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Results for January to July 2015

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

Estimates at current prices	January to July 2014	January to July 2015	Difference in value between January to July 2014 and January to July 2015	% change between January to July 2014 and January to July 2015
	1/	1/	R'000	
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	25 063 525	28 858 872	3 795 347	15,1
-Dwelling-houses	17 701 414	19 378 874	1 677 460	9,5
-Flats and townhouses	6 701 226	8 737 121	2 035 895	30,4
-Other residential buildings	660 885	742 877	81 992	12,4
Non-residential buildings	14 424 800	15 746 430	1 321 630	9,2
Additions and alterations	13 653 683	15 283 468	1 629 785	11,9
Total	53 142 008	59 888 770	6 746 762	12,7

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 12,7% (R6 746,8 million) during January to July 2015 compared with January to July 2014 (see Table A).

Increases were reported for residential buildings (15,1% or R3 795,3 million), additions and alterations (11,9% or R1 629,8 million) and non-residential buildings (9,2% or R1 321,6 million).

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

Estimates at current prices	January to July 2014	January to July 2015	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to July 2014	% change between January to July 2014 and January to July 2015	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January to July 2014 and January to July 2015	Difference in value between January to July 2014 and January to July 2015
	1/	1/				
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	12 682 875	14 594 031	23,9	15,1	3,6	1 911 156
Eastern Cape	2 708 196	3 269 059	5,1	20,7	1,1	560 863
Northern Cape	652 417	372 966	1,2	-42,8	-0,5	-279 451
Free State	1 822 442	2 328 184	3,4	27,8	1,0	505 742
KwaZulu-Natal	9 954 460	9 105 644	18,7	-8,5	-1,6	-848 816
North West	1 866 276	1 927 212	3,5	3,3	0,1	60 936
Gauteng	19 987 717	24 355 649	37,6	21,9	8,2	4 367 932
Mpumalanga	2 444 500	2 642 942	4,6	8,1	0,4	198 442
Limpopo	1 023 125	1 293 083	1,9	26,4	0,5	269 958
Total	53 142 008	59 888 770	100,0	12,7	12,7	6 746 762

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 Jul. 2014 and Jan. to Jul. 2015 with the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during Jan. to Jul. 2014, divided by 100.

Seven provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of building plans passed during January to July 2015. The increase in the value of building plans passed was dominated by Gauteng (contributing 8,2 percentage points or R4 367,9 million) and Western Cape (contributing 3,6 percentage points or R1 911,2 million) (see Table B).

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

Estimates at constant 2010 prices	January to July 2014	January to July 2015	Difference in value between January to July 2014 and January to July 2015	% change between January to July 2014 and January to July 2015
	1/	1/	R'000	
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	20 046 733	22 206 154	2 159 421	10,8
Non-residential buildings	11 521 860	12 089 713	567 853	4,9
Additions and alterations	10 919 255	11 761 202	841 947	7,7
Total	42 487 848	46 057 069	3 569 221	8,4

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

Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2010 prices) increased by 8,4% (R3 569,2 million) year-on-year during January to July 2015. Increases were recorded for residential buildings (10,8% or R2 159,4 million), additions and alterations (7,7% or R841,9 million) and non-residential buildings (4,9% or R567,9 million) (see Table C).

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

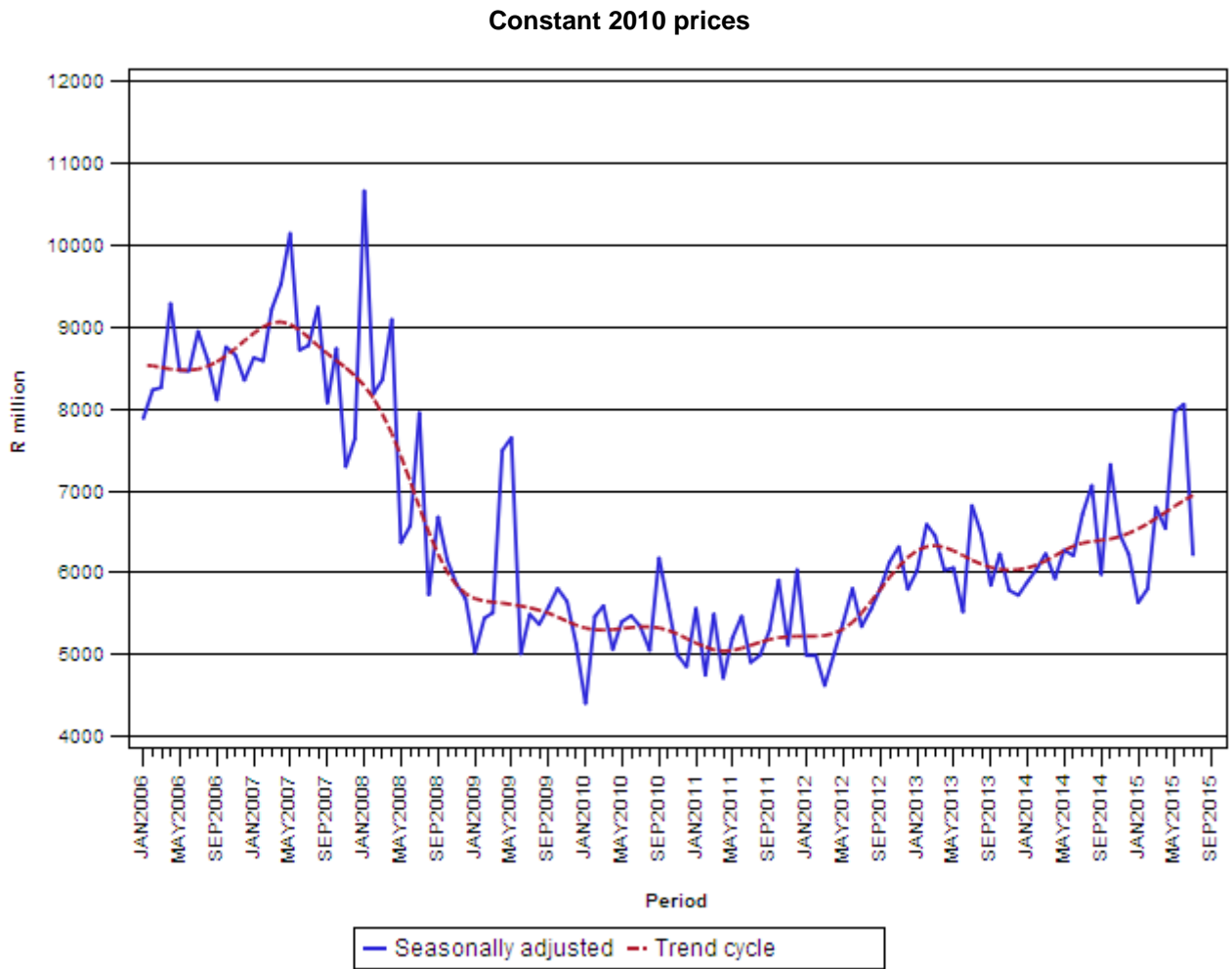
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2010 prices	February to April 2015	May to July 2015	% change between February to April 2015 and May to July 2015
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 888 148	9 402 690	-4,9
Non-residential buildings 1/	4 071 691	7 547 457	85,4
Additions and alterations	5 187 223	5 298 968	2,2
Total	19 147 061	22 249 115	16,2

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed increased by 16,2% during the three months ended July 2015 compared with the previous three months. Non-residential buildings rose by 85,4% (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 July 2014 versus January to July 2015**

Estimates at current prices	January to July 2014	January to July 2015	Difference in value between January to July 2014 and January to July 2015	% change between January to July 2014 and January to July 2015
	1/	1/	R'000	
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	14 559 515	17 407 917	2 848 402	19,6
-Dwelling-houses	9 874 954	13 058 353	3 183 399	32,2
-Flats and townhouses	4 426 486	3 988 364	-438 122	-9,9
-Other residential buildings	258 075	361 200	103 125	40,0
Non-residential buildings	7 490 607	6 515 940	-974 667	-13,0
Additions and alterations	5 330 143	5 746 485	416 342	7,8
Total	27 380 265	29 670 342	2 290 077	8,4

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 8,4% (R2 290,1 million) during January to July 2015 compared with January to July 2014.

Residential buildings rose by 19,6% (R2 848,4 million).

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

Estimates at current prices	January to July 2014	January to July 2015	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to July 2014	% change between January to July 2014 and January to July 2015	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January to July 2014 and January to July 2015	Difference in value between January to July 2014 and January to July 2015
	1/	1/				R'000
	R'000	R'000			2/	R'000
Western Cape	5 234 994	8 031 892	19,1	53,4	10,2	2 796 898
Eastern Cape	1 291 411	1 148 422	4,7	-11,1	-0,5	-142 989
Northern Cape	291 254	297 338	1,1	2,1	0,0	6 084
Free State	343 063	780 939	1,3	127,6	1,6	437 876
KwaZulu-Natal	3 250 952	4 070 088	11,9	25,2	3,0	819 136
North West	1 088 969	1 132 516	4,0	4,0	0,2	43 547
Gauteng	13 756 707	12 583 653	50,2	-8,5	-4,3	-1 173 054
Mpumalanga	1 695 069	1 227 376	6,2	-27,6	-1,7	-467 693
Limpopo	427 846	398 118	1,6	-6,9	-0,1	-29 728
Total	27 380 265	29 670 342	100,0	8,4	8,4	2 290 077

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

Five provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to July 2015. Western Cape contributed 10,2 percentage points (R2 796,9 million) (see Table F).

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

Estimates at constant 2010 prices	January to July 2014	January to July 2015	Difference in value between January to July 2014 and January to July 2015	% change between January to July 2014 and January to July 2015
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	12 181 296	13 678 106	1 496 810	12,3
Non-residential buildings	6 630 556	5 401 087	-1 229 469	-18,5
Additions and alterations	4 559 447	4 591 275	31 828	0,7
Total	23 371 299	23 670 468	299 169	1,3

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 1,3% (R299,2 million) year-on-year during January to July 2015. Residential buildings rose by 12,3% (R1 496,8 million) and non-residential buildings fell by 18,5% (-R1 229,5 million) (see Table G).

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

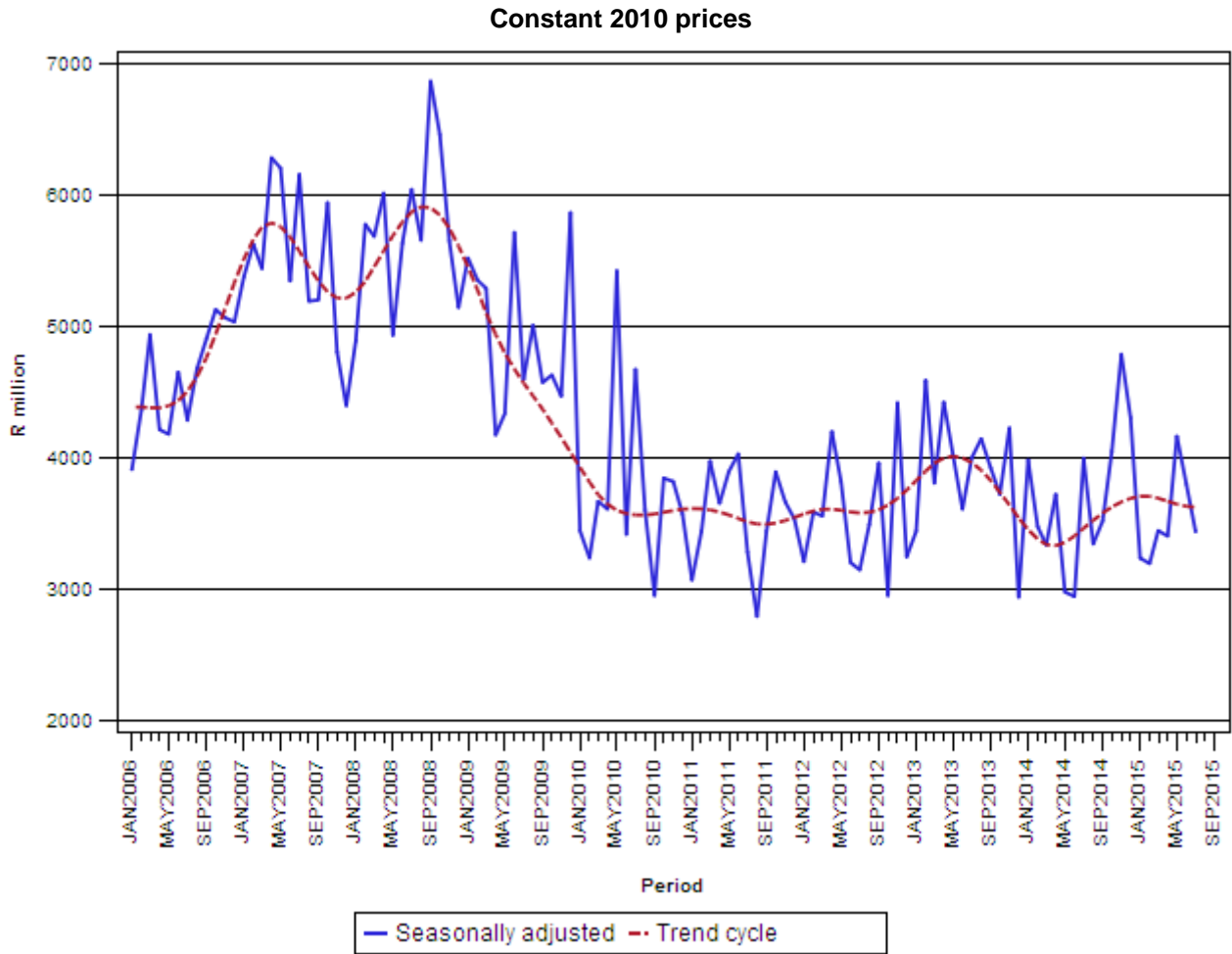
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2010 prices	February to April 2015	May to July 2015	% change between February to April 2015 and May to July 2015
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 952 730	6 762 664	13,6
Non-residential buildings 1/	2 170 034	2 571 979	18,5
Additions and alterations	1 931 819	2 075 162	7,4
Total	10 054 583	11 409 807	13,5

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 13,5% during the three months ended July 2015 compared with the previous three months. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (18,5%), residential buildings (13,6%) and additions and alterations (7,4%) (see Table H).

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



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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	3 235 268	48,9	1 344 728	-43,7	1 535 551	3,0	6 115 547	1,1
	February	3 267 441	-1,3	2 053 955	-5,3	2 056 519	2,3	7 377 915	-1,5
	March	3 468 612	17,4	2 275 160	7,6	1 952 793	15,3	7 696 565	13,8
	April	3 041 339	-2,6	1 726 454	2,1	1 976 731	-10,7	6 744 524	-4,0
	May	4 110 707	15,7	1 970 370	-1,5	1 913 499	-6,1	7 994 576	5,3
	June	3 911 224	20,4	2 034 001	59,6	1 918 240	3,5	7 863 465	23,3
	July	4 028 934	3,7	3 020 132	18,2	2 300 350	-4,7	9 349 416	5,6
	August	4 763 279	34,2	2 188 628	-12,4	2 596 407	20,7	9 548 314	16,5
	September	4 186 488	33,6	1 293 843	-32,0	2 621 773	13,8	8 102 104	10,4
	October	5 263 607	32,0	3 057 974	30,2	2 328 749	4,9	10 650 330	24,5
	November	4 150 427	40,9	2 113 168	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	1,4	25 356 851	4,0	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	4 522 047	15,6	3 972 054	95,3	2 217 369	15,6	10 711 470	36,2
	July	4 479 738	11,2	1 891 520	-37,4	2 658 993	15,6	9 030 251	-3,4

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	3 870 807	16,5	1 344 728	-17,2	2 000 407	-3,1	7 215 941	2,9
	February	3 421 975	-11,6	2 053 955	52,7	2 039 548	2,0	7 515 479	4,2
	March	3 375 601	-1,4	2 275 160	10,8	2 076 982	1,8	7 727 742	2,8
	April	3 528 106	4,5	1 726 454	-24,1	2 154 045	3,7	7 408 606	-4,1
	May	3 923 010	11,2	1 970 370	14,1	2 015 794	-6,4	7 909 175	6,8
	June	3 823 223	-2,5	2 034 001	3,2	1 974 231	-2,1	7 831 455	-1,0
	July	3 448 822	-9,8	3 020 132	48,5	2 012 979	2,0	8 481 933	8,3
	August	4 306 323	24,9	2 188 628	-27,5	2 499 657	24,2	8 994 608	6,0
	September	4 137 159	-3,9	1 293 843	-40,9	2 201 427	-11,9	7 632 429	-15,1
	October	4 304 354	4,0	3 057 974	136,3	2 030 348	-7,8	9 392 676	23,1
	November	4 111 256	-4,5	2 113 168	-30,9	2 100 062	3,4	8 324 487	-11,4
	December	3 902 218	-5,1	1 872 912	-11,4	2 237 032	6,5	8 012 162	-3,8
2015	January	4 381 547	12,3	605 147	-67,7	2 326 614	4,0	7 313 308	-8,7
	February	4 000 629	-8,7	1 179 924	95,0	2 312 355	-0,6	7 492 908	2,5
	March	4 383 554	9,6	2 150 503	82,3	2 279 594	-1,4	8 813 651	17,6
	April	4 380 178	-0,1	1 939 405	-9,8	2 166 380	-5,0	8 485 963	-3,7
	May	4 012 319	-8,4	4 007 877	106,7	2 338 706	8,0	10 358 903	22,1
	June	4 332 445	8,0	3 972 054	-0,9	2 225 187	-4,9	10 529 686	1,6
	July	3 900 793	-10,0	1 891 520	-52,4	2 301 414	3,4	8 093 727	-23,1
	Feb. – Apr. 15	12 764 361		5 269 832		6 758 329		24 792 522	
	May – Jul. 15 2/	12 245 557	-4,1	9 871 451	87,3	6 865 307	1,6	28 982 316	16,9

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	2 651 859	39,9	1 102 236	-47,1	1 258 648	-3,2	5 012 743	-5,1
	February	2 641 424	-8,0	1 660 432	-11,7	1 662 505	-4,7	5 964 361	-8,2
	March	2 772 671	9,8	1 818 673	0,7	1 560 986	7,9	6 152 330	6,4
	April	2 431 126	-8,3	1 380 059	-3,8	1 580 121	-15,9	5 391 306	-9,6
	May	3 278 076	8,3	1 571 268	-7,8	1 525 916	-12,1	6 375 260	-1,4
	June	3 101 684	12,5	1 613 006	49,2	1 521 205	-3,3	6 235 895	15,3
	July	3 169 893	-2,7	2 376 186	10,8	1 809 874	-10,6	7 355 953	-1,0
	August	3 732 977	25,9	1 715 226	-17,8	2 034 802	13,2	7 483 005	9,3
	September	3 278 377	26,0	1 013 190	-35,9	2 053 072	7,3	6 344 639	4,1
	October	4 102 578	24,3	2 383 456	22,6	1 815 081	-1,3	8 301 115	17,2
	November	3 237 463	32,8	1 648 337	-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	-5,0	20 065 349	-2,4	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	3 454 581	11,4	3 034 419	88,1	1 693 941	11,4	8 182 941	31,2
	July	3 409 237	7,6	1 439 513	-39,4	2 023 587	11,8	6 872 337	-6,6

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	3 180 487	17,9	1 102 236	-17,8	1 611 932	-4,5	5 894 655	2,9
	February	2 764 612	-13,1	1 660 432	50,6	1 627 970	1,0	6 053 015	2,7
	March	2 768 905	0,2	1 818 673	9,5	1 648 898	1,3	6 236 475	3,0
	April	2 838 522	2,5	1 380 059	-24,1	1 709 527	3,7	5 928 107	-4,9
	May	3 087 245	8,8	1 571 268	13,9	1 620 988	-5,2	6 279 501	5,9
	June	3 012 686	-2,4	1 613 006	2,7	1 583 691	-2,3	6 209 383	-1,1
	July	2 743 453	-8,9	2 376 186	47,3	1 597 612	0,9	6 717 251	8,2
	August	3 395 005	23,7	1 715 226	-27,8	1 957 085	22,5	7 067 316	5,2
	September	3 232 891	-4,8	1 013 190	-40,9	1 732 288	-11,5	5 978 369	-15,4
	October	3 341 292	3,4	2 383 456	135,2	1 598 159	-7,7	7 322 907	22,5
	November	3 181 923	-4,8	1 648 337	-30,8	1 640 550	2,7	6 470 810	-11,6
	December	3 040 858	-4,4	1 462 070	-11,3	1 722 675	5,0	6 225 603	-3,8
2015	January	3 377 170	11,1	470 565	-67,8	1 787 895	3,8	5 635 630	-9,5
	February	3 111 856	-7,9	918 944	95,3	1 774 867	-0,7	5 805 667	3,0
	March	3 386 486	8,8	1 663 189	81,0	1 750 927	-1,3	6 800 601	17,1
	April	3 389 806	0,1	1 489 558	-10,4	1 661 429	-5,1	6 540 793	-3,8
	May	3 096 066	-8,7	3 073 525	106,3	1 796 864	8,2	7 966 455	21,8
	June	3 297 120	6,5	3 034 419	-1,3	1 727 113	-3,9	8 058 652	1,2
	July	3 009 504	-8,7	1 439 513	-52,6	1 774 991	2,8	6 224 008	-22,8
	Feb. – Apr. 15	9 888 148		4 071 691		5 187 223		19 147 061	
	May – Jul. 15 2/	9 402 690	-4,9	7 547 457	85,4	5 298 968	2,2	22 249 115	16,2

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	1 864 951	14,2	947 942	135,7	772 015	-1,9	3 584 908	27,0
	February	1 901 135	-10,4	1 024 739	-31,8	957 322	-22,4	3 883 196	-20,1
	March	2 225 573	12,2	1 117 237	3,6	793 665	-31,5	4 136 475	-2,0
	April	2 235 694	-2,0	1 279 830	1,7	629 675	-53,9	4 145 199	-15,5
	May	1 858 144	-4,0	667 245	-45,9	766 606	-26,5	3 291 995	-21,8
	June	1 952 010	-2,4	799 842	-28,1	651 885	-21,8	3 403 737	-13,8
	July	2 522 008	6,1	1 653 772	41,6	758 975	-35,0	4 934 755	4,7
	August	2 380 745	0,9	941 925	-38,1	936 852	-6,3	4 259 522	-12,7
	September	2 543 242	3,9	1 068 777	-1,2	799 479	-23,3	4 411 498	-3,5
	October	2 882 645	19,1	1 426 294	38,1	899 738	-12,0	5 208 677	16,4
	November	3 072 324	27,0	2 550 356	29,9	718 978	-18,8	6 341 658	20,4
	December	2 502 517	28,9	2 020 839	169,8	689 403	4,2	5 212 759	55,5
	Total	27 940 988	7,8	15 498 798	9,9	9 374 593	-23,2	52 814 379	1,1
2015	January	1 818 640	-2,5	785 616	-17,1	501 685	-35,0	3 105 941	-13,4
	February	2 087 746	9,8	1 019 816	-0,5	675 990	-29,4	3 783 552	-2,6
	March	2 568 046	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	2 609 353	33,7	1 057 013	32,2	987 130	51,4	4 653 496	36,7
	July	2 596 189	2,9	1 095 787	-33,7	855 536	12,7	4 547 512	-7,8

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	2 643 234	47,8	947 942	26,6	1 042 278	23,8	4 633 454	37,1
	February	2 101 822	-20,5	1 024 739	8,1	906 756	-13,0	4 033 317	-13,0
	March	2 109 190	0,4	1 117 237	9,0	587 852	-35,2	3 814 279	-5,4
	April	2 514 299	19,2	1 279 830	14,6	726 821	23,6	4 520 950	18,5
	May	2 023 324	-19,5	667 245	-47,9	815 447	12,2	3 506 016	-22,4
	June	2 054 321	1,5	799 842	19,9	640 836	-21,4	3 494 999	-0,3
	July	2 367 830	15,3	1 653 772	106,8	696 423	8,7	4 718 025	35,0
	August	2 239 843	-5,4	941 925	-43,0	837 818	20,3	4 019 586	-14,8
	September	2 403 381	7,3	1 068 777	13,5	789 035	-5,8	4 261 193	6,0
	October	2 622 184	9,1	1 426 294	33,5	872 132	10,5	4 920 610	15,5
	November	2 533 717	-3,4	2 550 356	78,8	695 531	-20,2	5 779 604	17,5
	December	2 326 322	-8,2	2 020 839	-20,8	881 225	26,7	5 228 386	-9,5
2015	January	2 551 120	9,7	785 616	-61,1	679 309	-22,9	4 016 045	-23,2
	February	2 311 297	-9,4	1 019 816	29,8	639 920	-5,8	3 971 032	-1,1
	March	2 563 710	10,9	858 760	-15,8	933 884	45,9	4 356 354	9,7
	April	2 761 710	7,7	730 600	-14,9	837 799	-10,3	4 330 109	-0,6
	May	3 411 782	23,5	968 348	32,5	845 011	0,9	5 225 141	20,7
	June	2 765 589	-18,9	1 057 013	9,2	969 984	14,8	4 792 585	-8,3
	July	2 430 937	-12,1	1 095 787	3,7	796 622	-17,9	4 323 347	-9,8
	Feb. – Apr. 15	7 636 717		2 609 176		2 411 603		12 657 495	
	May – Jul. 15 2/	8 608 308	12,7	3 121 148	19,6	2 611 617	8,3	14 341 073	13,3

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	1 577 690	7,2	846 377	122,9	673 661	-7,2	3 097 728	20,2
	February	1 604 474	-16,0	914 946	-35,4	830 288	-26,3	3 349 708	-24,8
	March	1 871 420	5,2	994 868	-1,7	678 346	-35,6	3 544 634	-7,8
	April	1 870 720	-8,1	1 136 616	-3,5	534 529	-56,7	3 541 865	-20,4
	May	1 550 914	-9,8	589 960	-48,6	652 986	-30,6	2 793 860	-26,6
	June	1 622 819	-8,3	704 707	-31,8	552 913	-26,2	2 880 439	-18,9
	July	2 083 259	-0,3	1 443 082	33,9	636 724	-38,9	4 163 065	-1,1
	August	1 937 886	-6,2	816 934	-41,2	782 667	-12,3	3 537 487	-18,6
	September	2 055 674	-3,4	913 485	-7,0	664 019	-28,4	3 633 178	-10,0
	October	2 318 466	11,6	1 210 776	29,5	744 816	-18,0	4 274 058	9,0
	November	2 477 900	18,9	2 172 365	22,7	594 688	-24,0	5 244 953	13,1
	December	2 009 778	20,7	1 714 028	154,7	569 284	-2,3	4 293 090	47,0
	Total	22 981 000	0,8	13 458 144	3,6	7 914 921	-27,8	44 354 065	-5,1
2015	January	1 442 828	-8,5	659 074	-22,1	411 217	-39,0	2 513 119	-18,9
	February	1 646 859	2,6	851 977	-6,9	546 475	-34,2	3 045 311	-9,1
	March	2 021 858	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	2 045 499	26,0	872 843	23,9	782 815	41,6	3 701 157	28,5
	July	2 023 364	-2,9	898 186	-37,8	673 120	5,7	3 594 670	-13,7

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	2 241 286	46,3	846 377	25,8	900 120	22,1	3 987 783	35,5
	February	1 782 323	-20,5	914 946	8,1	783 219	-13,0	3 480 488	-12,7
	March	1 844 540	3,5	994 868	8,7	500 390	-36,1	3 339 798	-4,0
	April	1 970 624	6,8	1 136 616	14,2	619 683	23,8	3 726 924	11,6
	May	1 693 353	-14,1	589 960	-48,1	698 284	12,7	2 981 597	-20,0
	June	1 700 114	0,4	704 707	19,4	543 472	-22,2	2 948 293	-1,1
	July	1 971 483	16,0	1 443 082	104,8	586 160	7,9	4 000 725	35,7
	August	1 824 971	-7,4	816 934	-43,4	704 820	20,2	3 346 725	-16,3
	September	1 951 477	6,9	913 485	11,8	657 778	-6,7	3 522 740	5,3
	October	2 119 327	8,6	1 210 776	32,5	723 072	9,9	4 053 176	15,1
	November	2 045 808	-3,5	2 172 365	79,4	572 552	-20,8	4 790 726	18,2
	December	1 868 873	-8,6	1 714 028	-21,1	723 714	26,4	4 306 615	-10,1
2015	January	2 030 714	8,7	659 074	-61,5	551 123	-23,8	3 240 911	-24,7
	February	1 830 895	-9,8	851 977	29,3	515 395	-6,5	3 198 267	-1,3
	March	1 991 863	8,8	713 256	-16,3	743 860	44,3	3 448 979	7,8
	April	2 129 972	6,9	604 801	-15,2	672 564	-9,6	3 407 337	-1,2
	May	2 689 357	26,3	800 950	32,4	677 480	0,7	4 167 788	22,3
	June	2 159 119	-19,7	872 843	9,0	768 954	13,5	3 800 917	-8,8
	July	1 914 188	-11,3	898 186	2,9	628 728	-18,2	3 441 102	-9,5
	Feb. – Apr. 15	5 952 730		2 170 034		1 931 819		10 054 583	
	May – Jul. 15 2/	6 762 664	13,6	2 571 979	18,5	2 075 162	7,4	11 409 807	13,5

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

			Jul. 2014	Jun. 2015	Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2014	Jan. - Jul. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	2 856	1 957	2 977	13 112	13 103	-0,1	
		Square metres	129 384	92 471	138 205	638 669	614 190	-3,8	
		R'000	437 454	299 669	418 638	2 180 413	2 178 817	-0,1	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	1 676	1 499	1 513	9 798	9 816	0,2	
		Square metres	442 449	431 638	435 323	2 568 181	2 701 880	5,2	
		R'000	2 754 264	2 830 266	2 854 598	15 521 001	17 200 057	10,8	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	825	2 070	1 448	10 582	12 221	15,5	
		Square metres	97 796	192 875	147 280	985 860	1 212 304	23,0	
		R'000	715 132	1 327 764	1 179 164	6 701 226	8 737 121	30,4	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	17 694	8 758	3 810	113 690	102 099	-10,2	
		R'000	122 084	64 348	27 338	660 885	742 877	12,4	
	5. Total residential buildings		R'000	4 028 934	4 522 047	4 479 738	25 063 525	28 858 872	15,1
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	223 290	29 525	87 225	727 684	487 110	-33,1
R'000			1 765 594	252 264	765 910	5 762 335	3 920 900	-32,0	
2. Shopping space		Square metres	48 465	393 527	43 768	372 618	840 614	125,6	
		R'000	353 786	3 119 241	244 934	2 409 408	6 248 265	159,3	
3. Industrial and warehouse space		Square metres	114 997	84 755	117 578	1 016 449	813 231	-20,0	
		R'000	551 193	423 084	628 030	4 928 284	4 187 245	-15,0	
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		Square metres	48 991	27 867	43 353	224 745	239 213	6,4	
		R'000	349 559	177 465	252 646	1 324 773	1 390 020	4,9	
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	3 020 132	3 972 054	1 891 520	14 424 800	15 746 430	9,2	
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	281 255	276 150	319 133	1 754 928	1 816 357	3,5
	R'000		1 648 852	1 639 575	1 972 711	9 808 361	10 762 190	9,7	
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	89 751	82 833	87 574	574 422	599 070	4,3	
		R'000	651 498	577 794	686 282	3 845 322	4 521 278	17,6	
	3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	2 300 350	2 217 369	2 658 993	13 653 683	15 283 468	11,9
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	9 349 416	10 711 470	9 030 251	53 142 008	59 888 770	12,7	

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

		Jul. 2014	Jun. 2015	Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2014	Jan. - Jul. 2015	% change 1/		
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	558	341	545	3 230	3 540	9,6	
		Square metres	25 855	14 861	23 555	145 516	154 225	6,0	
		R'000	103 190	83 355	118 645	507 937	835 703	64,5	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	387	378	348	1 989	2 554	28,4	
		Square metres	90 605	93 868	93 221	473 226	640 286	35,3	
		R'000	532 023	616 493	577 671	2 825 611	4 044 084	43,1	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	124	436	185	1 453	3 028	108,4	
		Square metres	18 519	40 872	31 106	175 533	288 399	64,3	
		R'000	134 353	309 296	221 900	1 306 751	2 120 693	62,3	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	452	158	370	9 621	48 930	408,6	
		R'000	1 808	1 106	2 033	60 392	391 395	548,1	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	771 374	1 010 250	920 249	4 700 691	7 391 875	57,3	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	188 843	3 217	21 498	271 567	88 252	-67,5	
		R'000	1 469 742	24 767	180 275	2 043 232	673 972	-67,0	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	8 346	0	1 416	94 529	42 104	-55,5	
		R'000	58 743	0	10 346	644 631	335 458	-48,0	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	6 091	17 567	28 228	208 574	204 118	-2,1	
		R'000	32 894	100 979	185 535	1 246 530	1 300 335	4,3	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	36 644	14 494	26 983	120 369	98 343	-18,3	
		R'000	273 719	100 779	165 130	747 220	590 763	-20,9	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 835 098	226 525	541 286	4 681 613	2 900 528	-38,0
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	76 350	79 136	82 323	427 734	538 878	26,0
R'000			410 922	453 012	460 122	2 217 929	3 034 666	36,8	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	14 931	18 928	16 537	141 160	126 434	-10,4	
		R'000	120 518	177 835	199 291	1 082 642	1 266 962	17,0	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	531 440	630 847	659 413	3 300 571	4 301 628	30,3	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	3 137 912	1 867 622	2 120 948	12 682 875	14 594 031	15,1	

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2014	Jun. 2015	Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2014	Jan. - Jul. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	18	133	620	910	1 232	35,4	
		Square metres	1 033	6 005	25 160	39 961	53 468	33,8	
		R'000	4 700	15 408	55 303	109 725	140 754	28,3	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	80	82	104	589	599	1,7	
		Square metres	18 048	23 018	29 703	129 951	147 184	13,3	
		R'000	91 962	159 102	154 705	631 901	837 640	32,6	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	3	83	15	147	231	57,1	
		Square metres	523	5 672	1 887	13 573	25 078	84,8	
		R'000	2 720	38 028	9 740	70 365	138 459	96,8	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	4 648	0	0	7 232	1 716	-76,3	
		R'000	20 983	0	0	36 919	11 154	-69,8	
	5. Total residential buildings		R'000	120 365	212 538	219 748	848 910	1 128 007	32,9
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	576	303	295	4 582	5 165	12,7	
		R'000	2 534	1 970	1 458	18 032	27 574	52,9	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	2 103	78 663	4 149	45 908	91 437	99,2	
		R'000	10 196	511 310	23 614	258 298	575 421	122,8	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	9 810	838	8 297	77 394	45 270	-41,5	
		R'000	50 317	4 422	42 633	369 069	221 348	-40,0	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	1 061	2 240	2 312	12 814	15 268	19,2	
		R'000	6 358	12 696	15 028	52 742	78 577	49,0	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	69 405	530 398	82 733	698 141	902 920	29,3
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	25 690	30 254	31 075	179 894	193 456	7,5
R'000			136 974	151 702	165 327	855 734	986 607	15,3	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	13 409	2 760	10 199	74 158	51 785	-30,2	
		R'000	48 972	15 473	47 797	305 411	251 525	-17,6	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	185 946	167 175	213 124	1 161 145	1 238 132	6,6	
4. Recorded plans passed		1. Total at current prices	R'000	375 716	910 111	515 605	2 708 196	3 269 059	20,7

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

			Jul. 2014	Jun. 2015	Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2014	Jan. - Jul. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	7	5	0	14	22	57,1
		Square metres	344	180	0	655	1 234	88,4
		R'000	1 548	1 080	0	2 882	7 410	157,1
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	21	12	22	241	95	-60,6
		Square metres	4 551	2 623	5 749	38 495	20 503	-46,7
		R'000	23 041	14 091	33 557	180 795	109 622	-39,4
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	61	0	0	109	0	..
		Square metres	5 324	0	0	8 938	0	..
		R'000	23 959	0	0	36 969	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	48 548	15 171	33 557	353 332	161 670	-54,2	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	0	102	1 516	102	-93,3
		R'000	0	0	612	7 580	612	-91,9
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	1 464	0	228	7 440	228	-96,9
		R'000	6 588	0	1 186	33 481	1 186	-96,5
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	717	0	0	5 452	1 993	-63,4
		R'000	3 227	0	0	25 899	10 962	-57,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	0	0	1 272	502	-60,5
		R'000	0	0	0	5 604	2 330	-58,4
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	9 815	0	1 798	72 564	15 090	-79,2
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	7 051	4 644	5 401	33 301	30 197
R'000			33 297	25 027	31 158	153 655	165 492	7,7
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	960	2 433	340	14 730	4 913	-66,6
		R'000	6 212	12 206	2 680	72 866	30 714	-57,8
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	39 509	37 233	33 838	226 521	196 206	-13,4
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	97 872	52 404	69 193	652 417	372 966	-42,8

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

			Jul. 2014	Jun. 2015	Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2014	Jan. - Jul. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	40	100	217	359	1 115	210,6	
		Square metres	2 312	5 476	12 141	19 946	60 365	202,6	
		R'000	5 400	14 835	26 164	58 212	146 784	152,2	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	64	58	83	483	528	9,3	
		Square metres	11 628	10 962	16 921	97 559	107 637	10,3	
		R'000	54 151	55 986	92 631	457 555	553 583	21,0	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	37	17	72	338	301	-10,9	
		Square metres	3 943	2 659	5 895	48 583	29 663	-38,9	
		R'000	23 658	15 954	41 008	259 361	181 891	-29,9	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	485	1 212	0	21 829	20 199	-7,5	
		R'000	2 668	6 524	0	98 989	116 302	17,5	
	5. Total residential buildings		R'000	85 877	93 299	159 803	874 117	998 560	14,2
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	243	229	5 053	7 060	39,7	
		R'000	0	1 094	1 792	28 138	47 494	68,8	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	575	205	480	20 608	73 184	255,1	
		R'000	2 218	1 023	2 980	116 444	419 026	259,9	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	11 744	3 794	14 152	60 859	43 211	-29,0	
		R'000	54 358	17 073	69 395	269 499	216 599	-19,6	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	3 294	420	2 136	8 630	304,0	
		R'000	0	14 867	1 890	10 581	47 044	344,6	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	56 576	34 057	76 057	424 662	730 163	71,9
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	10 908	10 582	14 371	82 887	91 926	10,9
R'000			45 660	51 582	72 103	359 996	442 706	23,0	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	857	2 012	3 152	24 996	21 792	-12,8	
		R'000	6 863	15 650	18 726	163 667	156 755	-4,2	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	52 523	67 232	90 829	523 663	599 461	14,5	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	194 976	194 588	326 689	1 822 442	2 328 184	27,8	

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

			Jul. 2014	Jun. 2015	Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2014	Jan. - Jul. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	1 435	23	31	1 569	191	-87,8	
		Square metres	57 995	1 387	1 727	65 956	11 001	-83,3	
		R'000	153 929	10 488	12 080	206 787	81 617	-60,5	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	151	148	149	827	936	13,2	
		Square metres	41 009	44 619	47 035	247 454	286 819	15,9	
		R'000	336 110	371 864	389 135	1 934 830	2 382 852	23,2	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	188	279	188	2 067	999	-51,7	
		Square metres	36 918	26 809	21 313	230 083	126 580	-45,0	
		R'000	338 997	174 329	177 064	1 672 955	915 180	-45,3	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	1 088	3 055	1 272	25 617	6 769	-73,6	
		R'000	6 532	30 245	13 610	200 956	68 031	-66,1	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	835 568	586 926	591 889	4 015 528	3 447 680	-14,1	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	29 489	9 700	1 244	195 304	86 398	-55,8	
		R'000	262 635	90 210	5 598	1 680 279	606 196	-63,9	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	4 271	44 707	9 730	36 944	95 538	158,6	
		R'000	27 363	405 134	50 227	285 265	806 977	182,9	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	19 001	19 154	25 508	217 621	182 437	-16,2	
		R'000	86 191	97 600	124 995	1 013 332	941 187	-7,1	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	7 637	900	1 928	36 930	45 271	22,6	
		R'000	48 368	4 050	11 320	224 072	299 258	33,6	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	424 557	596 994	192 140	3 202 948	2 653 618	-17,2
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	37 680	29 758	32 997	216 664	195 291	-9,9
R'000			297 194	223 692	279 308	1 581 066	1 545 310	-2,3	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	33 763	27 923	19 238	149 520	178 398	19,3	
		R'000	308 604	177 783	163 526	1 154 918	1 459 036	26,3	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	605 798	401 475	442 834	2 735 984	3 004 346	9,8	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 865 923	1 585 395	1 226 863	9 954 460	9 105 644	-8,5	

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

			Jul. 2014	Jun. 2015	Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2014	Jan. - Jul. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	8	5	9	55	632	1 049,1
		Square metres	540	298	517	3 583	28 966	708,4
		R'000	2 155	1 405	2 268	15 449	74 233	380,5
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	91	88	76	563	522	-7,3
		Square metres	26 803	22 689	19 072	142 109	138 230	-2,7
		R'000	135 962	112 817	93 622	692 950	688 224	-0,7
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	101	76	119	817	841	2,9
		Square metres	7 815	7 163	10 826	67 287	69 136	2,7
		R'000	37 820	40 179	58 386	335 732	380 187	13,2
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	876	0	846	1 580	1 310	-17,1
		R'000	3 504	0	4 230	5 968	6 841	14,6
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	179 441	154 401	158 506	1 050 099	1 149 485	9,5
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	1 130	672	2 872	5 463	90,2
		R'000	0	5 521	3 294	15 518	26 969	73,8
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	2 972	0	8 372	28 343	34 742	22,6
		R'000	14 282	0	38 216	133 543	189 855	42,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	12 899	4 170	1 109	24 935	8 881	-64,4
		R'000	51 702	19 119	4 991	102 900	38 902	-62,2
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	340	254	1 211	13 467	7 114	-47,2
		R'000	1 428	1 143	5 915	67 371	30 277	-55,1
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	67 412	25 783	52 416	319 332	286 003	-10,4
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	15 951	13 064	14 574	93 504	83 618
R'000			71 547	62 873	68 536	413 449	389 499	-5,8
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	1 730	3 430	6 422	17 889	17 818	-0,4
		R'000	7 680	14 248	40 971	83 396	102 225	22,6
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	79 227	77 121	109 507	496 845	491 724	-1,0
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	326 080	257 305	320 429	1 866 276	1 927 212	3,3

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2014	Jun. 2015	Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2014	Jan. - Jul. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	596	1 226	1 448	5 806	5 507	-5,1	
		Square metres	31 496	58 093	68 632	301 498	259 318	-14,0	
		R'000	130 757	146 654	172 686	1 034 551	692 061	-33,1	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	680	546	550	3 861	3 100	-19,7	
		Square metres	191 244	177 123	174 094	1 127 261	986 534	-12,5	
		R'000	1 316 995	1 222 734	1 268 180	7 366 396	6 808 350	-7,6	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	266	969	823	4 900	6 178	26,1	
		Square metres	20 567	91 161	72 001	379 116	604 456	59,4	
		R'000	136 799	658 318	649 971	2 739 019	4 668 435	70,4	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	8 400	0	690	10 339	5 831	-43,6	
		R'000	78 481	0	4 305	89 695	44 550	-50,3	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	1 663 032	2 027 706	2 095 142	11 229 661	12 213 396	8,8	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	3 411	14 638	60 491	241 359	280 212	16,1	
		R'000	26 079	127 232	557 881	1 944 957	2 467 481	26,9	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	26 648	261 055	10 605	85 215	450 884	429,1	
		R'000	224 800	2 163 113	77 385	630 444	3 665 289	481,4	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	35 988	28 016	28 216	348 365	261 604	-24,9	
		R'000	186 139	123 899	136 717	1 582 510	1 132 130	-28,5	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	3 080	6 171	7 699	26 083	42 032	61,1	
		R'000	18 632	41 977	39 107	166 115	235 947	42,0	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	455 650	2 456 221	811 090	4 324 026	7 500 847	73,5
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	82 785	90 100	115 527	569 489	533 794	-6,3
R'000			544 704	589 813	783 269	3 573 768	3 521 941	-1,5	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	22 035	19 913	30 018	133 681	174 686	30,7	
		R'000	139 234	130 430	202 987	860 262	1 119 465	30,1	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	683 938	720 243	986 256	4 434 030	4 641 406	4,7	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	2 802 620	5 204 170	3 892 488	19 987 717	24 355 649	21,9	

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

			Jul. 2014	Jun. 2015	Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2014	Jan. - Jul. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	165	99	84	935	665	-28,9	
		Square metres	8 077	4 911	5 076	47 606	34 692	-27,1	
		R'000	26 984	19 616	24 507	174 150	143 905	-17,4	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	146	131	115	935	1 089	16,5	
		Square metres	42 983	40 084	31 596	220 260	263 034	19,4	
		R'000	191 358	197 757	160 906	1 001 885	1 249 930	24,8	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	20	36	0	532	174	-67,3	
		Square metres	1 080	2 344	0	34 746	11 073	-68,1	
		R'000	4 861	10 685	0	160 976	50 416	-68,7	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	1 395	4 333	632	3 015	5 694	88,9	
		R'000	6 778	26 473	3 160	15 651	32 949	110,5	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	229 981	254 531	188 573	1 352 662	1 477 200	9,2	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	180	0	1 913	2 378	9 182	286,1	
		R'000	1 044	0	11 095	10 964	46 119	320,6	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	2 086	7 954	8 788	38 374	47 598	24,0	
		R'000	9 596	34 226	40 980	208 901	232 815	11,4	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	14 507	10 300	9 023	58 650	54 677	-6,8	
		R'000	67 285	56 213	51 772	257 350	277 755	7,9	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	229	0	2 302	8 062	5 112	-36,6	
		R'000	1 054	0	12 015	35 062	25 197	-28,1	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	78 979	90 439	115 862	512 277	581 886	13,6
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	18 947	14 168	16 459	112 488	114 886	2,1
R'000			82 429	60 638	82 598	483 556	513 998	6,3	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	1 379	2 998	1 393	13 518	12 821	-5,2	
		R'000	10 403	21 062	6 884	96 005	69 858	-27,2	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	92 832	81 700	89 482	579 561	583 856	0,7	
4. Recorded plans passed		R'000	401 792	426 670	393 917	2 444 500	2 642 942	8,1	

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2014	Jun. 2015	Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2014	Jan. - Jul. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	29	25	23	234	199	-15,0	
		Square metres	1 732	1 260	1 397	13 948	10 921	-21,7	
		R'000	8 791	6 828	6 985	70 720	56 350	-20,3	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	56	56	66	310	393	26,8	
		Square metres	15 578	16 652	17 932	91 866	111 653	21,5	
		R'000	72 662	79 422	84 191	429 078	525 772	22,5	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	25	174	46	219	469	114,2	
		Square metres	3 107	16 195	4 252	28 001	57 919	106,8	
		R'000	11 965	80 975	21 095	119 098	281 860	136,7	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	350	0	0	4 929	6 050	22,7	
		R'000	1 330	0	0	19 629	27 017	37,6	
	5. Total residential buildings		R'000	94 748	167 225	112 271	638 525	890 999	39,5
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	791	294	781	3 053	5 276	72,8	
		R'000	3 560	1 470	3 905	13 635	24 483	79,6	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	943	0	15 257	4 899	-67,9	
		R'000	0	4 435	0	98 401	22 238	-77,4	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	4 240	916	3 045	14 599	11 040	-24,4	
		R'000	19 080	3 779	11 992	61 195	48 027	-21,5	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	514	498	3 612	16 941	369,0	
		R'000	0	1 953	2 241	16 006	80 627	403,7	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	22 640	11 637	18 138	189 237	175 375	-7,3
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	5 893	4 444	6 406	38 967	34 311	-11,9
R'000			26 125	21 236	30 290	169 208	161 971	-4,3	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	687	2 436	275	4 770	10 423	118,5	
		R'000	3 012	13 107	3 420	26 155	64 738	147,5	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	29 137	34 343	33 710	195 363	226 709	16,0	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	146 525	213 205	164 119	1 023 125	1 293 083	26,4	

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2014	Jun. 2015	Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2014	Jan. - Jul. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	1 188	1 246	1 205	7 661	9 127	19,1	
		Square metres	58 795	59 366	58 554	372 001	456 411	22,7	
		R'000	211 956	239 007	232 078	1 243 311	1 745 399	40,4	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	970	1 056	946	5 745	6 824	18,8	
		Square metres	238 516	265 479	280 342	1 436 317	1 795 288	25,0	
		R'000	1 476 999	1 681 188	1 867 715	8 631 643	11 312 954	31,1	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	1 169	1 230	632	7 168	5 929	-17,3	
		Square metres	130 497	100 328	72 680	691 927	580 165	-16,2	
		R'000	795 089	671 985	495 660	4 426 486	3 988 364	-9,9	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	8 067	3 647	117	49 699	55 206	11,1	
		R'000	37 964	17 173	736	258 075	361 200	40,0	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	2 522 008	2 609 353	2 596 189	14 559 515	17 407 917	19,6	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	113 658	37 851	17 323	257 586	244 283	-5,2	
		R'000	1 004 230	326 710	152 113	1 986 669	1 950 053	-1,8	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	33 013	21 214	46 468	226 680	196 384	-13,4	
		R'000	188 633	160 176	367 872	1 589 350	1 338 854	-15,8	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	93 973	94 055	84 620	685 935	503 215	-26,6	
		R'000	403 050	466 313	428 955	3 173 724	2 499 287	-21,3	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	10 276	18 340	27 653	122 544	115 445	-5,8	
		R'000	57 859	103 814	146 847	740 864	727 746	-1,8	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 653 772	1 057 013	1 095 787	7 490 607	6 515 940	-13,0
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	85 063	92 287	103 571	657 183	668 558	1,7
R'000			473 448	515 613	564 993	3 543 931	3 579 751	1,0	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	45 728	65 383	43 366	294 762	281 492	-4,5	
		R'000	285 527	471 517	290 543	1 786 212	2 166 734	21,3	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	758 975	987 130	855 536	5 330 143	5 746 485	7,8	
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	4 934 755	4 653 496	4 547 512	27 380 265	29 670 342	8,4	

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2014	Jun. 2015	Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2014	Jan. - Jul. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	299	539	492	3 174	3 211	1,2
		Square metres	13 313	23 847	21 975	137 262	151 057	10,1
		R'000	45 568	96 352	109 334	370 419	629 329	69,9
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	194	294	278	1 028	1 855	80,4
		Square metres	46 447	69 945	68 837	266 474	442 874	66,2
		R'000	270 644	419 297	423 617	1 487 471	2 648 067	78,0
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	70	339	186	1 041	1 309	25,7
		Square metres	9 086	28 621	21 095	116 388	145 264	24,8
		R'000	62 761	188 109	158 837	724 539	1 029 747	42,1
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	195	117	21 777	12 009	-44,9
		R'000	0	1 338	736	124 129	76 173	-38,6
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	378 973	705 096	692 524	2 706 558	4 383 316	62,0	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	2 752	7 125	1 004	40 722	40 161	-1,4
		R'000	14 683	55 582	8 060	274 402	269 496	-1,8
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	2 174	9 481	30 843	8 394	60 081	615,8
		R'000	13 566	70 876	234 442	42 932	427 887	896,7
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	6 181	12 113	28 678	58 597	118 010	101,4
		R'000	32 320	78 480	163 657	285 400	688 444	141,2
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	10 554	5 868	34 680	41 345	19,2
		R'000	0	61 292	33 378	197 641	245 475	24,2
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	60 569	266 230	439 537	800 375	1 631 302	103,8
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	33 223	39 436	42 797	221 116	265 873
R'000			162 540	189 815	204 664	1 006 135	1 266 691	25,9
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	10 700	10 798	9 033	123 349	80 177	-35,0
		R'000	73 100	116 441	73 950	721 926	750 583	4,0
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	235 640	306 256	278 614	1 728 061	2 017 274	16,7
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	675 182	1 277 582	1 410 675	5 234 994	8 031 892	53,4

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2014	Jun. 2015	Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2014	Jan. - Jul. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	56	204	44	289	643	122,5	
		Square metres	2 610	8 702	1 961	14 355	28 984	101,9	
		R'000	6 001	20 171	5 899	40 241	75 922	88,7	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	51	53	40	331	357	7,9	
		Square metres	9 690	11 073	9 146	65 744	75 318	14,6	
		R'000	49 146	56 111	46 580	313 221	366 198	16,9	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	13	5	4	308	96	-68,8	
		Square metres	2 860	1 101	553	24 295	9 547	-60,7	
		R'000	14 607	6 240	3 039	113 379	48 618	-57,1	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	420	3 452	0	940	3 700	293,6	
		R'000	2 730	15 835	0	6 110	17 055	179,1	
	5. Total residential buildings		R'000	72 484	98 357	55 518	472 951	507 793	7,4
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	1 294	0	859	4 310	859	-80,1
R'000			5 649	0	4 500	17 421	4 500	-74,2	
2. Shopping space		Square metres	8 652	2 214	432	19 038	6 699	-64,8	
		R'000	36 911	10 105	1 839	84 034	32 671	-61,1	
3. Industrial and warehouse space		Square metres	0	4 099	20 910	89 388	53 237	-40,4	
		R'000	0	18 121	93 580	362 196	266 089	-26,5	
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		Square metres	16	0	17	6 325	4 360	-31,1	
		R'000	66	0	94	24 456	21 394	-12,5	
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	42 626	28 226	100 013	488 107	324 654	-33,5	
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	9 874	4 714	10 313	54 957	56 493	2,8
	R'000		42 934	21 592	39 020	216 342	232 691	7,6	
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	7 826	766	6 583	27 390	14 198	-48,2	
		R'000	34 344	5 916	33 706	114 011	83 284	-27,0	
	3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	77 278	27 508	72 726	330 353	315 975	-4,4
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	192 388	154 091	228 257	1 291 411	1 148 422	-11,1	

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2014	Jun. 2015	Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2014	Jan. - Jul. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	25	0	2	27	38	40,7
		Square metres	1 375	0	75	1 457	2 111	44,9
		R'000	7 563	0	450	7 839	11 761	50,0
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	1	6	14	59	143	142,4
		Square metres	121	1 525	4 560	12 339	19 309	56,5
		R'000	545	8 388	28 754	56 654	108 888	92,2
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	1	0	0	14	42	200,0
		Square metres	180	0	0	2 287	2 940	28,6
		R'000	810	0	0	9 731	16 170	66,2
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	640	0	0	640	0	..
		R'000	3 520	0	0	3 520	0	..
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	12 438	8 388	29 204	77 744	136 819	76,0	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	0	389	14 879	658	-95,6
		R'000	0	0	2 334	50 589	3 814	-92,5
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	809	0	456	1 382	678	-50,9
		R'000	3 641	0	2 881	6 220	4 102	-34,1
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	757	0	1 102	6 040	2 017	-66,6
		R'000	4 164	0	4 959	30 579	9 277	-69,7
	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	7 805	0	10 174	88 477	17 193	-80,6
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	1 761	2 763	760	13 775	15 702
R'000			8 216	11 141	4 560	63 528	84 260	32,6
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	1 127	7 942	315	12 254	10 408	-15,1
		R'000	6 429	40 869	1 930	61 505	59 066	-4,0
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	14 645	52 010	6 490	125 033	143 326	14,6
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	34 888	60 398	45 868	291 254	297 338	2,1

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2014	Jun. 2015	Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2014	Jan. - Jul. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	95	82	202	284	1 045	268,0
		Square metres	4 983	4 496	11 344	15 253	57 586	277,5
		R'000	11 497	9 096	23 510	35 665	131 436	268,5
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	10	30	21	95	163	71,6
		Square metres	1 184	5 235	2 822	22 821	28 732	25,9
		R'000	5 523	26 211	12 827	110 973	134 559	21,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	150	201	34,0
		Square metres	0	0	0	16 621	25 713	54,7
		R'000	0	0	0	81 525	126 428	55,1
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	7 007	0	0	7 274	24 586	238,0
		R'000	31 714	0	0	32 916	142 508	332,9
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	48 734	35 307	36 337	261 079	534 931	104,9	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	895	0	0	895	2 405	168,7
		R'000	4 923	0	0	4 923	14 382	192,1
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	600	265	373	1 051	6 206	490,5
		R'000	2 100	1 060	1 679	4 130	29 062	603,7
	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	365	192	0	1 090	4 453	308,5
		R'000	1 314	1 152	0	4 014	26 615	563,1
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	8 337	2 212	1 679	13 067	85 287	552,7
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	3 657	5 764	2 137	10 231	21 255
R'000			16 458	24 905	8 841	44 558	96 994	117,7
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	148	522	181	1 120	7 363	557,4
		R'000	4 879	4 550	1 737	24 359	63 727	161,6
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	21 337	29 455	10 578	68 917	160 721	133,2
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	78 408	66 974	48 594	343 063	780 939	127,6

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2014	Jun. 2015	Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2014	Jan. - Jul. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	13	20	20	102	134	31,4	
		Square metres	727	1 137	1 162	5 795	8 087	39,6	
		R'000	4 145	9 315	10 417	36 802	69 469	88,8	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	63	71	72	440	442	0,5	
		Square metres	18 496	19 043	20 378	130 375	119 131	-8,6	
		R'000	146 978	156 471	165 167	1 006 472	942 280	-6,4	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	42	87	73	927	501	-46,0	
		Square metres	7 378	12 545	12 750	93 015	84 535	-9,1	
		R'000	60 507	101 850	97 066	685 114	645 139	-5,8	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	0	1 887	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	11 074	..	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	211 630	267 636	272 650	1 728 388	1 667 962	-3,5	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	21 589	7 257	28 746	45 781	59,3	
		R'000	0	200 777	72 570	228 778	427 308	86,8	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	694	0	11 197	16 528	48 889	195,8	
		R'000	3 853	0	111 970	127 858	414 774	224,4	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	10 730	4 786	2 554	52 606	65 320	24,2	
		R'000	50 542	23 930	14 606	248 825	328 432	32,0	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	662	1 470	0	8 103	8 829	9,0	
		R'000	5 698	9 849	0	47 757	64 439	34,9	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	60 093	234 556	199 146	653 218	1 234 953	89,1
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	10 328	15 801	13 473	83 716	79 376	-5,2
R'000			89 602	137 318	118 044	686 864	697 057	1,5	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	2 877	11 506	8 167	24 335	58 527	140,5	
		R'000	27 729	72 526	54 005	182 482	470 116	157,6	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	117 331	209 844	172 049	869 346	1 167 173	34,3	
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	389 054	712 036	643 845	3 250 952	4 070 088	25,2	

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

			Jul. 2014	Jun. 2015	Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2014	Jan. - Jul. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	23	8	1	126	39	-69,0	
		Square metres	1 380	526	67	7 061	2 600	-63,2	
		R'000	5 520	1 807	215	25 864	8 375	-67,6	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	130	68	50	699	437	-37,5	
		Square metres	20 582	11 272	10 503	103 970	82 147	-21,0	
		R'000	93 468	51 680	49 089	466 497	372 152	-20,2	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	80	20	61	593	550	-7,3	
		Square metres	4 389	2 411	7 476	47 620	43 555	-8,5	
		R'000	18 491	11 331	33 540	236 163	194 478	-17,7	
	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	117 479	64 818	82 844	729 200	579 913	-20,5
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	1 749	0	246	7 236	5 836	-19,3
R'000			10 494	0	1 131	36 073	31 743	-12,0	
2. Shopping space		Square metres	0	0	200	24 894	30 259	21,6	
		R'000	0	0	968	143 123	149 009	4,1	
3. Industrial and warehouse space		Square metres	4 122	0	1 920	19 200	15 177	-21,0	
		R'000	16 734	0	8 640	71 373	61 668	-13,6	
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		Square metres	760	0	662	4 674	5 104	9,2	
		R'000	3 420	0	3 310	23 308	25 192	8,1	
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	30 648	0	14 049	273 877	267 612	-2,3	
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	1 525	892	2 189	14 481	55 710	284,7
	R'000		6 605	3 682	8 843	62 780	223 196	255,5	
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	1 174	596	2 707	4 880	12 860	163,5	
		R'000	4 701	3 149	13 242	23 112	61 795	167,4	
	3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	11 306	6 831	22 085	85 892	284 991	231,8
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	159 433	71 649	118 978	1 088 969	1 132 516	4,0	

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

			Jul. 2014	Jun. 2015	Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2014	Jan. - Jul. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	495	329	393	2 628	3 305	25,8	
		Square metres	25 647	16 959	19 011	137 081	167 187	22,0	
		R'000	98 764	84 713	68 423	523 451	663 136	26,7	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	416	415	379	2 515	2 703	7,5	
		Square metres	118 587	120 227	146 548	705 885	864 634	22,5	
		R'000	808 555	826 515	1 059 751	4 630 090	5 988 039	29,3	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	605	694	157	3 037	2 858	-5,9	
		Square metres	81 718	49 620	20 684	315 608	242 607	-23,1	
		R'000	525 502	335 530	155 365	2 168 434	1 805 834	-16,7	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	862	10 565	1 125,6	
		R'000	0	0	0	4 587	103 938	2 165,9	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	1 432 821	1 246 758	1 283 539	7 326 562	8 560 947	16,8	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	106 483	9 137	7 274	155 627	145 658	-6,4	
		R'000	966 540	70 351	62 048	1 351 606	1 184 814	-12,3	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	13 897	9 254	2 967	125 587	32 452	-74,2	
		R'000	100 722	78 135	14 093	910 306	234 056	-74,3	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	68 807	62 207	20 836	420 897	216 483	-48,6	
		R'000	284 423	301 362	101 111	2 004 152	998 350	-50,2	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	8 473	5 882	7 858	53 875	37 082	-31,2	
		R'000	47 361	30 551	43 825	381 907	273 711	-28,3	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 399 046	480 399	221 077	4 647 971	2 690 931	-42,1
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	16 309	13 378	19 375	197 455	102 417	-48,1
R'000			112 395	86 647	127 021	1 206 964	674 892	-44,1	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	7 082	32 711	15 513	85 373	93 681	9,7	
		R'000	58 801	225 627	106 984	575 210	656 883	14,2	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	171 196	312 274	234 005	1 782 174	1 331 775	-25,3	
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	3 003 063	2 039 431	1 738 621	13 756 707	12 583 653	-8,5	

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2014	Jun. 2015	Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2014	Jan. - Jul. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	162	37	31	917	573	-37,5
		Square metres	7 695	2 172	1 828	47 412	30 778	-35,1
		R'000	28 104	9 918	8 425	174 599	117 207	-32,9
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	80	96	70	432	608	40,7
		Square metres	17 242	20 977	13 061	92 428	129 788	40,4
		R'000	74 448	105 568	58 493	400 165	591 796	47,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	156	23	114	796	239	-70,0
		Square metres	6 381	1 463	4 816	46 085	12 084	-73,8
		R'000	29 400	6 583	21 671	274 616	54 512	-80,1
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	17 689	1 232	-93,0
		R'000	0	0	0	84 841	5 544	-93,5
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	131 952	122 069	88 589	934 221	769 059	-17,7	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	485	0	0	3 853	1 320	-65,7
		R'000	1 941	0	0	17 602	6 072	-65,5
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	0	0	21 723	9 825	-54,8
		R'000	0	0	0	233 000	42 113	-81,9
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	3 376	10 850	4 828	30 155	21 266	-29,5
		R'000	14 867	44 420	26 741	131 032	97 661	-25,5
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	242	0	13 555	761	-94,4
		R'000	0	970	0	60 692	3 590	-94,1
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	16 808	45 390	26 741	442 326	149 436	-66,2
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	7 165	9 132	12 233	56 944	69 864
R'000			29 629	38 619	52 673	237 948	295 651	24,3
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	14 794	0	867	15 836	2 977	-81,2
		R'000	75 152	0	4 489	80 574	13 230	-83,6
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	104 781	38 619	57 162	318 522	308 881	-3,0
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	253 541	206 078	172 492	1 695 069	1 227 376	-27,6

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

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

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

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

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

			Jul. 2014	Jun. 2015	Jul. 2015	Jan. - Jul. 2014	Jan. - Jul. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	20	27	20	114	139	21,9
		Square metres	1 065	1 527	1 131	6 325	8 021	26,8
		R'000	4 794	7 635	5 405	28 431	38 764	36,3
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	25	23	22	146	116	-20,5
		Square metres	6 167	6 182	4 487	36 281	33 355	-8,1
		R'000	27 692	30 947	23 437	160 100	160 975	0,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	202	62	37	302	133	-56,0
		Square metres	18 505	4 567	5 306	30 008	13 920	-53,6
		R'000	83 011	22 342	26 142	132 985	67 438	-49,3
	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	115 497	60 924	54 984	322 812	267 177	-17,2	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	0	294	1 318	1 605	21,8
		R'000	0	0	1 470	5 275	7 924	50,2
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	6 187	0	0	8 083	1 295	-84,0
		R'000	27 840	0	0	37 747	5 180	-86,3
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	0	0	3 792	9 052	7 898	-12,7
		R'000	0	0	15 661	40 167	34 138	-15,0
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	0	13 248	0	13 511	..
		R'000	0	0	66 240	0	67 330	..
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	27 840	0	83 371	83 189	114 572	37,7
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	1 221	407	294	4 508	1 868
R'000			5 069	1 894	1 327	18 812	8 319	-55,8
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	0	542	0	225	1 301	478,2
		R'000	392	2 439	500	3 033	8 050	165,4
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	5 461	4 333	1 827	21 845	16 369	-25,1
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	148 798	65 257	140 182	427 846	398 118	-6,9

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

- Introduction**
- 1 Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
 - 2 In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
- Purpose of the survey**
- 3 The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
- Scope of the survey**
- 4 This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding -
 - passing of building plans; and
 - final inspection of completed buildings.
- Classification**
- 5 Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the *Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities, (SIC) Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02*. The SIC is based on the 1990 *International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC)* with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
- Collection rate**
- 6 The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for July 2015 was 94,5%. The improved collection rate for June 2015 was 94,5%.
- 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: *Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP) Work Groups and Selected Materials Indices*. In order to be applicable, these indices (base February 1991=100) are converted to the base year 2010=100.

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

Symbols and abbreviations

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

Glossary

Additions and alterations	Extensions to existing buildings as well as internal and external alterations of existing buildings.
Blocks of flats	High-density housing consisting of a number of self-contained dwelling-units, each with at least one living-room together with a kitchen and bathroom, conjoined to similar units in one building.
Dwelling-house	A free-standing, complete structure on a separate stand or a self-contained dwelling-unit, e.g. granny flat, on the same premises as an existing residence. Out-buildings and garages are included.
Local government institutions	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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