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Results for January to August 2015

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

Estimates at current prices	January to August 2014	January to August 2015	Difference in value between January to August 2014 and January to August 2015	% change between January to August 2014 and January to August 2015
	1/	1/	R'000	
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	29 826 804	33 114 648	3 287 844	11,0
-Dwelling-houses	20 750 027	22 314 977	1 564 950	7,5
-Flats and townhouses	8 279 601	10 047 306	1 767 705	21,4
-Other residential buildings	797 176	752 365	-44 811	-5,6
Non-residential buildings	16 613 428	17 603 945	990 517	6,0
Additions and alterations	16 250 090	17 567 063	1 316 973	8,1
Total	62 690 322	68 285 656	5 595 334	8,9

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 8,9% (R5 595,3 million) during January to August 2015 compared with January to August 2014 (see Table A).

Increases were reported for residential buildings (11,0% or R3 287,8 million), additions and alterations (8,1% or R1 317,0 million) and non-residential buildings (6,0% or R990,5 million).

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

Estimates at current prices	January to August 2014	January to August 2015	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to August 2014	% change between January to August 2014 and January to August 2015	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January to August 2014 and January to August 2015	Difference in value between January to August 2014 and January to August 2015
	1/	1/				
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	14 949 146	16 873 028	23,8	12,9	3,1	1 923 882
Eastern Cape	3 239 842	3 521 405	5,2	8,7	0,4	281 563
Northern Cape	800 472	422 375	1,3	-47,2	-0,6	-378 097
Free State	2 415 996	2 601 236	3,9	7,7	0,3	185 240
KwaZulu-Natal	11 428 412	11 375 895	18,2	-0,5	-0,1	-52 517
North West	2 075 882	2 266 604	3,3	9,2	0,3	190 722
Gauteng	23 782 778	26 828 161	37,9	12,8	4,9	3 045 383
Mpumalanga	2 864 264	2 992 242	4,6	4,5	0,2	127 978
Limpopo	1 133 530	1 404 710	1,8	23,9	0,4	271 180
Total	62 690 322	68 285 656	100,0	8,9	8,9	5 595 334

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

Seven provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of building plans passed during January to August 2015. The increase in the value of building plans passed was dominated by Gauteng (contributing 4,9 percentage points or R3 045,4 million) and Western Cape (contributing 3,1 percentage points or R1 923,9 million) (see Table B).

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

Estimates at constant 2010 prices	January to August 2014	January to August 2015	Difference in value between January to August 2014 and January to August 2015	% change between January to August 2014 and January to August 2015
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	23 779 710	25 459 785	1 680 075	7,1
Non-residential buildings	13 237 086	13 509 806	272 720	2,1
Additions and alterations	12 954 057	13 507 083	553 026	4,3
Total	49 970 853	52 476 674	2 505 821	5,0

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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 5,0% (R2 505,8 million) year-on-year during January to August 2015. Increases were recorded for residential buildings (7,1% or R1 680,1 million), additions and alterations (4,3% or R553,0 million) and non-residential buildings (2,1% or R272,7 million) (see Table C).

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

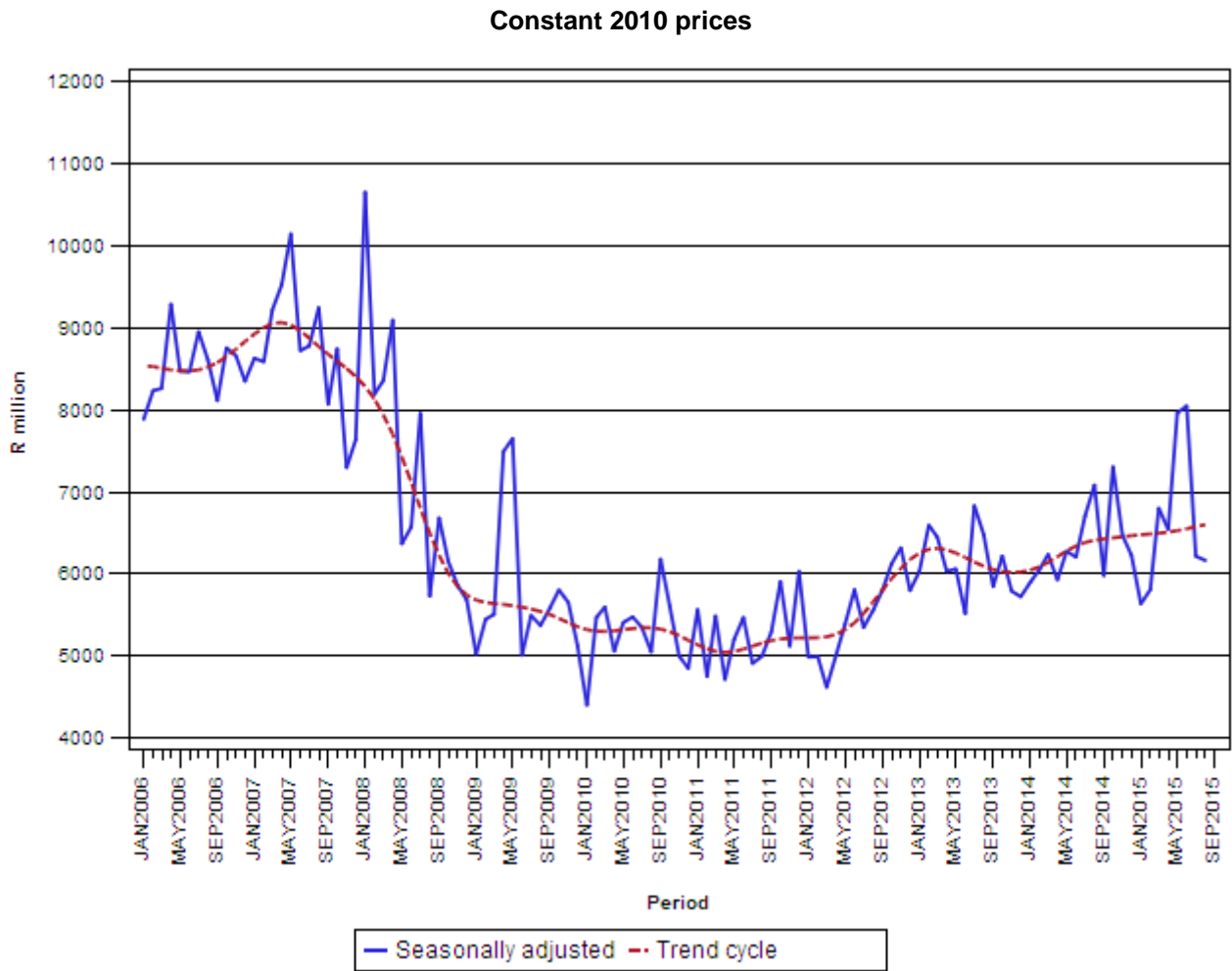
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2010 prices	March to May 2015	June to August 2015	% change between March to May 2015 and June to August 2015
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 886 815	9 358 515	-5,3
Non-residential buildings 1/	6 226 272	5 894 025	-5,3
Additions and alterations	5 196 768	5 178 726	-0,3
Total	21 309 856	20 431 264	-4,1

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed decreased by 4,1% during the three months ended August 2015 compared with the previous three months. The largest decreases were recorded for residential buildings (-5,3%) and non-residential buildings (-5,3%) (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 August 2014 versus January to August 2015**

Estimates at current prices	January to August 2014	January to August 2015	Difference in value between January to August 2014 and January to August 2015	% change between January to August 2014 and January to August 2015
	1/	1/	R'000	
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	16 940 260	20 265 100	3 324 840	19,6
-Dwelling-houses	11 764 315	14 901 436	3 137 121	26,7
-Flats and townhouses	4 917 870	4 937 730	19 860	0,4
-Other residential buildings	258 075	425 934	167 859	65,0
Non-residential buildings	8 432 466	7 936 841	-495 625	-5,9
Additions and alterations	6 266 995	6 554 391	287 396	4,6
Total	31 639 721	34 756 332	3 116 611	9,9

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

Total value of buildings reported as completed at current prices

As indicated in Table E, the value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 9,9% (R3 116,6 million) during January to August 2015 compared with January to August 2014.

Residential buildings rose by 19,6% (R3 324,8 million).

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

Estimates at current prices	January to August 2014	January to August 2015	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to August 2014	% change between January to August 2014 and January to August 2015	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January to August 2014 and January to August 2015	Difference in value between January to August 2014 and January to August 2015
	1/	1/				R'000
	R'000	R'000			2/	R'000
Western Cape	6 234 640	9 822 042	19,7	57,5	11,3	3 587 402
Eastern Cape	1 454 063	1 339 966	4,6	-7,8	-0,4	-114 097
Northern Cape	320 961	327 880	1,0	2,2	0,0	6 919
Free State	411 699	822 967	1,3	99,9	1,3	411 268
KwaZulu-Natal	3 784 616	4 869 174	12,0	28,7	3,4	1 084 558
North West	1 160 756	1 363 322	3,7	17,5	0,6	202 566
Gauteng	15 845 423	14 296 873	50,1	-9,8	-4,9	-1 548 550
Mpumalanga	1 956 047	1 446 627	6,2	-26,0	-1,6	-509 420
Limpopo	471 516	467 481	1,5	-0,9	0,0	-4 035
Total	31 639 721	34 756 332	100,0	9,9	9,9	3 116 611

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 Aug. 2014 and Jan. to Aug. 2015 with the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during Jan. to Aug. 2014, divided by 100.

Five provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to August 2015. Western Cape contributed 11,3 percentage points (R3 587,4 million) (see Table F).

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

Estimates at constant 2010 prices	January to August 2014	January to August 2015	Difference in value between January to August 2014 and January to August 2015	% change between January to August 2014 and January to August 2015
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	14 119 182	15 908 377	1 789 195	12,7
Non-residential buildings	7 447 432	6 549 753	-897 679	-12,1
Additions and alterations	5 342 114	5 224 392	-117 722	-2,2
Total	26 908 728	27 682 522	773 794	2,9

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

Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2010 prices) increased by 2,9% (R773,8 million) year-on-year during January to August 2015. Residential buildings rose by 12,7% (R1 789,2 million) and non-residential buildings fell by 12,1% (-R897,7 million) (see Table G).

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

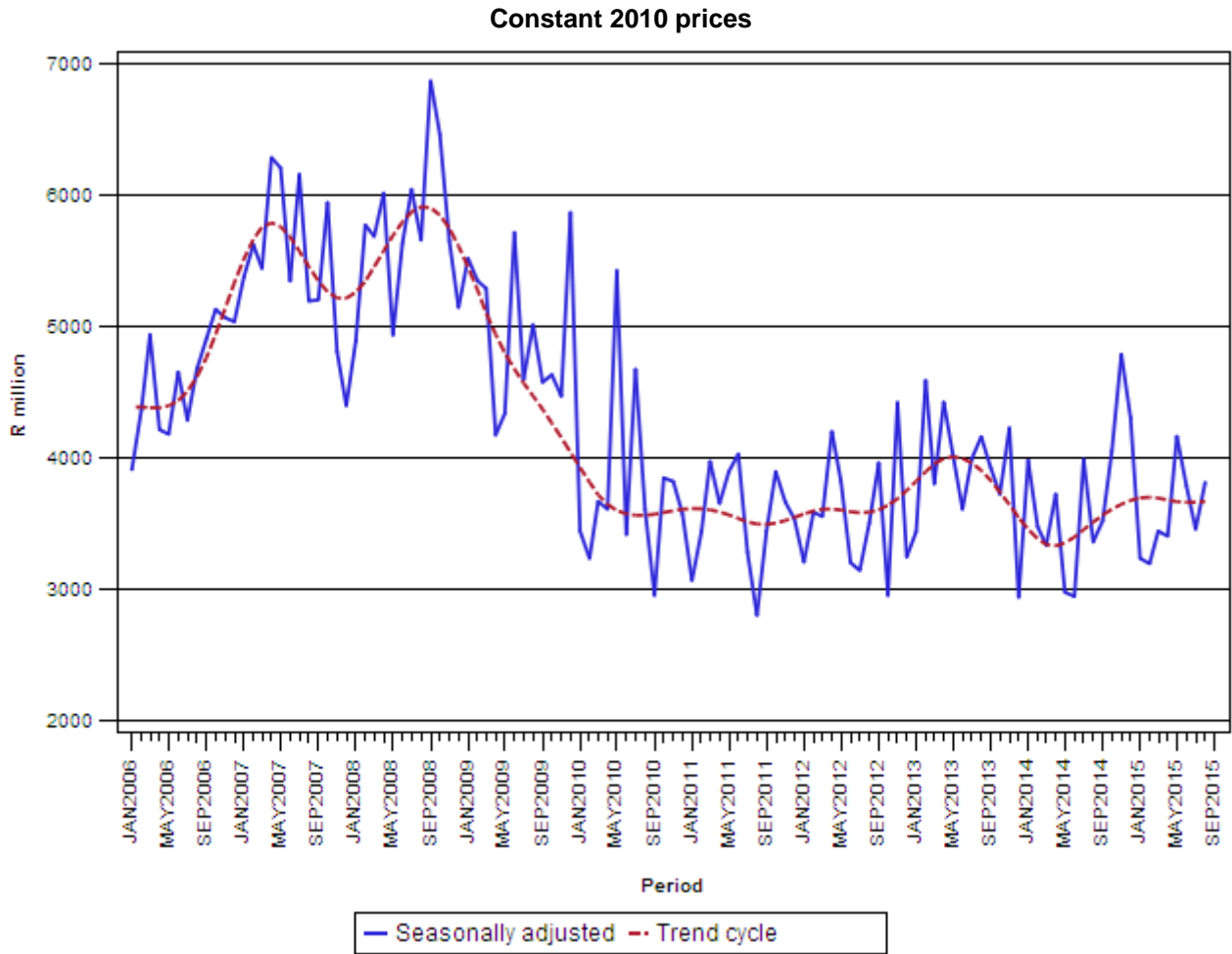
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2010 prices	March to May 2015	June to August 2015	% change between March to May 2015 and June to August 2015
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 814 967	6 172 242	-9,4
Non-residential buildings 1/	2 119 007	2 919 695	37,8
Additions and alterations	2 084 476	1 972 041	-5,4
Total	11 018 450	11 063 976	0,4

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 buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 0,4% during the three months ended August 2015 compared with the previous three months. Non-residential buildings rose by 37,8% (see Table H).

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



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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	3 235 268	48,9	1 344 728	-43,7	1 535 551	3,0	6 115 547	1,1
	February	3 267 441	-1,3	2 053 955	-5,3	2 056 519	2,3	7 377 915	-1,5
	March	3 468 612	17,4	2 275 160	7,6	1 952 793	15,3	7 696 565	13,8
	April	3 041 339	-2,6	1 726 454	2,1	1 976 731	-10,7	6 744 524	-4,0
	May	4 110 707	15,7	1 970 370	-1,5	1 913 499	-6,1	7 994 576	5,3
	June	3 911 224	20,4	2 034 001	59,6	1 918 240	3,5	7 863 465	23,3
	July	4 028 934	3,7	3 020 132	14,7	2 300 350	-1,6	9 349 416	5,6
	August	4 763 279	34,2	2 188 628	-12,4	2 596 407	20,7	9 548 314	16,5
	September	4 186 488	33,6	1 293 843	-32,0	2 621 773	13,8	8 102 104	10,4
	October	5 263 607	32,0	3 057 974	30,2	2 328 749	4,9	10 650 330	24,5
	November	4 150 427	40,9	2 113 168	3,1	2 278 644	-3,1	8 542 239	16,2
	December	2 955 810	21,2	1 872 912	15,4	1 877 595	14,8	6 706 317	17,7
	Total	46 383 136	21,1	24 951 325	1,1	25 356 851	4,3	96 691 312	10,8
2015	January	3 411 357	5,4	605 147	-55,0	1 669 101	8,7	5 685 605	-7,0
	February	3 825 309	17,1	1 179 924	-42,6	2 328 241	13,2	7 333 474	-0,6
	March	4 171 252	20,3	2 150 503	-5,5	2 254 077	15,4	8 575 832	11,4
	April	4 231 730	39,1	1 939 405	12,3	1 979 962	0,2	8 151 097	20,9
	May	4 217 439	2,6	4 007 877	103,4	2 175 725	13,7	10 401 041	30,1
	June	4 515 235	15,4	3 972 054	95,3	2 213 891	15,4	10 701 180	36,1
	July	4 486 702	11,4	1 898 845	-37,1	2 655 555	15,4	9 041 102	-3,3
	August	4 255 624	-10,7	1 850 190	-15,5	2 290 511	-11,8	8 396 325	-12,1

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	3 872 554	16,6	1 344 728	-17,2	1 996 775	-3,1	7 214 057	3,0
	February	3 424 477	-11,6	2 053 955	52,7	2 039 722	2,2	7 518 154	4,2
	March	3 376 742	-1,4	2 275 160	10,8	2 078 057	1,9	7 729 959	2,8
	April	3 532 921	4,6	1 726 454	-24,1	2 151 598	3,5	7 410 973	-4,1
	May	3 928 043	11,2	1 970 370	14,1	2 011 819	-6,5	7 910 232	6,7
	June	3 828 056	-2,5	2 034 001	3,2	1 971 234	-2,0	7 833 291	-1,0
	July	3 440 786	-10,1	3 020 132	48,5	2 019 790	2,5	8 480 707	8,3
	August	4 292 188	24,7	2 188 628	-27,5	2 506 759	24,1	8 987 575	6,0
	September	4 135 299	-3,7	1 293 843	-40,9	2 205 046	-12,0	7 634 188	-15,1
	October	4 301 969	4,0	3 057 974	136,3	2 023 198	-8,2	9 383 141	22,9
	November	4 118 102	-4,3	2 113 168	-30,9	2 100 413	3,8	8 331 683	-11,2
	December	3 901 835	-5,3	1 872 912	-11,4	2 239 340	6,6	8 014 087	-3,8
2015	January	4 378 988	12,2	605 147	-67,7	2 323 971	3,8	7 308 106	-8,8
	February	4 005 418	-8,5	1 179 924	95,0	2 312 353	-0,5	7 497 695	2,6
	March	4 391 745	9,6	2 150 503	82,3	2 274 937	-1,6	8 817 185	17,6
	April	4 386 859	-0,1	1 939 405	-9,8	2 162 838	-4,9	8 489 103	-3,7
	May	4 018 120	-8,4	4 007 877	106,7	2 332 429	7,8	10 358 426	22,0
	June	4 331 478	7,8	3 972 054	-0,9	2 219 402	-4,8	10 522 934	1,6
	July	3 897 165	-10,0	1 898 845	-52,2	2 305 914	3,9	8 101 924	-23,0
	August	4 018 950	3,1	1 850 190	-2,6	2 188 588	-5,1	8 057 729	-0,5
	Mar. – May 15	12 796 724		8 097 785		6 770 204		27 664 714	
	Jun. – Aug. 15 2/	12 247 593	-4,3	7 721 089	-4,7	6 713 904	-0,8	26 682 587	-3,6

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	2 651 859	39,9	1 102 236	-47,1	1 258 648	-3,2	5 012 743	-5,1
	February	2 641 424	-8,0	1 660 432	-11,7	1 662 505	-4,7	5 964 361	-8,2
	March	2 772 671	9,8	1 818 673	0,7	1 560 986	7,9	6 152 330	6,4
	April	2 431 126	-8,3	1 380 059	-3,8	1 580 121	-15,9	5 391 306	-9,6
	May	3 278 076	8,3	1 571 268	-7,8	1 525 916	-12,1	6 375 260	-1,4
	June	3 101 684	12,5	1 613 006	49,2	1 521 205	-3,3	6 235 895	15,3
	July	3 169 893	-2,7	2 376 186	7,6	1 809 874	-7,7	7 355 953	-1,0
	August	3 732 977	25,9	1 715 226	-17,8	2 034 802	13,2	7 483 005	9,3
	September	3 278 377	26,0	1 013 190	-35,9	2 053 072	7,3	6 344 639	4,1
	October	4 102 578	24,3	2 383 456	22,6	1 815 081	-1,3	8 301 115	17,2
	November	3 237 463	32,8	1 648 337	-2,8	1 777 413	-8,6	6 663 213	9,6
	December	2 307 424	14,6	1 462 070	9,1	1 465 726	8,5	5 235 220	11,3
	Total	36 705 552	13,6	19 744 139	-5,3	20 065 349	-2,1	76 515 040	3,9
2015	January	2 652 688	0,0	470 565	-57,3	1 297 901	3,1	4 421 154	-11,8
	February	2 979 213	12,8	918 944	-44,7	1 813 272	9,1	5 711 429	-4,2
	March	3 226 026	16,4	1 663 189	-8,5	1 743 292	11,7	6 632 507	7,8
	April	3 250 177	33,7	1 489 558	7,9	1 520 708	-3,8	6 260 443	16,1
	May	3 234 232	-1,3	3 073 525	95,6	1 668 501	9,3	7 976 258	25,1
	June	3 449 377	11,2	3 034 419	88,1	1 691 284	11,2	8 175 080	31,1
	July	3 414 537	7,7	1 445 088	-39,2	2 020 970	11,7	6 880 595	-6,5
	August	3 253 535	-12,8	1 414 518	-17,5	1 751 155	-13,9	6 419 208	-14,2

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 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	3 182 730	18,0	1 102 236	-17,8	1 611 687	-4,3	5 896 653	3,0
	February	2 767 906	-13,0	1 660 432	50,6	1 627 612	1,0	6 055 950	2,7
	March	2 770 444	0,1	1 818 673	9,5	1 649 482	1,3	6 238 599	3,0
	April	2 842 163	2,6	1 380 059	-24,1	1 706 638	3,5	5 928 859	-5,0
	May	3 090 948	8,8	1 571 268	13,9	1 616 988	-5,3	6 279 204	5,9
	June	3 014 035	-2,5	1 613 006	2,7	1 579 162	-2,3	6 206 204	-1,2
	July	2 731 326	-9,4	2 376 186	47,3	1 601 654	1,4	6 709 166	8,1
	August	3 392 273	24,2	1 715 226	-27,8	1 976 560	23,4	7 084 059	5,6
	September	3 233 011	-4,7	1 013 190	-40,9	1 733 475	-12,3	5 979 677	-15,6
	October	3 340 056	3,3	2 383 456	135,2	1 586 139	-8,5	7 309 651	22,2
	November	3 183 823	-4,7	1 648 337	-30,8	1 641 058	3,5	6 473 218	-11,4
	December	3 041 478	-4,5	1 462 070	-11,3	1 724 696	5,1	6 228 244	-3,8
2015	January	3 377 858	11,1	470 565	-67,8	1 788 418	3,7	5 636 840	-9,5
	February	3 116 403	-7,7	918 944	95,3	1 774 320	-0,8	5 809 667	3,1
	March	3 393 038	8,9	1 663 189	81,0	1 747 687	-1,5	6 803 915	17,1
	April	3 394 073	0,0	1 489 558	-10,4	1 658 524	-5,1	6 542 155	-3,8
	May	3 099 704	-8,7	3 073 525	106,3	1 790 557	8,0	7 963 786	21,7
	June	3 293 797	6,3	3 034 419	-1,3	1 719 536	-4,0	8 047 752	1,1
	July	2 997 810	-9,0	1 445 088	-52,4	1 774 210	3,2	6 217 107	-22,7
	August	3 066 908	2,3	1 414 518	-2,1	1 684 980	-5,0	6 166 405	-0,8
	Mar. – May 15	9 886 815		6 226 272		5 196 768		21 309 856	
	Jun. – Aug. 15 2/	9 358 515	-5,3	5 894 025	-5,3	5 178 726	-0,3	20 431 264	-4,1

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	1 864 951	14,2	947 942	135,7	772 015	-1,9	3 584 908	27,0
	February	1 901 135	-10,4	1 024 739	-31,8	957 322	-22,4	3 883 196	-20,1
	March	2 225 573	12,2	1 117 237	3,6	793 665	-31,5	4 136 475	-2,0
	April	2 235 694	-2,0	1 279 830	1,7	629 675	-53,9	4 145 199	-15,5
	May	1 858 144	-4,0	667 245	-45,9	766 606	-26,5	3 291 995	-21,8
	June	1 952 010	-2,4	799 842	-28,1	651 885	-21,8	3 403 737	-13,8
	July	2 522 008	6,1	1 653 706	41,6	758 975	-35,0	4 934 689	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	15 498 732	9,9	9 374 593	-23,2	52 814 313	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	2 568 046	15,4	858 760	-23,1	1 025 680	29,2	4 452 486	7,6
	April	2 608 404	16,7	730 600	-42,9	903 209	43,4	4 242 213	2,3
	May	3 119 539	67,9	968 348	45,1	797 255	4,0	4 885 142	48,4
	June	2 599 782	33,2	1 057 013	32,2	983 921	50,9	4 640 716	36,3
	July	2 635 346	4,5	1 095 693	-33,7	852 594	12,3	4 583 633	-7,1
	August	2 827 597	18,8	1 420 995	50,9	814 057	-13,1	5 062 649	18,9

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 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	2 641 145	47,8	947 942	26,6	1 039 238	23,3	4 628 325	37,0
	February	2 100 827	-20,5	1 024 739	8,1	905 698	-12,8	4 031 263	-12,9
	March	2 109 308	0,4	1 117 237	9,0	585 678	-35,3	3 812 223	-5,4
	April	2 514 771	19,2	1 279 830	14,6	724 504	23,7	4 519 105	18,5
	May	2 023 687	-19,5	667 245	-47,9	812 334	12,1	3 503 266	-22,5
	June	2 057 015	1,6	799 842	19,9	636 485	-21,6	3 493 342	-0,3
	July	2 368 108	15,1	1 653 706	106,8	691 456	8,6	4 713 269	34,9
	August	2 241 201	-5,4	941 925	-43,0	857 956	24,1	4 041 082	-14,3
	September	2 402 770	7,2	1 068 777	13,5	789 744	-8,0	4 261 291	5,4
	October	2 622 352	9,1	1 426 294	33,5	873 296	10,6	4 921 943	15,5
	November	2 532 881	-3,4	2 550 356	78,8	695 963	-20,3	5 779 200	17,4
	December	2 324 750	-8,2	2 020 839	-20,8	882 279	26,8	5 227 868	-9,5
2015	January	2 549 239	9,7	785 616	-61,1	676 994	-23,3	4 011 849	-23,3
	February	2 309 865	-9,4	1 019 816	29,8	639 111	-5,6	3 968 792	-1,1
	March	2 563 824	11,0	858 760	-15,8	930 250	45,6	4 352 835	9,7
	April	2 762 323	7,7	730 600	-14,9	834 757	-10,3	4 327 680	-0,6
	May	3 412 247	23,5	968 348	32,5	841 157	0,8	5 221 752	20,7
	June	2 759 567	-19,1	1 057 013	9,2	959 675	14,1	4 776 255	-8,5
	July	2 467 753	-10,6	1 095 693	3,7	787 380	-18,0	4 350 826	-8,9
	August	2 659 761	7,8	1 420 995	29,7	745 459	-5,3	4 826 214	10,9
	Mar. – May 15	8 738 394		2 557 708		2 606 164		13 902 267	
	Jun. – Aug. 15 2/	7 887 081	-9,7	3 573 701	39,7	2 492 514	-4,4	13 953 295	0,4

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

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

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

Table 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	1 443 024	33,9	636 724	-38,9	4 163 007	-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	13 458 086	3,6	7 914 921	-27,8	44 354 007	-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	2 021 858	8,0	713 256	-28,3	819 888	20,9	3 555 002	0,3
	April	2 046 444	9,4	604 801	-46,8	721 990	35,1	3 373 235	-4,8
	May	2 451 254	58,1	800 950	35,8	635 770	-2,6	3 887 974	39,2
	June	2 038 001	25,6	872 843	23,9	780 270	41,1	3 691 114	28,1
	July	2 054 194	-1,4	898 109	-37,8	670 806	5,4	3 623 109	-13,0
	August	2 206 939	13,9	1 148 743	40,6	637 976	-18,5	3 993 658	12,9

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	2 240 598	46,3	846 377	25,8	897 299	21,6	3 984 274	35,4
	February	1 782 394	-20,5	914 946	8,1	781 856	-12,9	3 479 196	-12,7
	March	1 844 719	3,5	994 868	8,7	497 631	-36,4	3 337 218	-4,1
	April	1 972 573	6,9	1 136 616	14,2	617 953	24,2	3 727 142	11,7
	May	1 694 131	-14,1	589 960	-48,1	695 778	12,6	2 979 870	-20,0
	June	1 703 163	0,5	704 707	19,4	540 597	-22,3	2 948 467	-1,1
	July	1 967 302	15,5	1 443 024	104,8	583 203	7,9	3 993 529	35,4
	August	1 825 726	-7,2	816 934	-43,4	721 063	23,6	3 363 723	-15,8
	September	1 951 087	6,9	913 485	11,8	658 377	-8,7	3 522 949	4,7
	October	2 119 228	8,6	1 210 776	32,5	724 034	10,0	4 054 038	15,1
	November	2 045 491	-3,5	2 172 365	79,4	572 745	-20,9	4 790 600	18,2
	December	1 867 596	-8,7	1 714 028	-21,1	724 573	26,5	4 306 197	-10,1
2015	January	2 029 986	8,7	659 074	-61,5	549 188	-24,2	3 238 247	-24,8
	February	1 830 936	-9,8	851 977	29,3	514 506	-6,3	3 197 418	-1,3
	March	1 992 102	8,8	713 256	-16,3	739 360	43,7	3 444 718	7,7
	April	2 132 324	7,0	604 801	-15,2	670 509	-9,3	3 407 634	-1,1
	May	2 690 541	26,2	800 950	32,4	674 607	0,6	4 166 098	22,3
	June	2 155 668	-19,9	872 843	9,0	761 986	13,0	3 790 496	-9,0
	July	1 938 397	-10,1	898 109	2,9	622 756	-18,3	3 459 261	-8,7
	August	2 078 177	7,2	1 148 743	27,9	587 299	-5,7	3 814 219	10,3
	Mar. – May 15	6 814 967		2 119 007		2 084 476		11 018 450	
	Jun. – Aug. 15 2/	6 172 242	-9,4	2 919 695	37,8	1 972 041	-5,4	11 063 976	0,4

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

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

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

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

			Aug. 2014	Jul. 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. - Aug. 2014	Jan. - Aug. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	1 524	2 979	3 063	14 636	16 166	10,5	
		Square metres	74 408	138 297	149 829	713 077	763 889	7,1	
		R'000	316 030	419 083	473 519	2 496 443	2 651 774	6,2	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	1 577	1 515	1 440	11 375	11 246	-1,1	
		Square metres	434 073	435 812	381 476	3 002 254	3 082 055	2,7	
		R'000	2 732 583	2 856 878	2 468 921	18 253 584	19 663 203	7,7	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	1 892	1 454	1 454	12 474	13 689	9,7	
		Square metres	204 549	147 622	153 292	1 190 409	1 366 438	14,8	
		R'000	1 578 375	1 180 702	1 306 397	8 279 601	10 047 306	21,4	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	21 566	4 410	1 372	135 256	104 071	-23,1	
		R'000	136 291	30 039	6 787	797 176	752 365	-5,6	
	5. Total residential buildings		R'000	4 763 279	4 486 702	4 255 624	29 826 804	33 114 648	11,0
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	46 526	87 225	21 529	774 210	508 639	-34,3	
		R'000	356 995	765 910	189 047	6 119 330	4 109 947	-32,8	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	34 994	44 431	61 961	407 612	903 238	121,6	
		R'000	233 609	247 918	498 628	2 643 017	6 749 877	155,4	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	244 440	117 910	181 888	1 260 889	995 451	-21,1	
		R'000	1 295 070	629 524	974 778	6 223 354	5 163 517	-17,0	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	50 708	43 986	30 295	275 453	270 141	-1,9	
		R'000	302 954	255 493	187 737	1 627 727	1 580 604	-2,9	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	2 188 628	1 898 845	1 850 190	16 613 428	17 603 945	6,0
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	315 920	318 305	260 367	2 070 848	2 075 124	0,2
R'000			1 815 775	1 969 153	1 648 814	11 624 136	12 403 968	6,7	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	99 622	87 619	74 143	674 044	673 258	-0,1	
		R'000	780 632	686 402	641 697	4 625 954	5 163 095	11,6	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	2 596 407	2 655 555	2 290 511	16 250 090	17 567 063	8,1	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	9 548 314	9 041 102	8 396 325	62 690 322	68 285 656	8,9	

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

		Aug. 2014	Jul. 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. - Aug. 2014	Jan. - Aug. 2015	% change 1/		
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	625	545	463	3 855	4 003	3,8	
		Square metres	27 036	23 555	19 844	172 552	174 069	0,9	
		R'000	121 298	118 645	100 776	629 235	936 479	48,8	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	410	348	340	2 399	2 894	20,6	
		Square metres	97 496	93 221	95 376	570 722	735 662	28,9	
		R'000	607 886	577 671	572 986	3 433 497	4 617 070	34,5	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	317	185	457	1 770	3 485	96,9	
		Square metres	33 354	31 106	36 237	208 887	324 636	55,4	
		R'000	243 148	221 900	272 842	1 549 899	2 393 535	54,4	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	6 547	370	132	16 168	49 062	203,5	
		R'000	48 308	2 033	904	108 700	392 299	260,9	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	1 020 640	920 249	947 508	5 721 331	8 339 383	45,8	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	8 895	21 498	130	280 462	88 382	-68,5	
		R'000	70 565	180 275	1 040	2 113 797	675 012	-68,1	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	1 245	1 416	37 894	95 774	79 998	-16,5	
		R'000	10 433	10 346	316 229	655 064	651 687	-0,5	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	56 884	28 228	30 461	265 458	234 579	-11,6	
		R'000	333 195	185 535	197 775	1 579 725	1 498 110	-5,2	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	9 679	26 983	10 170	130 048	108 513	-16,6	
		R'000	51 844	165 130	72 925	799 064	663 688	-16,9	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	466 037	541 286	587 969	5 147 650	3 488 497	-32,2
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	86 776	82 323	71 954	514 510	610 832	18,7
R'000			473 834	460 122	424 897	2 691 763	3 459 563	28,5	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	38 411	16 537	34 107	179 571	160 541	-10,6	
		R'000	305 760	199 291	318 623	1 388 402	1 585 585	14,2	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	779 594	659 413	743 520	4 080 165	5 045 148	23,7	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	2 266 271	2 120 948	2 278 997	14 949 146	16 873 028	12,9	

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

			Aug. 2014	Jul. 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. - Aug. 2014	Jan. - Aug. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	78	618	47	988	1 277	29,3	
		Square metres	4 395	25 039	2 343	44 356	55 690	25,6	
		R'000	18 717	54 798	8 861	128 442	149 110	16,1	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	104	102	49	693	646	-6,8	
		Square metres	24 852	29 448	12 310	154 803	159 239	2,9	
		R'000	129 617	153 636	63 639	761 518	900 210	18,2	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	24	15	15	171	246	43,9	
		Square metres	3 013	1 887	1 525	16 586	26 603	60,4	
		R'000	16 032	9 740	7 853	86 397	146 312	69,3	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	314	0	0	7 546	1 716	-77,3	
		R'000	2 041	0	0	38 960	11 154	-71,4	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	166 407	218 174	80 353	1 015 317	1 206 786	18,9	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	6 224	295	136	10 806	5 301	-50,9	
		R'000	28 791	1 458	802	46 823	28 376	-39,4	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	326	4 149	0	46 234	91 437	97,8	
		R'000	1 695	23 614	0	259 993	575 421	121,3	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	19 923	8 297	3 560	97 317	48 830	-49,8	
		R'000	89 126	42 633	18 231	458 195	239 579	-47,7	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	251	2 312	4 241	13 065	19 509	49,3	
		R'000	1 009	15 028	15 455	53 751	94 032	74,9	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	120 621	82 733	34 488	818 762	937 408	14,5
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	34 254	31 145	19 508	214 148	213 034	-0,5
R'000			164 380	165 722	95 313	1 020 114	1 082 315	6,1	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	13 004	10 244	9 657	87 162	61 487	-29,5	
		R'000	80 238	47 917	43 251	385 649	294 896	-23,5	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	244 618	213 639	138 564	1 405 763	1 377 211	-2,0	
4. Recorded plans passed		R'000	531 646	514 546	253 405	3 239 842	3 521 405	8,7	

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

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

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

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

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

			Aug. 2014	Jul. 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. - Aug. 2014	Jan. - Aug. 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	0	15	22	46,7
		Square metres	71	0	0	726	1 234	70,0
		R'000	320	0	0	3 202	7 410	131,4
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	38	22	10	279	105	-62,4
		Square metres	6 469	5 749	2 007	44 964	22 510	-49,9
		R'000	32 175	33 557	13 350	212 970	122 972	-42,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	105	0	0	214	0	-100,0
		Square metres	7 760	0	0	16 698	0	-100,0
		R'000	34 920	0	0	71 889	0	-100,0
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	29 528	5 600	-81,0
		R'000	0	0	0	132 686	44 638	-66,4
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	67 415	33 557	13 350	420 747	175 020	-58,4	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	102	0	1 516	102	-93,3
		R'000	0	612	0	7 580	612	-91,9
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	1 300	228	0	8 740	228	-97,4
		R'000	6 776	1 186	0	40 257	1 186	-97,1
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	8 150	0	0	13 602	1 993	-85,3
		R'000	36 675	0	0	62 574	10 962	-82,5
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	400	0	833	1 672	1 335	-20,2
		R'000	1 800	0	4 457	7 404	6 787	-8,3
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	45 251	1 798	4 457	117 815	19 547	-83,4
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	5 567	5 401	4 593	38 868	34 790
R'000			25 899	31 158	29 355	179 554	194 847	8,5
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	2 121	340	337	16 851	5 250	-68,8
		R'000	9 490	2 680	2 247	82 356	32 961	-60,0
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	35 389	33 838	31 602	261 910	227 808	-13,0
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	148 055	69 193	49 409	800 472	422 375	-47,2

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

			Aug. 2014	Jul. 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. - Aug. 2014	Jan. - Aug. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	49	217	179	408	1 294	217,2	
		Square metres	2 862	12 141	10 079	22 808	70 444	208,9	
		R'000	11 593	26 164	35 704	69 805	182 488	161,4	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	94	83	64	577	592	2,6	
		Square metres	19 444	16 921	13 427	117 003	121 064	3,5	
		R'000	100 134	92 631	74 773	557 689	628 356	12,7	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	368	72	24	706	325	-54,0	
		Square metres	24 350	5 895	2 439	72 933	32 102	-56,0	
		R'000	141 352	41 008	17 073	400 713	198 964	-50,3	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	13 958	0	121	35 787	20 320	-43,2	
		R'000	82 312	0	847	181 301	117 149	-35,4	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	335 391	159 803	128 397	1 209 508	1 126 957	-6,8	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	1 262	229	0	6 315	7 060	11,8	
		R'000	8 834	1 792	0	36 972	47 494	28,5	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	1 834	1 143	4 257	22 442	78 104	248,0	
		R'000	9 128	5 964	34 011	125 572	456 021	263,2	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	4 708	14 152	4 195	65 567	47 406	-27,7	
		R'000	26 286	69 395	20 722	295 785	237 321	-19,8	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	11 742	420	0	13 878	8 630	-37,8	
		R'000	75 113	1 890	0	85 694	47 044	-45,1	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	119 361	79 041	54 733	544 023	787 880	44,8
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	20 592	14 187	12 782	103 479	104 524	1,0
R'000			96 094	71 366	64 680	456 090	506 649	11,1	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	8 521	3 152	2 879	33 517	24 671	-26,4	
		R'000	42 708	18 726	22 995	206 375	179 750	-12,9	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	138 802	90 092	87 675	662 465	686 399	3,6	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	593 554	328 936	270 805	2 415 996	2 601 236	7,7	

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

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

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

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

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

		Aug. 2014	Jul. 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. - Aug. 2014	Jan. - Aug. 2015	% change 1/		
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	35	31	19	1 604	210	-86,9	
		Square metres	2 123	1 727	1 167	68 079	12 168	-82,1	
		R'000	14 221	12 080	8 824	221 008	90 441	-59,1	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	160	149	118	987	1 054	6,8	
		Square metres	46 032	47 035	39 787	293 486	326 606	11,3	
		R'000	352 939	389 135	362 241	2 287 769	2 745 093	20,0	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	119	188	653	2 186	1 652	-24,4	
		Square metres	20 288	21 313	82 950	250 371	209 530	-16,3	
		R'000	146 659	177 064	791 311	1 819 614	1 706 491	-6,2	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	1 272	0	25 617	6 769	-73,6	
		R'000	0	13 610	0	200 956	68 031	-66,1	
	5. Total residential buildings		R'000	513 819	591 889	1 162 376	4 529 347	4 610 056	1,8
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	1 580	1 244	0	196 884	86 398	-56,1	
		R'000	7 782	5 598	0	1 688 061	606 196	-64,1	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	20 688	9 730	14 043	57 632	109 581	90,1	
		R'000	150 437	50 227	118 049	435 702	925 026	112,3	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	73 158	25 508	102 954	290 779	285 391	-1,9	
		R'000	361 023	124 995	544 191	1 374 355	1 485 378	8,1	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	757	1 928	8 540	37 687	53 811	42,8	
		R'000	6 132	11 320	61 369	230 204	360 627	56,7	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	525 374	192 140	723 609	3 728 322	3 377 227	-9,4
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	30 613	32 997	30 081	247 277	225 372	-8,9
R'000			245 588	279 308	253 889	1 826 654	1 799 199	-1,5	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	19 477	19 238	11 629	168 997	190 027	12,4	
		R'000	189 171	163 526	130 377	1 344 089	1 589 413	18,3	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	434 759	442 834	384 266	3 170 743	3 388 612	6,9	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 473 952	1 226 863	2 270 251	11 428 412	11 375 895	-0,5	

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

			Aug. 2014	Jul. 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. - Aug. 2014	Jan. - Aug. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	9	9	433	64	1 065	1 564,1
		Square metres	645	517	26 524	4 228	55 490	1 212,4
		R'000	2 765	2 268	102 335	18 214	176 568	869,4
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	75	76	162	638	684	7,2
		Square metres	17 778	19 072	27 309	159 887	165 539	3,5
		R'000	84 635	93 622	131 759	777 585	819 983	5,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	18	119	32	835	873	4,6
		Square metres	2 307	10 826	1 092	69 594	70 228	0,9
		R'000	12 121	58 386	5 185	347 853	385 372	10,8
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	846	0	1 580	1 310	-17,1
		R'000	0	4 230	0	5 968	6 841	14,6
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	99 521	158 506	239 279	1 149 620	1 388 764	20,8
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	473	672	3 073	3 345	8 536	155,2
		R'000	2 162	3 294	18 985	17 680	45 954	159,9
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	637	8 372	1 260	28 980	36 002	24,2
		R'000	3 137	38 216	5 822	136 680	195 677	43,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	478	1 109	326	25 413	9 207	-63,8
		R'000	1 912	4 991	1 467	104 812	40 369	-61,5
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	7 116	1 211	900	20 583	8 014	-61,1
		R'000	36 894	5 915	5 400	104 265	35 677	-65,8
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	44 105	52 416	31 674	363 437	317 677	-12,6
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	13 231	14 574	13 344	106 735	96 962
R'000			59 053	68 536	63 404	472 502	452 903	-4,1
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	1 157	6 422	486	19 046	18 304	-3,9
		R'000	6 927	40 971	5 035	90 323	107 260	18,8
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	65 980	109 507	68 439	562 825	560 163	-0,5
4. Recorded plans passed		1. Total at current prices	R'000	209 606	320 429	339 392	2 075 882	2 266 604

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

			Aug. 2014	Jul. 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. - Aug. 2014	Jan. - Aug. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	614	1 448	1 822	6 420	7 329	14,2	
		Square metres	31 590	68 632	85 027	333 088	344 345	3,4	
		R'000	125 879	172 686	194 832	1 160 430	886 893	-23,6	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	534	550	500	4 395	3 600	-18,1	
		Square metres	175 152	174 094	141 817	1 302 413	1 128 351	-13,4	
		R'000	1 209 892	1 268 180	1 012 623	8 576 288	7 820 973	-8,8	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	902	823	257	5 802	6 435	10,9	
		Square metres	109 762	72 001	26 921	488 878	631 377	29,1	
		R'000	967 833	649 971	202 462	3 706 852	4 870 897	31,4	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	690	0	10 339	5 831	-43,6	
		R'000	0	4 305	0	89 695	44 550	-50,3	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	2 303 604	2 095 142	1 409 917	13 533 265	13 623 313	0,7	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	28 092	60 491	11 416	269 451	291 628	8,2	
		R'000	238 861	557 881	115 204	2 183 818	2 582 685	18,3	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	4 220	10 605	1 301	89 435	452 185	405,6	
		R'000	32 435	77 385	9 927	662 879	3 675 216	454,4	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	64 899	28 216	37 133	413 264	298 737	-27,7	
		R'000	350 735	136 717	177 757	1 933 245	1 309 887	-32,2	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	17 535	7 699	2 574	43 618	44 606	2,3	
		R'000	111 650	39 107	13 871	277 765	249 818	-10,1	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	733 681	811 090	316 759	5 057 707	7 817 606	54,6
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	97 146	115 527	90 787	666 635	624 581	-6,3
R'000			633 768	783 269	637 203	4 207 536	4 159 144	-1,2	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	13 434	30 018	14 459	147 115	189 145	28,6	
		R'000	124 008	202 987	108 633	984 270	1 228 098	24,8	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	757 776	986 256	745 836	5 191 806	5 387 242	3,8	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	3 795 061	3 892 488	2 472 512	23 782 778	26 828 161	12,8	

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

			Aug. 2014	Jul. 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. - Aug. 2014	Jan. - Aug. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	90	88	80	1 025	747	-27,1	
		Square metres	4 470	5 289	3 710	52 076	38 393	-26,3	
		R'000	15 477	25 457	16 512	189 627	160 360	-15,4	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	118	119	155	1 053	1 236	17,4	
		Square metres	34 305	32 340	35 886	254 565	297 874	17,0	
		R'000	156 943	164 255	175 628	1 158 828	1 420 852	22,6	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	36	6	0	568	188	-66,9	
		Square metres	2 387	342	0	37 133	11 915	-67,9	
		R'000	10 500	1 538	0	171 476	54 204	-68,4	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	747	1 232	1 119	3 762	7 413	97,0	
R'000		3 630	5 861	5 036	19 281	40 686	111,0		
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	186 550	197 111	197 176	1 539 212	1 676 102	8,9	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	1 913	6 162	2 378	15 344	545,2	
		R'000	0	11 095	50 000	10 964	96 119	776,7	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	4 744	8 788	3 206	43 118	50 804	17,8	
		R'000	19 568	40 980	14 590	228 469	247 405	8,3	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	13 232	9 355	600	71 882	55 609	-22,6	
		R'000	82 582	53 266	4 200	339 932	283 449	-16,6	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	2 472	2 935	2 808	10 534	8 553	-18,8	
		R'000	15 188	14 862	13 115	50 250	41 159	-18,1	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	117 338	120 203	81 905	629 615	668 132	6,1
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	23 156	15 745	13 290	135 644	126 690	-6,6
R'000			97 278	79 382	60 475	580 834	567 779	-2,2	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	2 941	1 393	552	16 459	13 373	-18,7	
		R'000	18 598	6 884	10 371	114 603	80 229	-30,0	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	115 876	86 266	70 846	695 437	648 008	-6,8	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	419 764	403 580	349 927	2 864 264	2 992 242	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 18 – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Limpopo

			Aug. 2014	Jul. 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. - Aug. 2014	Jan. - Aug. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	23	23	20	257	219	-14,8	
		Square metres	1 216	1 397	1 135	15 164	12 056	-20,5	
		R'000	5 760	6 985	5 675	76 480	62 025	-18,9	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	44	66	42	354	435	22,9	
		Square metres	12 545	17 932	13 557	104 411	125 210	19,9	
		R'000	58 362	84 191	61 922	487 440	587 694	20,6	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	3	46	16	222	485	118,5	
		Square metres	1 328	4 252	2 128	29 329	60 047	104,7	
		R'000	5 810	21 095	9 671	124 908	291 531	133,4	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	4 929	6 050	22,7	
		R'000	0	0	0	19 629	27 017	37,6	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	69 932	112 271	77 268	708 457	968 267	36,7	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	781	612	3 053	5 888	92,9	
		R'000	0	3 905	3 016	13 635	27 499	101,7	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	0	0	15 257	4 899	-67,9	
		R'000	0	0	0	98 401	22 238	-77,4	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	3 008	3 045	2 659	17 607	13 699	-22,2	
		R'000	13 536	11 992	10 435	74 731	58 462	-21,8	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	756	498	229	4 368	17 170	293,1	
		R'000	3 324	2 241	1 145	19 330	81 772	323,0	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	16 860	18 138	14 596	206 097	189 971	-7,8
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	4 585	6 406	4 028	43 552	38 339	-12,0
R'000			19 881	30 290	19 598	189 089	181 569	-4,0	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	556	275	37	5 326	10 460	96,4	
		R'000	3 732	3 420	165	29 887	64 903	117,2	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	23 613	33 710	19 763	218 976	246 472	12,6	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	110 405	164 119	111 627	1 133 530	1 404 710	23,9	

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

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

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

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

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

			Aug. 2014	Jul. 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. - Aug. 2014	Jan. - Aug. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	1 397	1 227	1 080	9 058	10 225	12,9	
		Square metres	68 650	59 439	53 852	440 651	510 721	15,9	
		R'000	261 378	233 901	208 994	1 504 689	1 954 296	29,9	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	937	940	994	6 682	7 803	16,8	
		Square metres	254 584	279 478	259 122	1 690 901	2 052 321	21,4	
		R'000	1 627 983	1 863 629	1 643 786	10 259 626	12 947 140	26,2	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	697	760	1 184	7 865	7 231	-8,1	
		Square metres	72 529	81 884	120 227	764 456	709 121	-7,2	
		R'000	491 384	537 080	910 083	4 917 870	4 937 730	0,4	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	117	10 019	49 699	65 225	31,2	
		R'000	0	736	64 734	258 075	425 934	65,0	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	2 380 745	2 635 346	2 827 597	16 940 260	20 265 100	19,6	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	39 252	17 323	44 851	296 838	289 134	-2,6	
		R'000	295 363	152 113	297 311	2 282 032	2 247 364	-1,5	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	55 952	46 468	50 968	282 632	247 352	-12,5	
		R'000	409 010	367 872	252 431	1 998 360	1 591 285	-20,4	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	35 112	84 620	124 767	721 047	627 982	-12,9	
		R'000	180 132	428 955	704 449	3 353 856	3 203 736	-4,5	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	7 506	27 636	25 662	130 034	141 090	8,5	
		R'000	57 420	146 753	166 804	798 218	894 456	12,1	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	941 925	1 095 693	1 420 995	8 432 466	7 936 841	-5,9
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	91 203	102 917	105 250	748 386	772 441	3,2
R'000			525 391	562 051	601 377	4 069 322	4 174 977	2,6	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	55 185	43 366	24 674	349 947	306 166	-12,5	
		R'000	411 461	290 543	212 680	2 197 673	2 379 414	8,3	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	936 852	852 594	814 057	6 266 995	6 554 391	4,6	
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	4 259 522	4 583 633	5 062 649	31 639 721	34 756 332	9,9	

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

			Aug. 2014	Jul. 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. - Aug. 2014	Jan. - Aug. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	540	492	361	3 714	3 572	-3,8
		Square metres	24 493	21 975	16 166	161 755	167 223	3,4
		R'000	78 051	109 334	77 308	448 470	706 637	57,6
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	233	278	251	1 261	2 106	67,0
		Square metres	58 168	68 837	63 882	324 642	506 756	56,1
		R'000	331 127	423 617	391 226	1 818 598	3 039 293	67,1
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	316	186	648	1 357	1 957	44,2
		Square metres	28 725	21 095	47 880	145 113	193 144	33,1
		R'000	194 246	158 837	355 395	918 785	1 385 142	50,8
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	117	1 363	21 777	13 372	-38,6
		R'000	0	736	6 788	124 129	82 961	-33,2
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	603 424	692 524	830 717	3 309 982	5 214 033	57,5	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	4 697	1 004	38 250	45 419	78 411	72,6
		R'000	25 990	8 060	251 788	300 392	521 284	73,5
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	202	30 843	5 954	8 596	66 035	668,2
		R'000	1 153	234 442	38 656	44 085	466 543	958,3
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	6 536	28 678	53 377	65 133	171 387	163,1
		R'000	46 939	163 657	331 440	332 339	1 019 884	206,9
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	320	5 868	9 199	35 000	50 544	44,4
		R'000	1 578	33 378	51 356	199 219	296 831	49,0
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	75 660	439 537	673 240	876 035	2 304 542	163,1
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	31 457	42 797	46 600	252 573	312 473
R'000			153 833	204 664	219 672	1 159 968	1 486 363	28,1
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	22 664	9 033	5 958	146 013	86 135	-41,0
		R'000	166 729	73 950	66 521	888 655	817 104	-8,1
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	320 562	278 614	286 193	2 048 623	2 303 467	12,4
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	999 646	1 410 675	1 790 150	6 234 640	9 822 042	57,5

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

			Aug. 2014	Jul. 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. - Aug. 2014	Jan. - Aug. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	31	44	55	320	698	118,1
		Square metres	1 496	1 961	2 831	15 851	31 815	100,7
		R'000	4 819	5 899	10 790	45 060	86 712	92,4
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	63	40	69	394	426	8,1
		Square metres	13 372	9 146	11 403	79 116	86 721	9,6
		R'000	64 730	46 580	54 529	377 951	420 727	11,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	23	4	12	331	108	-67,4
		Square metres	3 230	553	1 162	27 525	10 709	-61,1
		R'000	15 884	3 039	6 304	129 263	54 922	-57,5
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	5 138	940	8 838	840,2
		R'000	0	0	26 584	6 110	43 639	614,2
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	85 433	55 518	98 207	558 384	606 000	8,5	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	370	859	0	4 680	859	-81,6
		R'000	1 590	4 500	0	19 011	4 500	-76,3
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	2 250	432	480	21 288	7 179	-66,3
		R'000	10 409	1 839	2 476	94 443	35 147	-62,8
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	798	20 910	16 342	90 186	69 579	-22,8
		R'000	3 277	93 580	73 539	365 473	339 628	-7,1
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	0	0	6 309	4 343	-31,2
		R'000	0	0	0	24 390	21 300	-12,7
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	15 276	99 919	76 015	503 317	400 575	-20,4
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	7 484	10 313	3 034	62 441	59 527
R'000			31 032	39 020	14 786	247 374	247 477	0,0
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	7 432	6 583	591	34 822	14 789	-57,5
		R'000	30 977	33 706	2 630	144 988	85 914	-40,7
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	62 009	72 726	17 416	392 362	333 391	-15,0
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	162 718	228 163	191 638	1 454 063	1 339 966	-7,8

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

			Aug. 2014	Jul. 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. - Aug. 2014	Jan. - Aug. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	1	2	0	28	38	35,7	
		Square metres	54	75	0	1 511	2 111	39,7	
		R'000	297	450	0	8 136	11 761	44,6	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	9	14	11	68	154	126,5	
		Square metres	1 583	4 560	2 737	13 922	22 046	58,4	
		R'000	7 854	28 754	15 393	64 508	124 281	92,7	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	8	0	0	22	42	90,9	
		Square metres	657	0	0	2 944	2 940	-0,1	
		R'000	2 958	0	0	12 689	16 170	27,4	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	640	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	3 520	0	..	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	11 109	29 204	15 393	88 853	152 212	71,3	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	389	0	14 879	658	-95,6	
		R'000	0	2 334	0	50 589	3 814	-92,5	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	456	0	1 382	678	-50,9	
		R'000	0	2 881	0	6 220	4 102	-34,1	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	0	1 102	256	6 040	2 273	-62,4	
		R'000	0	4 959	1 536	30 579	10 813	-64,6	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	0	0	242	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	1 089	0	..	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	0	10 174	1 536	88 477	18 729	-78,8
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	3 643	760	2 066	17 418	17 768	2,0
R'000			18 598	4 560	13 064	82 126	97 324	18,5	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	0	315	52	12 254	10 460	-14,6	
		R'000	0	1 930	549	61 505	59 615	-3,1	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	18 598	6 490	13 613	143 631	156 939	9,3	
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	29 707	45 868	30 542	320 961	327 880	2,2	

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

			Aug. 2014	Jul. 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. - Aug. 2014	Jan. - Aug. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	80	218	183	364	1 244	241,8
		Square metres	4 396	12 144	9 672	19 649	68 058	246,4
		R'000	13 193	24 950	18 876	48 858	151 752	210,6
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	28	21	14	123	177	43,9
		Square metres	4 443	2 822	2 256	27 264	30 988	13,7
		R'000	19 433	12 827	11 192	130 406	145 751	11,8
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	18	0	0	168	201	19,6
		Square metres	1 810	0	0	18 431	25 713	39,5
		R'000	9 955	0	0	91 480	126 428	38,2
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	7 274	24 586	238,0
		R'000	0	0	0	32 916	142 508	332,9
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	42 581	37 777	30 068	303 660	566 439	86,5	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	0	0	895	2 405	168,7
		R'000	0	0	0	4 923	14 382	192,1
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	415	373	0	1 466	6 206	323,3
		R'000	1 600	1 679	0	5 730	29 062	407,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	0	0	0	0	3 807	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	15 228	..
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	0	0	1 090	4 453	308,5
		R'000	0	0	0	4 014	26 615	563,1
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 600	1 679	0	14 667	85 287	481,5
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	2 865	2 137	2 145	13 096	23 400
R'000			12 894	8 841	9 651	57 452	106 645	85,6
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	1 918	181	0	3 038	7 363	142,4
		R'000	11 561	1 737	869	35 920	64 596	79,8
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	24 455	10 578	10 520	93 372	171 241	83,4
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	68 636	50 034	40 588	411 699	822 967	99,9

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

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

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

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

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

			Aug. 2014	Jul. 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. - Aug. 2014	Jan. - Aug. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	29	20	26	131	160	22,1
		Square metres	1 742	1 162	1 544	7 537	9 631	27,8
		R'000	13 871	10 417	14 251	50 673	83 720	65,2
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	82	72	60	522	502	-3,8
		Square metres	20 432	20 378	14 037	150 807	133 168	-11,7
		R'000	160 249	165 167	126 575	1 166 721	1 068 855	-8,4
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	48	73	178	975	679	-30,4
		Square metres	10 367	12 750	28 655	103 382	113 190	9,5
		R'000	71 220	97 066	262 686	756 334	907 825	20,0
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	2 096	0	3 983	..
R'000		0	0	21 527	0	32 601	..	
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	245 340	272 650	425 039	1 973 728	2 093 001	6,0	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	3 264	7 257	2 257	32 010	48 038	50,1
		R'000	30 355	72 570	22 570	259 133	449 878	73,6
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	2 735	11 197	10 435	19 263	59 324	208,0
		R'000	25 436	111 970	63 809	153 294	478 583	212,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	7 880	2 554	20 269	60 486	85 589	41,5
		R'000	37 763	14 606	113 931	286 588	442 363	54,4
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	740	0	0	8 843	8 829	-0,2
		R'000	6 882	0	0	54 639	64 439	17,9
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	100 436	199 146	200 310	753 654	1 435 263	90,4
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	12 795	13 473	15 186	96 511	94 562
R'000			119 786	118 044	145 313	806 650	842 370	4,4
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	7 604	8 167	3 111	31 939	61 638	93,0
		R'000	68 102	54 005	28 424	250 584	498 540	99,0
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	187 888	172 049	173 737	1 057 234	1 340 910	26,8
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	533 664	643 845	799 086	3 784 616	4 869 174	28,7

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

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

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

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

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

			Aug. 2014	Jul. 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. - Aug. 2014	Jan. - Aug. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	34	1	12	160	51	-68,1	
		Square metres	2 040	67	759	9 101	3 359	-63,1	
		R'000	8 160	215	3 764	34 024	12 139	-64,3	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	47	50	126	746	563	-24,5	
		Square metres	8 636	10 503	29 107	112 606	111 254	-1,2	
		R'000	42 205	49 089	141 425	508 702	513 577	1,0	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	36	61	20	629	570	-9,4	
		Square metres	2 240	7 476	1 337	49 860	44 892	-10,0	
		R'000	9 408	33 540	5 680	245 571	200 158	-18,5	
	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	59 773	82 844	150 869	788 973	730 782	-7,4
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	246	989	7 236	6 825	-5,7	
		R'000	0	1 131	4 945	36 073	36 688	1,7	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	200	3 202	24 894	33 461	34,4	
		R'000	0	968	15 974	143 123	164 983	15,3	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	994	1 920	0	20 194	15 177	-24,8	
		R'000	3 479	8 640	0	74 852	61 668	-17,6	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	662	0	4 674	5 104	9,2	
		R'000	0	3 310	0	23 308	25 192	8,1	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	3 479	14 049	20 919	277 356	288 531	4,0
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	684	2 189	12 591	15 165	68 301	350,4
R'000			2 963	8 843	52 787	65 743	275 983	319,8	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	995	2 707	1 294	5 875	14 154	140,9	
		R'000	5 572	13 242	6 231	28 684	68 026	137,2	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	8 535	22 085	59 018	94 427	344 009	264,3	
4. Recorded buildings completed		1. Total at current prices	R'000	71 787	118 978	230 806	1 160 756	1 363 322	17,5

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

			Aug. 2014	Jul. 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. - Aug. 2014	Jan. - Aug. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	545	393	387	3 173	3 692	16,4
		Square metres	27 249	19 011	19 800	164 330	186 987	13,8
		R'000	115 530	68 423	69 513	638 981	732 649	14,7
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	375	379	340	2 890	3 043	5,3
		Square metres	128 015	146 548	108 576	833 900	973 210	16,7
		R'000	915 630	1 059 751	782 966	5 545 720	6 771 005	22,1
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	134	285	287	3 171	3 273	3,2
		Square metres	14 025	29 940	38 305	329 633	290 168	-12,0
		R'000	118 837	197 017	266 215	2 287 271	2 113 701	-7,6
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	850	862	11 415	1 224,2
		R'000	0	0	7 261	4 587	111 199	2 324,2
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	1 149 997	1 325 191	1 125 955	8 476 559	9 728 554	14,8	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	30 921	7 274	537	186 548	146 195	-21,6
		R'000	237 428	62 048	3 918	1 589 034	1 188 732	-25,2
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	47 482	2 967	10 701	173 069	43 153	-75,1
		R'000	357 506	14 093	50 732	1 267 812	284 788	-77,5
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	9 069	20 836	32 372	429 966	248 855	-42,1
		R'000	41 894	101 111	171 847	2 046 046	1 170 197	-42,8
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	6 368	7 858	13 431	60 243	50 513	-16,2
		R'000	48 687	43 825	99 563	430 594	373 274	-13,3
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	685 515	221 077	326 060	5 333 486	3 016 991	-43,4
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	19 544	19 375	16 541	216 999	118 958
R'000			128 713	127 021	114 722	1 335 677	789 614	-40,9
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	13 885	15 513	13 203	99 258	106 884	7,7
		R'000	124 491	106 984	104 831	699 701	761 714	8,9
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	253 204	234 005	219 553	2 035 378	1 551 328	-23,8
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	2 088 716	1 780 273	1 671 568	15 845 423	14 296 873	-9,8

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

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

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

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

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

			Aug. 2014	Jul. 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. - Aug. 2014	Jan. - Aug. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	120	37	41	1 037	616	-40,6
		Square metres	6 219	1 913	2 269	53 631	32 705	-39,0
		R'000	23 208	8 808	10 437	197 807	126 107	-36,2
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	82	64	88	514	681	32,5
		Square metres	14 592	12 197	21 038	107 020	148 737	39,0
		R'000	62 807	54 407	91 309	462 972	673 505	45,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	114	114	21	910	250	-72,5
		Square metres	11 475	4 764	1 274	57 560	12 831	-77,7
		R'000	68 876	21 439	5 733	343 492	57 876	-83,2
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	572	17 689	1 804	-89,8
		R'000	0	0	2 574	84 841	8 118	-90,4
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	154 891	84 654	110 053	1 089 112	865 606	-20,5
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	0	0	3 853	1 320
R'000			0	0	0	17 602	6 072	-65,5
2. Shopping space		Square metres	0	0	20 196	21 723	30 021	38,2
		R'000	0	0	80 784	233 000	122 897	-47,3
3. Industrial and warehouse space		Square metres	9 835	4 828	2 151	39 990	23 417	-41,4
		R'000	46 780	26 741	12 156	177 812	109 817	-38,2
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		Square metres	0	0	855	13 555	1 616	-88,1
		R'000	0	0	5 000	60 692	8 590	-85,8
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	46 780	26 741	97 940	489 106	247 376	-49,4
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	12 197	11 579	6 587	69 141	75 084
	R'000		55 278	49 731	29 115	293 226	318 615	8,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	687	867	300	16 523	3 277	-80,2
		R'000	4 029	4 489	1 800	84 603	15 030	-82,2
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	59 307	54 220	30 915	377 829	333 645	-11,7
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	260 978	165 615	238 908	1 956 047	1 446 627	-26,0

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

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

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

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

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

			Aug. 2014	Jul. 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. - Aug. 2014	Jan. - Aug. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	17	20	15	131	154	17,6	
		Square metres	961	1 131	811	7 286	8 832	21,2	
		R'000	4 249	5 405	4 055	32 680	42 819	31,0	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	18	22	35	164	151	-7,9	
		Square metres	5 343	4 487	6 086	41 624	39 441	-5,2	
		R'000	23 948	23 437	29 171	184 048	190 146	3,3	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	0	37	18	302	151	-50,0	
		Square metres	0	5 306	1 614	30 008	15 534	-48,2	
		R'000	0	26 142	8 070	132 985	75 508	-43,2	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	324	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	1 296	0	..	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	28 197	54 984	41 296	351 009	308 473	-12,1	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	294	2 818	1 318	4 423	235,6	
		R'000	0	1 470	14 090	5 275	22 014	317,3	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	2 868	0	0	10 951	1 295	-88,2	
		R'000	12 906	0	0	50 653	5 180	-89,8	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	0	3 792	0	9 052	7 898	-12,7	
		R'000	0	15 661	0	40 167	34 138	-15,0	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	78	13 248	2 177	78	15 688	20 012,8	
		R'000	273	66 240	10 885	273	78 215	28 550,2	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	13 179	83 371	24 975	96 368	139 547	44,8
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	534	294	500	5 042	2 368	-53,0
R'000			2 294	1 327	2 267	21 106	10 586	-49,8	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	0	0	165	225	1 466	551,6	
		R'000	0	500	825	3 033	8 875	192,6	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	2 294	1 827	3 092	24 139	19 461	-19,4	
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	43 670	140 182	69 363	471 516	467 481	-0,9	

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.

Explanatory notes

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| Introduction | 1 | Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements. |
| | 2 | In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available. |
| Purpose of the survey | 3 | The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector. |
| Scope of the survey | 4 | This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings. |
| Classification | 5 | Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities, (SIC) Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02</i> . The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC)</i> with suitable adaptations for local conditions. |
| Collection rate | 6 | The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for August 2015 was 93,6%. The improved collection rate for July 2015 was 96,4%. |
| Statistical unit | 7 | The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities. |
| Survey methodology and design | 8 | Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone. |
| Constant prices | 9 | The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2010. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: <i>Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP) Work Groups and Selected Materials Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base February 1991=100) are converted to the base year 2010=100. |

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

Symbols and abbreviations

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	Include – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District municipalities; • Metropolitan municipalities; and • Local municipalities.
Municipality	A generic term describing the “unit” of government in the local spheres responsible for local government in a geographically demarcated area and including district, metropolitan and local municipalities. It is an institution consisting of a municipal council (elected political representatives) and municipal administration (appointed officials).
District municipality	A municipality that has municipal executive and legislative authority in an area that includes more than one municipality, and which is described in section 155(1) of the Constitution as a category C municipality (refer to Local Government: Municipal Structure Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998)).
Metropolitan municipality	A municipality that has municipal executive and legislative authority in an area that includes more than one municipality, and which is described in section 155(1) of the Constitution as a category A municipality (refer to Local Government: Municipal Structure Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998)).
Local municipality	A municipality that shares municipal executive and legislative authority in its area with a district municipality within whose area it falls, which is described in section 155(1) of the constitution as a category B municipality.
Non-residential buildings	Factories and commercial, financial and other office buildings, as well as other buildings not used for residential purposes, such as churches, halls, clubs, schools and hospitals.
Other residential buildings	Institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, old people’s homes, hostels, hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation, entertainment centres and casinos.
Percentage change	<p>When using monthly actual values, the percentage change is the change in actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the relevant month compared with the actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the same month in the previous year expressed as a percentage.</p> <p>When using annual actual values, the percentage change is the change in the actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the relevant year compared with the actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the previous year expressed as a percentage.</p> <p>When using seasonally adjusted values, the percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the relevant month compared with the seasonally adjusted values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the previous month expressed as a percentage.</p>

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

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