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Results for January 2018

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

Estimates at current prices	January 2017	January 2018	Difference in value between January 2017 and January 2018	% change between January 2017 and January 2018
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	3 161 447	3 358 348	196 901	6,2
-Dwelling-houses	1 859 519	2 182 564	323 045	17,4
-Flats and townhouses	1 288 602	1 146 107	-142 495	-11,1
-Other residential buildings	13 326	29 677	16 351	122,7
Non-residential buildings	1 894 083	1 347 593	-546 490	-28,9
Additions and alterations	1 703 058	2 047 000	343 942	20,2
Total	6 758 588	6 752 941	-5 647	-0,1

1/ 2017 and 2018 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total value of recorded building plans passed at current prices

The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 0,1% (-R5,6 million) in January 2018 compared with January 2017.

Non-residential buildings fell by 28,9% (-R546,5 million) and additions and alterations rose by 20,2% (R343,9 million) – see Table A.

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

Estimates at current prices	January 2017	January 2018	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January 2017	% change between January 2017 and January 2018	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January 2017 and January 2018	Difference in value between January 2017 and January 2018
	1/	1/				
	R'000	R'000			2/	R'000
Western Cape	1 366 427	1 715 632	20,2	25,6	5,2	349 205
Eastern Cape	196 136	509 851	2,9	159,9	4,6	313 715
Northern Cape	38 402	150 888	0,6	292,9	1,7	112 486
Free State	208 479	548 648	3,1	163,2	5,0	340 169
KwaZulu-Natal	905 906	883 088	13,4	-2,5	-0,3	-22 818
North West	589 765	148 106	8,7	-74,9	-6,5	-441 659
Gauteng	3 120 744	2 406 849	46,2	-22,9	-10,6	-713 895
Mpumalanga	171 107	293 513	2,5	71,5	1,8	122 406
Limpopo	161 622	96 366	2,4	-40,4	-1,0	-65 256
Total	6 758 588	6 752 941	100,0	-0,1	-0,1	-5 647

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

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January 2017	January 2018	Difference in value between January 2017 and January 2018	% change between January 2017 and January 2018
	1/	1/	R'000	
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	2 874 043	2 917 765	43 722	1,5
Non-residential buildings	1 721 894	1 170 802	-551 092	-32,0
Additions and alterations	1 548 235	1 778 454	230 219	14,9
Total	6 144 172	5 867 021	-277 151	-4,5

1/ 2017 and 2018 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 4,5% (-R277,2 million) year-on-year in January 2018. Non-residential buildings fell by 32,0% (-R551,1 million) and additions and alterations rose by 14,9% (R230,2 million) – see Table C.

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

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	August to October 2017	November 2017 to January 2018	% change between August to October 2017 and November 2017 to January 2018
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	11 124 142	12 015 146	8,0
Non-residential buildings 1/	5 540 214	6 772 334	22,2
Additions and alterations	6 735 254	6 780 535	0,7
Total	23 399 610	25 568 015	9,3

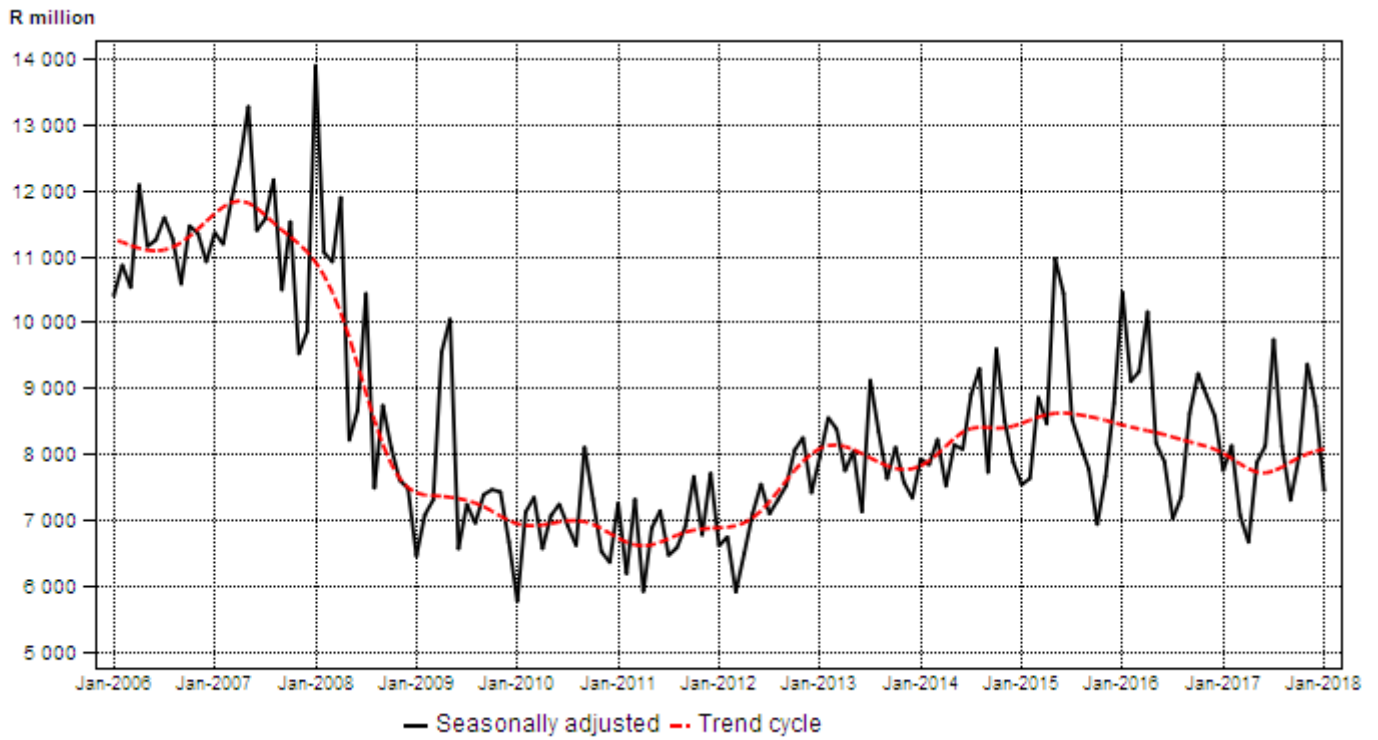
1/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed increased by 9,3% in the three months ended January 2018 compared with the previous three months. Increases were recorded for non-residential buildings (22,2%), residential buildings (8,0%) and additions and alterations (0,7%) – see Table D.

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

Constant 2015 prices



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

Estimates at current prices	January 2017	January 2018	Difference in value between January 2017 and January 2018	% change between January 2017 and January 2018
	1/	1/	R'000	
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	2 359 273	2 355 184	-4 089	-0,2
-Dwelling-houses	1 561 927	1 336 351	-225 576	-14,4
-Flats and townhouses	654 455	1 000 334	345 879	52,8
-Other residential buildings	142 891	18 499	-124 392	-87,1
Non-residential buildings	1 324 149	783 595	-540 554	-40,8
Additions and alterations	755 314	748 104	-7 210	-1,0
Total	4 438 736	3 886 883	-551 853	-12,4

1/ 2017 and 2018 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total value of buildings reported as completed at current prices

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 12,4% (-R551,9 million) in January 2018 compared with January 2017.

Non-residential buildings fell by 40,8% (-R540,6 million) – see Table E.

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

Estimates at current prices	January 2017	January 2018	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January 2017	% change between January 2017 and January 2018	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January 2017 and January 2018	Difference in value between January 2017 and January 2018
	1/	1/				
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	791 870	1 219 396	17,8	54,0	9,6	427 526
Eastern Cape	74 005	85 591	1,7	15,7	0,3	11 586
Northern Cape	41 526	15 242	0,9	-63,3	-0,6	-26 284
Free State	30 717	159 305	0,7	418,6	2,9	128 588
KwaZulu-Natal	602 227	434 995	13,6	-27,8	-3,8	-167 232
North West	66 909	165 342	1,5	147,1	2,2	98 433
Gauteng	2 652 162	1 717 303	59,8	-35,2	-21,1	-934 859
Mpumalanga	137 275	48 393	3,1	-64,7	-2,0	-88 882
Limpopo	42 045	41 316	0,9	-1,7	0,0	-729
Total	4 438 736	3 886 883	100,0	-12,4	-12,4	-551 853

1/ 2017 and 2018 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

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

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January 2017	January 2018	Difference in value between January 2017 and January 2018	% change between January 2017 and January 2018
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	2 144 794	2 046 207	-98 587	-4,6
Non-residential buildings	1 203 772	680 795	-522 977	-43,4
Additions and alterations	686 649	649 960	-36 689	-5,3
Total	4 035 215	3 376 962	-658 253	-16,3

1/ 2017 and 2018 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 16,3% (-R658,3 million) year-on-year in January 2018. All three major building categories recorded decreases. The largest percentage decrease was recorded for non-residential buildings (-43,4% or -R523,0 million), followed by additions and alterations (-5,3% or -R36,7 million) and residential buildings (-4,6% or -R98,6 million) – see Table G.

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

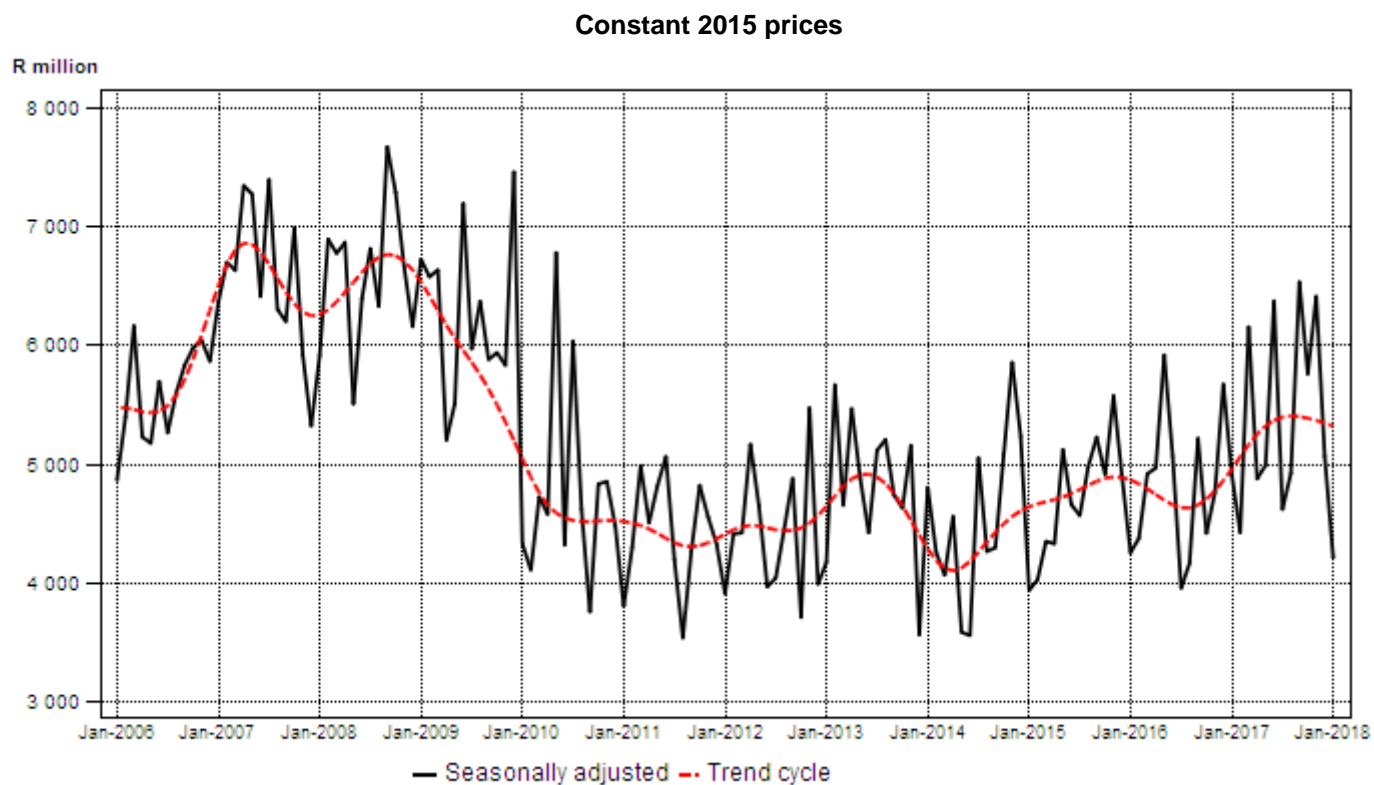
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	August to October 2017	November 2017 to January 2018	% change between August to October 2017 and November 2017 to January 2018
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	7 782 449	8 722 534	12,1
Non-residential buildings 1/	6 791 038	4 266 557	-37,2
Additions and alterations	2 644 832	2 708 040	2,4
Total	17 218 319	15 697 131	-8,8

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased by 8,8% in the three months ended January 2018 compared with the previous three months. Non-residential buildings fell by 37,2% and residential buildings rose by 12,1% – see Table H.

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



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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2017	January	3 161 447	6,2	1 894 083	-58,3	1 703 058	17,3	6 758 588	-24,7
	February	4 539 426	-1,2	2 277 683	-14,5	2 161 104	1,7	8 978 213	-4,3
	March	4 237 489	-7,9	1 675 826	-36,7	2 277 738	10,8	8 191 053	-12,0
	April	3 657 581	-33,3	969 046	-65,8	1 983 859	-16,9	6 610 486	-38,3
	May	4 647 680	10,4	1 983 293	-12,0	2 442 934	9,0	9 073 907	4,3
	June	4 775 996	-5,0	2 192 921	40,6	2 642 793	9,4	9 611 710	6,8
	July	5 658 090	50,4	2 714 249	96,2	2 626 367	3,7	10 998 706	43,2
	August	4 149 479	-6,2	2 874 162	60,0	2 958 451	29,1	9 982 092	17,3
	September	4 486 618	-6,6	1 498 229	-40,4	2 705 724	-0,1	8 690 571	-13,3
	October	5 263 206	-2,9	1 903 123	-26,5	2 993 633	10,2	10 159 962	-5,3
	November	4 575 624	-5,2	3 903 092	38,3	2 785 284	13,3	11 264 000	11,4
	December	4 228 108	-10,7	2 535 273	66,5	1 982 402	1,4	8 745 783	6,5
	Total	53 380 744	-2,7	26 420 980	-9,3	29 263 347	7,0	109 065 071	-2,0
2018	January	3 358 348	6,2	1 347 593	-28,9	2 047 000	20,2	6 752 941	-0,1

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2017	January	4 360 304	-22,2	1 894 083	24,4	2 305 882	-4,4	8 560 269	-10,3
	February	4 502 928	3,3	2 277 683	20,3	2 209 506	-4,2	8 990 117	5,0
	March	3 914 389	-13,1	1 675 826	-26,4	2 235 997	1,2	7 826 212	-12,9
	April	4 143 235	5,8	969 046	-42,2	2 323 504	3,9	7 435 785	-5,0
	May	4 470 241	7,9	1 983 293	104,7	2 374 504	2,2	8 828 038	18,7
	June	4 338 935	-2,9	2 192 921	10,6	2 562 442	7,9	9 094 298	3,0
	July	5 793 124	33,5	2 714 249	23,8	2 420 581	-5,5	10 927 954	20,2
	August	3 729 370	-35,6	2 874 162	5,9	2 542 917	5,1	9 146 449	-16,3
	September	4 334 267	16,2	1 498 229	-47,9	2 465 067	-3,1	8 297 563	-9,3
	October	4 565 411	5,3	1 903 123	27,0	2 636 405	7,0	9 104 939	9,7
	November	4 278 108	-6,3	3 903 092	105,1	2 563 110	-2,8	10 744 310	18,0
	December	5 051 103	18,1	2 535 273	-35,0	2 514 032	-1,9	10 100 408	-6,0
2018	January	4 553 992	-9,8	1 347 593	-46,8	2 696 149	7,2	8 597 734	-14,9
	Aug. – Oct. 17	12 629 048		6 275 514		7 644 389		26 548 951	
	Nov. 17 – Jan. 18 2/	13 883 203	9,9	7 785 958	24,1	7 773 291	1,7	29 442 452	10,9

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

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

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

Table 3 – Value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices by type of building

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2017	January	2 874 043	-1,3	1 721 894	-61,3	1 548 235	9,0	6 144 172	-30,0
	February	4 096 955	-7,0	2 055 671	-19,5	1 950 455	-4,3	8 103 081	-9,9
	March	3 814 122	-13,3	1 508 394	-40,4	2 050 169	4,3	7 372 685	-17,1
	April	3 286 236	-36,9	870 661	-67,7	1 782 443	-21,3	5 939 340	-41,6
	May	4 138 629	3,9	1 766 067	-17,1	2 175 364	2,6	8 080 060	-1,9
	June	4 268 093	-9,3	1 959 715	34,2	2 361 745	4,4	8 589 553	1,9
	July	5 051 866	43,8	2 423 437	87,7	2 344 971	-0,8	9 820 274	37,0
	August	3 685 150	-10,7	2 552 542	52,3	2 627 399	22,9	8 865 091	11,7
	September	3 956 453	-11,4	1 321 190	-43,5	2 386 000	-5,3	7 663 643	-17,8
	October	4 608 762	-8,3	1 666 482	-30,6	2 621 395	4,0	8 896 639	-10,6
	November	3 982 266	-10,3	3 396 947	30,8	2 424 094	7,2	9 803 307	5,4
	December	3 676 616	-14,9	2 204 585	58,7	1 723 828	-3,3	7 605 029	1,5
	Total	47 439 191	-7,9	23 447 585	-14,8	25 996 098	1,3	96 882 874	-7,4
2018	January	2 917 765	1,5	1 170 802	-32,0	1 778 454	14,9	5 867 021	-4,5

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2017	January	3 948 549	-20,8	1 721 894	24,0	2 089 532	-5,3	7 759 975	-9,6
	February	4 085 343	3,5	2 055 671	19,4	1 997 778	-4,4	8 138 792	4,9
	March	3 565 963	-12,7	1 508 394	-26,6	2 004 494	0,3	7 078 851	-13,0
	April	3 742 331	4,9	870 661	-42,3	2 062 784	2,9	6 675 776	-5,7
	May	4 005 043	7,0	1 766 067	102,8	2 111 110	2,3	7 882 220	18,1
	June	3 860 672	-3,6	1 959 715	11,0	2 312 111	9,5	8 132 498	3,2
	July	5 157 487	33,6	2 423 437	23,7	2 166 285	-6,3	9 747 209	19,9
	August	3 313 746	-35,7	2 552 542	5,3	2 260 136	4,3	8 126 424	-16,6
	September	3 823 099	15,4	1 321 190	-48,2	2 167 935	-4,1	7 312 224	-10,0
	October	3 987 297	4,3	1 666 482	26,1	2 307 183	6,4	7 960 962	8,9
	November	3 711 289	-6,9	3 396 947	103,8	2 262 850	-1,9	9 371 086	17,7
	December	4 334 466	16,8	2 204 585	-35,1	2 197 740	-2,9	8 736 791	-6,8
2018	January	3 969 391	-8,4	1 170 802	-46,9	2 319 945	5,6	7 460 138	-14,6
	Aug. – Oct. 17	11 124 142		5 540 214		6 735 254		23 399 610	
	Nov. 17 – Jan. 18 2/	12 015 146	8,0	6 772 334	22,2	6 780 535	0,7	25 568 015	9,3

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2017	January	2 359 273	6,8	1 324 149	128,9	755 314	16,0	4 438 736	29,1
	February	2 987 483	21,5	793 718	-22,9	839 781	-3,5	4 620 982	6,0
	March	3 590 701	42,3	2 469 283	36,4	1 096 654	24,9	7 156 638	37,3
	April	3 722 887	60,7	835 924	-60,4	688 546	-16,3	5 247 357	-0,1
	May	2 997 231	-8,5	1 458 694	-19,8	938 447	2,7	5 394 372	-10,2
	June	3 184 349	2,5	2 807 943	111,9	1 119 285	20,3	7 111 577	32,7
	July	2 791 841	19,3	1 418 931	23,3	878 502	24,5	5 089 274	21,3
	August	2 913 322	16,0	1 538 208	27,6	1 121 295	41,6	5 572 825	23,6
	September	3 017 108	-17,3	3 501 830	164,1	1 234 363	25,5	7 753 301	30,1
	October	3 332 642	9,2	2 668 765	187,5	831 585	-18,6	6 832 992	36,6
	November	3 663 759	21,0	3 257 545	93,7	1 141 897	9,7	8 063 201	40,2
	December	4 159 930	-7,9	863 246	-12,4	958 305	9,8	5 981 481	-6,2
	Total	38 720 526	10,7	22 938 236	43,8	11 603 974	10,7	73 262 736	19,3
2018	January	2 355 184	-0,2	783 595	-40,8	748 104	-1,0	3 886 883	-12,4

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2017	January	3 105 704	-27,4	1 324 149	34,4	981 995	-1,4	5 411 848	-13,5
	February	3 273 175	5,4	793 718	-40,1	826 790	-15,8	4 893 683	-9,6
	March	3 532 611	7,9	2 469 283	211,1	823 487	-0,4	6 825 381	39,5
	April	3 751 258	6,2	835 924	-66,1	843 682	2,5	5 430 864	-20,4
	May	3 159 169	-15,8	1 458 694	74,5	943 136	11,8	5 560 999	2,4
	June	3 250 942	2,9	2 807 943	92,5	1 052 770	11,6	7 111 655	27,9
	July	2 834 386	-12,8	1 418 931	-49,5	922 706	-12,4	5 176 023	-27,2
	August	2 941 880	3,8	1 538 208	8,4	1 063 674	15,3	5 543 762	7,1
	September	2 772 312	-5,8	3 501 830	127,7	1 130 880	6,3	7 405 022	33,6
	October	3 108 981	12,1	2 668 765	-23,8	808 693	-28,5	6 586 439	-11,1
	November	3 064 768	-1,4	3 257 545	22,1	1 075 626	33,0	7 397 939	12,3
	December	3 925 708	28,1	863 246	-73,5	1 072 982	-0,2	5 861 936	-20,8
2018	January	3 104 076	-20,9	783 595	-9,2	976 949	-9,0	4 864 620	-17,0
	Aug. – Oct. 17	8 823 173		7 708 803		3 003 247		19 535 223	
	Nov. 17 – Jan. 18 2/	10 094 552	14,4	4 904 386	-36,4	3 125 557	4,1	18 124 495	-7,2

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2017	January	2 144 794	-0,7	1 203 772	112,7	686 649	7,7	4 035 215	19,9
	February	2 696 284	14,4	716 352	-27,5	757 925	-9,1	4 170 561	-0,2
	March	3 231 954	34,0	2 222 577	28,4	987 087	17,6	6 441 618	29,3
	April	3 344 912	52,2	751 055	-62,5	618 640	-20,7	4 714 607	-5,4
	May	2 668 950	-13,9	1 298 926	-24,5	835 661	-3,3	4 803 537	-15,5
	June	2 845 710	-2,1	2 509 332	102,2	1 000 255	14,9	6 355 297	26,6
	July	2 492 715	14,1	1 266 903	17,9	784 377	19,1	4 543 995	16,0
	August	2 587 320	10,4	1 366 082	21,4	995 821	34,8	4 949 223	17,7
	September	2 660 589	-21,6	3 088 034	150,3	1 088 504	18,9	6 837 127	23,4
	October	2 918 250	3,1	2 336 922	171,4	728 183	-23,2	5 983 355	29,0
	November	3 188 650	14,5	2 835 113	83,2	993 818	3,8	7 017 581	32,7
	December	3 617 330	-12,2	750 649	-16,5	833 309	4,6	5 201 288	-10,6
	Total	34 397 458	4,9	20 345 717	35,7	10 310 229	4,8	65 053 404	12,9
2018	January	2 046 207	-4,6	680 795	-43,4	649 960	-5,3	3 376 962	-16,3

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2017	January	2 818 640	-27,2	1 203 772	33,9	888 526	-1,8	4 910 938	-13,5
	February	2 957 291	4,9	716 352	-40,5	748 942	-15,7	4 422 585	-9,9
	March	3 188 006	7,8	2 222 577	210,3	744 052	-0,7	6 154 635	39,2
	April	3 367 286	5,6	751 055	-66,2	758 724	2,0	4 877 065	-20,8
	May	2 849 385	-15,4	1 298 926	72,9	842 111	11,0	4 990 422	2,3
	June	2 919 319	2,5	2 509 332	93,2	944 654	12,2	6 373 305	27,7
	July	2 527 599	-13,4	1 266 903	-49,5	824 973	-12,7	4 619 475	-27,5
	August	2 612 032	3,3	1 366 082	7,8	945 139	14,6	4 923 253	6,6
	September	2 452 455	-6,1	3 088 034	126,1	995 971	5,4	6 536 460	32,8
	October	2 717 962	10,8	2 336 922	-24,3	703 722	-29,3	5 758 606	-11,9
	November	2 645 286	-2,7	2 835 113	21,3	933 809	32,7	6 414 208	11,4
	December	3 386 936	28,0	750 649	-73,5	929 285	-0,5	5 066 870	-21,0
2018	January	2 690 312	-20,6	680 795	-9,3	844 946	-9,1	4 216 053	-16,8
	Aug. – Oct. 17	7 782 449		6 791 038		2 644 832		17 218 319	
	Nov. 17 – Jan. 18 2/	8 722 534	12,1	4 266 557	-37,2	2 708 040	2,4	15 697 131	-8,8

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2017	Dec. 2017	Jan. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	722	2 629	1 450	100,8
		square metres	35 962	135 516	64 439	79,2
		R'000	213 982	544 814	253 662	18,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	876	1 093	963	9,9
		square metres	241 755	272 280	268 474	11,1
		R'000	1 645 537	1 984 938	1 928 902	17,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 582	2 148	1 943	22,8
		square metres	174 536	186 145	152 910	-12,4
		R'000	1 288 602	1 588 091	1 146 107	-11,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 641	12 526	4 785	81,2
		R'000	13 326	110 265	29 677	122,7
Total residential buildings	R'000	3 161 447	4 228 108	3 358 348	6,2	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	25 166	26 424	31 760	26,2
		R'000	241 003	224 672	318 131	32,0
	Shopping space	square metres	17 281	117 199	40 251	132,9
		R'000	120 604	1 040 260	282 124	133,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	204 831	182 557	98 581	-51,9
		R'000	1 195 748	1 178 042	589 485	-50,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	46 465	13 550	19 644	-57,7
		R'000	336 728	92 299	157 853	-53,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 894 083	2 535 273	1 347 593	-28,9
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	182 828	202 996	176 347
R'000			1 236 990	1 494 491	1 256 143	1,5
Other buildings 4/		square metres	56 144	44 039	89 448	59,3
		R'000	466 068	487 911	790 857	69,7
Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 703 058	1 982 402	2 047 000	20,2	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	6 758 588	8 745 783	6 752 941	-0,1

1/ The percentage change between January 2017 and January 2018.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2017	Dec. 2017	Jan. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit					
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	394	408	77	-80,5	
		square metres	18 317	26 129	3 979	-78,3	
		R'000	116 716	179 990	27 899	-76,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	247	439	324	31,2	
		square metres	62 103	89 665	79 710	28,4	
		R'000	414 051	624 243	530 071	28,0	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	311	796	505	62,4	
		square metres	31 219	58 854	51 602	65,3	
		R'000	242 927	459 855	415 997	71,2	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 322	1 551	764	-42,2	
		R'000	6 610	10 836	5 370	-18,8	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	780 304	1 274 924	979 337	25,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 217	13 369	5 847	380,4	
		R'000	8 543	104 139	46 020	438,7	
	Shopping space	square metres	517	78 128	5 210	907,7	
		R'000	2 585	682 634	43 627	1 587,7	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	14 520	71 510	19 188	32,1	
		R'000	100 285	492 650	112 496	12,2	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	4 890	2 405	4 130	-15,5	
		R'000	28 065	16 884	29 478	5,0	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	139 478	1 296 307	231 621	66,1
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	48 961	56 710	56 358	15,1
R'000			321 370	384 046	377 329	17,4	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	11 859	9 812	13 115	10,6	
		R'000	125 275	142 120	127 345	1,7	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	446 645	526 166	504 674	13,0	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices		R'000	1 366 427	3 097 397	1 715 632	25,6

1/ The percentage change between January 2017 and January 2018.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2017	Dec. 2017	Jan. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit					
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	5	14	15	200,0	
		square metres	261	774	865	231,4	
		R'000	1 599	4 500	5 139	221,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	43	66	47	9,3	
		square metres	9 940	17 498	10 224	2,9	
		R'000	58 480	111 256	65 670	12,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	22	97	859	3 804,5	
		square metres	1 834	10 162	42 803	2 233,9	
		R'000	8 425	64 762	262 748	3 018,7	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	2 662	0	..	
		R'000	0	15 972	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	68 504	196 490	333 557	386,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	4 176	0	..	
		R'000	0	25 920	0	..	
	Shopping space	square metres	299	0	0	..	
		R'000	1 196	0	0	..	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 974	5 340	6 614	33,0	
		R'000	27 357	33 645	41 989	53,5	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 039	3 775	0	..	
		R'000	5 197	23 200	0	..	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	33 750	82 765	41 989	24,4
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 267	18 465	11 798	-17,3
R'000			77 536	114 840	73 305	-5,5	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	1 905	7 177	9 308	388,6	
		R'000	16 346	50 123	61 000	273,2	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	93 882	164 963	134 305	43,1	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices		R'000	196 136	444 218	509 851	159,9

1/ The percentage change between January 2017 and January 2018.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2017	Dec. 2017	Jan. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit					
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	4	1	..	
		square metres	0	253	50	..	
		R'000	0	1 960	402	..	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	22	21	8	-63,6	
		square metres	2 395	4 380	1 723	-28,1	
		R'000	16 342	30 050	11 243	-31,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	..	
		square metres	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	..	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	390	0	294	-24,6	
		R'000	2 535	0	2 058	-18,8	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	18 877	32 010	13 703	-27,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 613	7 269	..	
		R'000	0	11 291	58 450	..	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	..	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	1 037	2 502	..	
		R'000	0	6 180	13 287	..	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	347	0	64	-81,6	
		R'000	2 256	0	515	-77,2	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	2 256	17 471	72 252	3 102,7
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 499	3 402	1 161	-53,5
R'000			17 149	24 794	8 101	-52,8	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	0	39	7 079	..	
		R'000	120	1 143	56 832	47 260,0	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	17 269	25 937	64 933	276,0	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices		R'000	38 402	75 418	150 888	292,9

1/ The percentage change between January 2017 and January 2018.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2017	Dec. 2017	Jan. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit					
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	9	25	127,3	
		square metres	677	554	1 311	93,6	
		R'000	3 687	3 617	6 087	65,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	60	54	62	3,3	
		square metres	11 797	10 799	14 943	26,7	
		R'000	62 815	66 580	93 110	48,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	36	0	118	227,8	
		square metres	7 727	0	5 926	-23,3	
		R'000	51 306	0	42 438	-17,3	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	871	152	..	
		R'000	0	5 612	724	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	117 808	75 809	142 359	20,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	187	0	0	..	
		R'000	1 496	0	0	..	
	Shopping space	square metres	2 538	79	6 681	163,2	
		R'000	12 015	501	40 086	233,6	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 276	380	0	..	
		R'000	25 011	1 809	0	..	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	378	401	..	
		R'000	0	3 326	2 511	..	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	38 522	5 636	42 597	10,6
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 101	9 784	10 385	14,1
R'000			46 752	61 237	68 961	47,5	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	661	985	35 680	5 297,9	
		R'000	5 397	9 634	294 731	5 361,0	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	52 149	70 871	363 692	597,4	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices		R'000	208 479	152 316	548 648	163,2

1/ The percentage change between January 2017 and January 2018.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2017	Dec. 2017	Jan. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	25	5	7	-72,0
		square metres	1 506	328	416	-72,4
		R'000	9 586	3 252	3 163	-67,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	86	107	68	-20,9
		square metres	26 164	32 161	21 329	-18,5
		R'000	255 812	306 519	206 189	-19,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	64	250	185	189,1
		square metres	8 156	25 116	20 557	152,0
		R'000	67 771	239 621	201 874	197,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	3 310	0	..
		R'000	0	36 869	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	333 169	586 261	411 226	23,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	7 066	0	271	-96,2
		R'000	52 119	0	1 897	-96,4
	Shopping space	square metres	0	20 884	940	..
		R'000	0	223 724	8 513	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	18 165	51 974	33 146	82,5
		R'000	115 768	319 624	189 490	63,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	913	2 474	0	..
		R'000	6 391	21 936	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	174 278	565 284	199 900	14,7
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	26 251	28 743	17 421
R'000			243 072	282 751	166 148	-31,6
Other buildings 4/		square metres	18 360	13 357	7 295	-60,3
		R'000	155 387	172 267	105 814	-31,9
Total additions and alterations	R'000	398 459	455 018	271 962	-31,7	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	905 906	1 606 563	883 088	-2,5

1/ The percentage change between January 2017 and January 2018.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2017	Dec. 2017	Jan. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	5	10	3	-40,0
		square metres	296	701	190	-35,8
		R'000	1 297	3 155	1 016	-21,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	60	43	56	-6,7
		square metres	15 651	11 964	13 258	-15,3
		R'000	87 281	66 031	71 802	-17,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	738	1	93	-87,4
		square metres	74 660	261	5 488	-92,6
		R'000	446 400	1 175	31 438	-93,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	534 978	70 361	104 256	-80,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	733	3 077	0	..
		R'000	3 299	14 650	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 518	5 424	0	..
		R'000	10 205	30 648	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	283	0	0	..
		R'000	1 274	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	14 778	45 298	0	..
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 118	9 783	8 142
R'000			39 164	51 935	43 201	10,3
Other buildings 4/		square metres	41	541	122	197,6
		R'000	845	3 215	649	-23,2
Total additions and alterations	R'000	40 009	55 150	43 850	9,6	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	589 765	170 809	148 106	-74,9

1/ The percentage change between January 2017 and January 2018.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2017	Dec. 2017	Jan. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit					
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	197	2 125	1 305	562,4	
		square metres	10 429	103 915	56 603	442,7	
		R'000	61 844	330 449	204 957	231,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	238	295	309	29,8	
		square metres	80 866	87 086	98 274	21,5	
		R'000	590 324	678 900	778 171	31,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	383	977	164	-57,2	
		square metres	47 870	88 639	24 864	-48,1	
		R'000	456 788	808 202	183 655	-59,8	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	4 132	0	..	
		R'000	0	40 976	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 108 956	1 858 527	1 166 783	5,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	15 706	7 134	17 958	14,3	
		R'000	174 321	82 694	209 997	20,5	
	Shopping space	square metres	8 776	12 285	18 777	114,0	
		R'000	81 073	106 894	148 825	83,6	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	155 726	28 462	27 999	-82,0	
		R'000	900 415	187 289	189 945	-78,9	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	35 252	1 738	14 744	-58,2	
		R'000	275 091	13 717	123 895	-55,0	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 430 900	390 594	672 662	-53,0
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	60 326	64 054	57 199	-5,2
R'000			429 906	513 617	444 647	3,4	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	21 803	9 500	15 646	-28,2	
		R'000	150 982	88 523	122 757	-18,7	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	580 888	602 140	567 404	-2,3	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices		R'000	3 120 744	2 851 261	2 406 849	-22,9

1/ The percentage change between January 2017 and January 2018.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2017	Dec. 2017	Jan. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit					
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	80	43	12	-85,0	
		square metres	4 139	2 197	713	-82,8	
		R'000	17 568	14 373	3 241	-81,6	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	58	36	58	0,0	
		square metres	16 156	9 378	18 065	11,8	
		R'000	72 748	52 890	114 381	57,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	11	17	19	72,7	
		square metres	1 253	2 419	1 670	33,3	
		R'000	5 745	11 522	7 957	38,5	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	929	0	3 266	251,6	
		R'000	4 181	0	20 211	383,4	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	100 242	78 785	145 790	45,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	..	
	Shopping space	square metres	4 230	332	8 403	98,7	
		R'000	19 458	1 581	40 052	105,8	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 499	18 430	6 749	350,2	
		R'000	6 895	106 197	32 132	366,0	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	502	0	0	..	
		R'000	2 259	0	0	..	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	28 612	107 778	72 184	152,3
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 616	8 876	10 544	38,4
R'000			34 037	44 919	57 229	68,1	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	1 515	2 332	1 025	-32,3	
		R'000	8 216	17 156	18 310	122,9	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	42 253	62 075	75 539	78,8	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices		R'000	171 107	248 638	293 513	71,5

1/ The percentage change between January 2017 and January 2018.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2017	Dec. 2017	Jan. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit					
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	5	11	5	0,0	
		square metres	337	665	312	-7,4	
		R'000	1 685	3 518	1 758	4,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	62	32	31	-50,0	
		square metres	16 683	9 349	10 948	-34,4	
		R'000	87 684	48 469	58 265	-33,6	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	17	10	0	..	
		square metres	1 817	694	0	..	
		R'000	9 240	2 954	0	..	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	309	..	
		R'000	0	0	1 314	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	98 609	54 941	61 337	-37,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	990	132	415	-58,1	
		R'000	4 524	628	1 767	-60,9	
	Shopping space	square metres	188	2 414	240	27,7	
		R'000	978	10 276	1 021	4,4	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 153	0	2 383	10,7	
		R'000	9 812	0	10 146	3,4	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 239	2 780	305	-90,6	
		R'000	16 195	13 236	1 454	-91,0	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	31 509	24 140	14 388	-54,3
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 689	3 179	3 339	-41,3
R'000			28 004	16 352	17 222	-38,5	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	0	296	178	..	
		R'000	3 500	3 730	3 419	-2,3	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	31 504	20 082	20 641	-34,5	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices		R'000	161 622	99 163	96 366	-40,4

1/ The percentage change between January 2017 and January 2018.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2017	Dec. 2017	Jan. 2018	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit				
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	536	1 007	224	-58,2
		square metres	27 173	51 193	11 522	-57,6
		R'000	134 470	263 645	63 417	-52,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	597	1 234	607	1,7
		square metres	189 925	340 062	162 704	-14,3
		R'000	1 427 457	2 483 626	1 272 934	-10,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	838	1 225	1 591	89,9
		square metres	74 107	176 266	122 385	65,1
		R'000	654 455	1 355 727	1 000 334	52,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	13 705	4 860	2 439	-82,2
		R'000	142 891	56 932	18 499	-87,1
Total residential buildings	R'000	2 359 273	4 159 930	2 355 184	-0,2	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	77 451	10 247	21 418	-72,3
		R'000	827 093	103 718	234 973	-71,6
	Shopping space	square metres	10 104	22 940	11 048	9,3
		R'000	61 917	176 078	92 194	48,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	73 626	76 822	61 251	-16,8
		R'000	391 471	439 271	384 420	-1,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	6 928	16 153	9 491	37,0
		R'000	43 668	144 179	72 008	64,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 324 149	863 246	783 595	-40,8
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	71 485	78 210	72 442
R'000			449 314	564 594	515 758	14,8
Other buildings 4/		square metres	31 324	37 001	21 978	-29,8
		R'000	306 000	393 711	232 346	-24,1
Total additions and alterations	R'000	755 314	958 305	748 104	-1,0	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	4 438 736	5 981 481	3 886 883	-12,4

1/ The percentage change between January 2017 and January 2018.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2017	Dec. 2017	Jan. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit					
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	306	429	98	-68,0	
		square metres	14 751	20 071	4 570	-69,0	
		R'000	76 801	106 111	25 440	-66,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	123	454	181	47,2	
		square metres	30 936	108 778	48 297	56,1	
		R'000	198 188	736 269	317 543	60,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	61	429	907	1 386,9	
		square metres	8 511	76 667	43 518	411,3	
		R'000	58 409	582 914	351 165	501,2	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	378	0	0	..	
		R'000	1 702	0	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	335 100	1 425 294	694 148	107,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	7 445	1 014	528	-92,9	
		R'000	53 442	10 175	4 620	-91,4	
	Shopping space	square metres	1 666	11 693	6 830	310,0	
		R'000	9 638	84 810	52 877	448,6	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	12 041	14 567	19 590	62,7	
		R'000	78 479	93 546	132 234	68,5	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	497	3 188	3 222	548,3	
		R'000	2 739	21 547	22 377	717,0	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	144 298	210 078	212 108	47,0
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	34 045	37 753	33 356	-2,0
R'000			185 693	241 694	199 099	7,2	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	10 083	23 111	9 146	-9,3	
		R'000	126 779	263 408	114 041	-10,0	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	312 472	505 102	313 140	0,2	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	791 870	2 140 474	1 219 396	54,0

1/ The percentage change between January 2017 and January 2018.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2017	Dec. 2017	Jan. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit					
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	5	4	-60,0	
		square metres	585	301	242	-58,6	
		R'000	3 282	1 858	1 483	-54,8	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	30	35	38	26,7	
		square metres	7 358	8 986	9 052	23,0	
		R'000	37 853	59 480	58 693	55,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	12	0	0	..	
		square metres	898	0	0	..	
		R'000	5 063	0	0	..	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	46 198	61 338	60 176	30,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	..	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	413	..	
		R'000	0	0	1 746	..	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	140	298	0	..	
		R'000	560	1 891	0	..	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	..	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	560	1 891	1 746	211,8
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 154	3 336	3 295	-36,1
R'000			24 987	19 682	20 446	-18,2	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	404	1 918	337	-16,6	
		R'000	2 260	11 562	3 223	42,6	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	27 247	31 244	23 669	-13,1	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	74 005	94 473	85 591	15,7

1/ The percentage change between January 2017 and January 2018.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2017	Dec. 2017	Jan. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit					
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	0	..	
		square metres	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	..	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	10	4	2	-80,0	
		square metres	2 216	905	301	-86,4	
		R'000	15 192	6 231	2 107	-86,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	..	
		square metres	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	..	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	935	0	0	..	
		R'000	5 512	0	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	20 704	6 231	2 107	-89,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	..	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	..	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	2 456	0	..	
		R'000	0	17 192	0	..	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	..	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	0	17 192	0	..
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 095	349	1 684	53,8
R'000			7 618	2 443	12 580	65,1	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	1 483	416	82	-94,5	
		R'000	13 204	3 112	555	-95,8	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	20 822	5 555	13 135	-36,9	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	41 526	28 978	15 242	-63,3	

1/ The percentage change between January 2017 and January 2018.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2017	Dec. 2017	Jan. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit					
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	43	14	29	-32,6	
		square metres	2 541	855	1 493	-41,2	
		R'000	13 778	6 256	3 733	-72,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	7	11	13	85,7	
		square metres	1 117	1 984	2 055	84,0	
		R'000	6 290	13 009	14 324	127,7	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	150	112	..	
		square metres	0	3 760	15 607	..	
		R'000	0	27 617	115 585	..	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	163	143	..	
		R'000	0	1 035	681	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	20 068	47 917	134 323	569,3
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	..
R'000			0	0	0	..	
Shopping space		square metres	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	..	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	1 230	0	535	-56,5	
		R'000	6 765	0	3 396	-49,8	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	492	0	..	
		R'000	0	3 123	0	..	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	6 765	3 123	3 396	-49,8	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	528	2 063	4 130	682,2	
		R'000	2 882	11 407	20 972	627,7	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	132	0	35	-73,5	
		R'000	1 002	3 431	614	-38,7	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	3 884	14 838	21 586	455,8	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	30 717	65 878	159 305	418,6

1/ The percentage change between January 2017 and January 2018.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2017	Dec. 2017	Jan. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit					
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	8	8	..	
		square metres	0	450	478	..	
		R'000	0	4 907	5 279	..	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	50	84	93	86,0	
		square metres	14 808	25 461	21 579	45,7	
		R'000	135 939	245 903	228 894	68,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	86	90	34	-60,5	
		square metres	8 183	16 361	5 254	-35,8	
		R'000	77 133	148 414	53 845	-30,2	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	11 467	4 697	858	-92,5	
		R'000	129 566	55 897	10 211	-92,1	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	342 638	455 121	298 229	-13,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	654	..	
		R'000	0	0	7 194	..	
	Shopping space	square metres	1 444	1 941	0	..	
		R'000	15 162	16 775	0	..	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	17 544	4 701	0	..	
		R'000	98 090	26 803	0	..	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	684	0	382	-44,2	
		R'000	5 267	0	2 674	-49,2	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	118 519	43 578	9 868	-91,7
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 832	7 949	9 758	10,5
R'000			80 888	88 800	111 328	37,6	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	7 447	1 615	1 349	-81,9	
		R'000	60 182	22 774	15 570	-74,1	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	141 070	111 574	126 898	-10,0	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	602 227	610 273	434 995	-27,8

1/ The percentage change between January 2017 and January 2018.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2017	Dec. 2017	Jan. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit					
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	1	4	-60,0	
		square metres	623	60	234	-62,4	
		R'000	2 726	300	1 170	-57,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	32	107	34	6,3	
		square metres	7 177	15 338	8 909	24,1	
		R'000	36 269	80 474	51 456	41,9	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	31	21	127	309,7	
		square metres	2 688	1 527	13 219	391,8	
		R'000	13 777	8 469	83 472	505,9	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	52 772	89 243	136 098	157,9
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	881	..
R'000			0	0	4 942	..	
Shopping space		square metres	812	0	0	..	
		R'000	4 415	0	0	..	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	1 574	0	2 473	57,1	
		R'000	7 084	0	10 635	50,1	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	..	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	11 499	0	15 577	35,5	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	351	970	2 266	545,6
	R'000		1 552	5 912	13 132	746,1	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	50	309	57	14,0	
		R'000	1 086	2 757	535	-50,7	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	2 638	8 669	13 667	418,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	66 909	97 912	165 342	147,1

1/ The percentage change between January 2017 and January 2018.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2017	Dec. 2017	Jan. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit					
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	103	521	72	-30,1	
		square metres	5 695	27 723	3 990	-29,9	
		R'000	28 515	136 244	23 588	-17,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	314	450	216	-31,2	
		square metres	116 950	162 891	64 394	-44,9	
		R'000	954 472	1 252 724	557 445	-41,6	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	636	528	406	-36,2	
		square metres	52 585	77 341	44 309	-15,7	
		R'000	494 360	585 405	394 234	-20,3	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	925	0	0	..	
		R'000	6 111	0	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 483 458	1 974 373	975 267	-34,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	69 728	8 432	19 355	-72,2	
		R'000	772 261	88 603	218 217	-71,7	
	Shopping space	square metres	724	9 306	3 805	425,6	
		R'000	6 757	74 493	37 571	456,0	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	29 145	50 157	38 653	32,6	
		R'000	144 876	266 437	238 155	64,4	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 775	12 473	5 887	55,9	
		R'000	25 799	119 509	46 957	82,0	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	949 693	549 042	540 900	-43,0
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	16 955	24 371	14 470	-14,7
R'000			126 297	187 461	119 234	-5,6	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	10 275	9 473	8 421	-18,0	
		R'000	92 714	83 639	81 902	-11,7	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	219 011	271 100	201 136	-8,2	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	2 652 162	2 794 515	1 717 303	-35,2

1/ The percentage change between January 2017 and January 2018.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2017	Dec. 2017	Jan. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit					
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	54	20	0	..	
		square metres	2 420	1 217	0	..	
		R'000	6 578	5 239	0	..	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	22	74	11	-50,0	
		square metres	6 331	11 570	2 823	-55,4	
		R'000	28 260	67 286	15 774	-44,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	12	7	0	..	
		square metres	1 242	610	0	..	
		R'000	5 713	2 908	0	..	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	40 551	75 433	15 774	-61,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	369	0	..	
		R'000	0	2 655	0	..	
	Shopping space	square metres	5 300	0	0	..	
		R'000	25 155	0	0	..	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	8 286	4 643	0	..	
		R'000	37 287	33 402	0	..	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 972	0	0	..	
		R'000	9 863	0	0	..	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	72 305	36 057	0	..
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 223	1 051	3 141	-25,6
R'000			17 936	5 189	17 213	-4,0	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	1 292	0	2 551	97,4	
		R'000	6 483	1 997	15 406	137,6	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	24 419	7 186	32 619	33,6	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	137 275	118 676	48 393	-64,7

1/ The percentage change between January 2017 and January 2018.

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

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

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

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

			Jan. 2017	Dec. 2017	Jan. 2018	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit					
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	9	9	-10,0	
		square metres	558	516	515	-7,7	
		R'000	2 790	2 730	2 724	-2,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	9	15	19	111,1	
		square metres	3 032	4 149	5 294	74,6	
		R'000	14 994	22 250	26 698	78,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	5	..	
		square metres	0	0	478	..	
		R'000	0	0	2 033	..	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	1 438	..	
		R'000	0	0	7 607	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	17 784	24 980	39 062	119,6
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	278	432	0	..
R'000			1 390	2 285	0	..	
Shopping space		square metres	158	0	0	..	
		R'000	790	0	0	..	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	3 666	0	0	..	
		R'000	18 330	0	0	..	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	..	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	20 510	2 285	0	..	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	302	368	342	13,2
	R'000		1 461	2 006	1 754	20,1	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	158	159	0	..	
		R'000	2 290	1 031	500	-78,2	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	3 751	3 037	2 254	-39,9	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	42 045	30 302	41 316	-1,7

1/ The percentage change between January 2017 and January 2018.

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

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

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

Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
	2	In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
Purpose of the survey	3	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
Scope of the survey	4	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	5	Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
Collection rate	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for January 2018 was 90,9%. The improved collection rate for December 2017 was 93,6%.
Statistical unit	7	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	8	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.
Constant prices	9	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2015. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: <i>Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP) Work Groups and Selected Materials Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2016=100) are converted to the base year 2015=100.

- Seasonal adjustment** **10** Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by US Bureau of the Census Economic Research and Analyses Division, 1968.
- 11** Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore, the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for building statistics is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at [Click to download building statistics seasonal adjustment May 2017](#)
- Trend cycle** **12** The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.
- Revised figures** **13** Revised figures are due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or to respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. Figures for the latest two years are therefore preliminary. Data are edited at municipal level.
- 14** Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* is published with the revised and updated information at provincial and municipal level for the previous calendar year. Due to this comprehensive revision, the monthly statistical release P5041.1 reflects provincial revision where applicable.
- Related publications** **15** Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:
- P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* issued annually.
 - P9101.2: *Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region* issued annually.
 - *Building Statistics* (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.
- Rounding-off of figures** **16** Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.

Symbols and abbreviations

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

Glossary

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

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

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