	20 048	30 690	278 884	112 399	-59,7
		R'000	586 617	88 643	136 556	1 434 767	510 270	-64,4
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	3 962	6 421	7 987	44 251	23 306	-47,3
		R'000	18 890	57 115	62 759	327 655	199 015	-39,3
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	886 085	244 273	406 432	2 501 422	1 669 326	-33,3
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	21 668	12 105	16 217	125 092	59 026
R'000			131 231	81 756	109 613	750 394	391 822	-47,8
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	15 001	11 823	11 855	39 093	36 745	-6,0
		R'000	95 879	95 554	93 612	260 743	280 832	7,7
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	227 110	177 310	203 225	1 011 137	672 654	-33,5
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	2 086 814	1 711 405	1 945 487	7 300 517	6 970 611	-4,5

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	Jan. - Apr. 2014	Jan. - Apr. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	156	164	50	359	414	15,3
		Square metres	7 677	8 627	2 650	18 439	21 918	18,9
		R'000	27 977	35 152	9 367	70 332	78 489	11,6
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	64	89	82	211	341	61,6
		Square metres	13 232	19 795	20 182	45 673	76 277	67,0
		R'000	58 688	93 152	83 837	193 634	346 484	78,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	498	16	43	565	59	-89,6
		Square metres	28 875	720	2 661	32 958	3 381	-89,7
		R'000	196 489	3 240	11 975	214 561	15 215	-92,9
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	17 689	0	1 232	17 689	1 232	-93,0
		R'000	84 841	0	5 544	84 841	5 544	-93,5
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	367 995	131 544	110 723	563 368	445 732	-20,9	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	0	0	0	1 320	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	6 072	..
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	0	0	21 723	5 142	-76,3
		R'000	0	0	0	233 000	20 570	-91,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	2 663	624	813	8 575	5 588	-34,8
		R'000	12 532	2 871	3 659	35 956	26 500	-26,3
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	3 716	284	0	3 879	519	-86,6
		R'000	16 764	1 020	0	17 419	2 620	-85,0
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	29 296	3 891	3 659	286 375	55 762	-80,5
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	5 732	10 336	8 535	32 691	36 076
R'000			22 687	42 148	35 489	135 297	150 996	11,6
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	100	0	0	1 042	502	-51,8
		R'000	972	0	0	5 422	2 309	-57,4
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	23 659	42 148	35 489	140 719	153 305	8,9
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	420 950	177 583	149 871	990 462	654 799	-33,9

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2014	Mar. 2015	Apr. 2015	Jan. - Apr. 2014	Jan. - Apr. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	19	20	16	68	71	4,4
		Square metres	1 054	1 243	931	3 836	4 141	8,0
		R'000	4 745	6 213	4 656	17 230	19 612	13,8
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	21	12	14	82	53	-35,4
		Square metres	5 501	4 644	3 565	18 581	18 539	-0,2
		R'000	23 600	22 223	17 277	80 490	85 962	6,8
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	1	12	18	71	30	-57,7
		Square metres	150	1 899	1 656	7 182	3 555	-50,5
		R'000	674	8 212	8 280	30 529	16 492	-46,0
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	324	0	0	324	0	..
		R'000	1 296	0	0	1 296	0	..
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	30 315	36 648	30 213	129 545	122 066	-5,8	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	0	212	1 318	212	-83,9
		R'000	0	0	959	5 275	959	-81,8
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	1 295	0	0	1 295	..
		R'000	0	5 180	0	0	5 180	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	0	0	0	8 178	4 106	-49,8
		R'000	0	0	0	36 236	18 477	-49,0
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	0	189	0	189	..
		R'000	0	0	756	0	756	..
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	5 180	1 715	41 511	25 372	-38,9
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	538	66	627	2 471	951
R'000			2 121	331	2 606	10 313	4 088	-60,4
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	0	0	0	125	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	475	0	..
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	2 121	331	2 606	10 788	4 088	-62,1
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	32 436	42 159	34 534	181 844	151 526	-16,7

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

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

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

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

Explanatory notes

- Introduction**
- 1 Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
 - 2 In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
- Purpose of the survey**
- 3 The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
- Scope of the survey**
- 4 This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding -
 - passing of building plans; and
 - final inspection of completed buildings.
- Classification**
- 5 Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the *Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities, (SIC) Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02*. The SIC is based on the 1990 *International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC)* with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
- Collection rate**
- 6 The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for April 2015 was 94,5%. The improved collection rate for March 2015 was 97,3%.
- Statistical unit**
- 7 The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
- Survey methodology and design**
- 8 Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 86 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.
- Constant prices**
- 9 The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2010. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: *Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP) Work Groups and Selected Materials Indices*. In order to be applicable, these indices (base February 1991=100) are converted to the base year 2010=100.

- 10** The value of buildings completed at constant prices is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with the price index which is used to calculate building plans passed at constant prices (see paragraph 9). Since the completion of buildings may extend over a few months to a few years, the current value of buildings completed is deflated by price indices which prevailed at the time the plans were passed. Therefore, the duration of the completion of different types of buildings are taken into account in ascertaining the deflators e.g. the value of dwelling-houses completed at constant prices at January 2010 is obtained by deflating the current value of dwelling-houses completed for January 2010 with the price index of a month six months prior to January 2010. Furthermore, the value of other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and additions and alterations at constant prices is obtained by deflating the current values with price indices of 12 months, 18 months and 12 months prior to the relevant month, respectively.
- Seasonal adjustment**
- 11** Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by US Bureau of the Census Economic Research and Analyses Division, 1968.
- 12** Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore, the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for building statistics is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at [Click to download building statistics seasonal adjustment January 2015.pdf](#)
- Trend cycle**
- 13** The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.
- Revised figures**
- 14** Revised figures are due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or to respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. Figures for the latest two years are therefore preliminary. Data are edited at municipal level.
- 15** Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* is published with the revised and updated information at provincial and municipal level for the previous calendar year. Due to this comprehensive revision, the monthly statistical release P5041.1 reflects provincial revision where applicable.
- Related publications**
- 16** Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:
- P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* issued annually.
 - P9101.2: *Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region* issued annually.
 - *Bulletin of Statistics* issued quarterly.
 - *South African Statistics* issued annually.
 - *Building Statistics* (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.
- Rounding-off of figures**
- 17** Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.

Symbols and abbreviations

18	..	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	<p>Include –</p> <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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