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Results for January to May 2016

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

Estimates at current prices	January to May 2015 1/	January to May 2016 1/	Difference in value between January to May 2015 and January to May 2016	% change between January to May 2015 and January to May 2016
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	19 857 087	21 186 379	1 329 292	6,7
-Dwelling-houses	12 975 703	13 455 220	479 517	3,7
-Flats and townhouses	6 230 193	6 585 938	355 745	5,7
-Other residential buildings	651 191	1 145 221	494 030	75,9
Non-residential buildings	10 248 873	12 167 507	1 918 634	18,7
Additions and alterations	10 407 106	10 240 163	-166 943	-1,6
Total	40 513 066	43 594 049	3 080 983	7,6

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

Total value of recorded building plans passed at current prices

The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) increased by 7,6% (R3 081,0 million) during January to May 2016 compared with January to May 2015.

Non-residential buildings increased by 18,7% (R1 918,6 million), followed by residential buildings (6,7% or R1 329,3 million) – see Table A.

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

Estimates at current prices	January to May 2015 1/	January to May 2016 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to May 2015	% change between January to May 2015 and January to May 2016	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January to May 2015 and January to May 2016	Difference in value between January to May 2015 and January to May 2016
	R'000	R'000			2/	R'000
Western Cape	10 605 461	11 189 681	26,2	5,5	1,4	584 220
Eastern Cape	1 843 343	1 709 615	4,5	-7,3	-0,3	-133 728
Northern Cape	251 369	400 810	0,6	59,5	0,4	149 441
Free State	1 806 907	1 412 828	4,5	-21,8	-1,0	-394 079
KwaZulu-Natal	6 293 386	8 853 501	15,5	40,7	6,3	2 560 115
North West	1 349 478	1 221 120	3,3	-9,5	-0,3	-128 358
Gauteng	15 625 008	16 487 944	38,6	5,5	2,1	862 936
Mpumalanga	1 822 355	1 660 393	4,5	-8,9	-0,4	-161 962
Limpopo	915 759	658 157	2,3	-28,1	-0,6	-257 602
Total	40 513 066	43 594 049	100,0	7,6	7,6	3 080 983

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

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

The largest contributions to the total increase of 7,6% (R3 081,0 million) were made by KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 6,3 percentage points or R2 560,1 million), Gauteng (contributing 2,1 percentage points or R862,9 million) and Western Cape (contributing 1,4 percentage points or R584,2 million) – see Table B.

Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2010 prices: January to May 2015 versus January to May 2016

Estimates at constant 2010 prices	January to May 2015	January to May 2016	Difference in value between January to May 2015 and January to May 2016	% change between January to May 2015 and January to May 2016
	1/	1/		
Residential buildings	15 311 827	15 484 975	173 148	1,1
Non-residential buildings	7 882 235	8 927 533	1 045 298	13,3
Additions and alterations	8 027 573	7 484 216	-543 357	-6,8
Total	31 221 635	31 896 724	675 089	2,2

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Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2010 prices) increased by 2,2% (R675,1 million) year-on-year during January to May 2016. Non-residential buildings rose by 13,3% (R1 045,3 million) – see Table C.

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

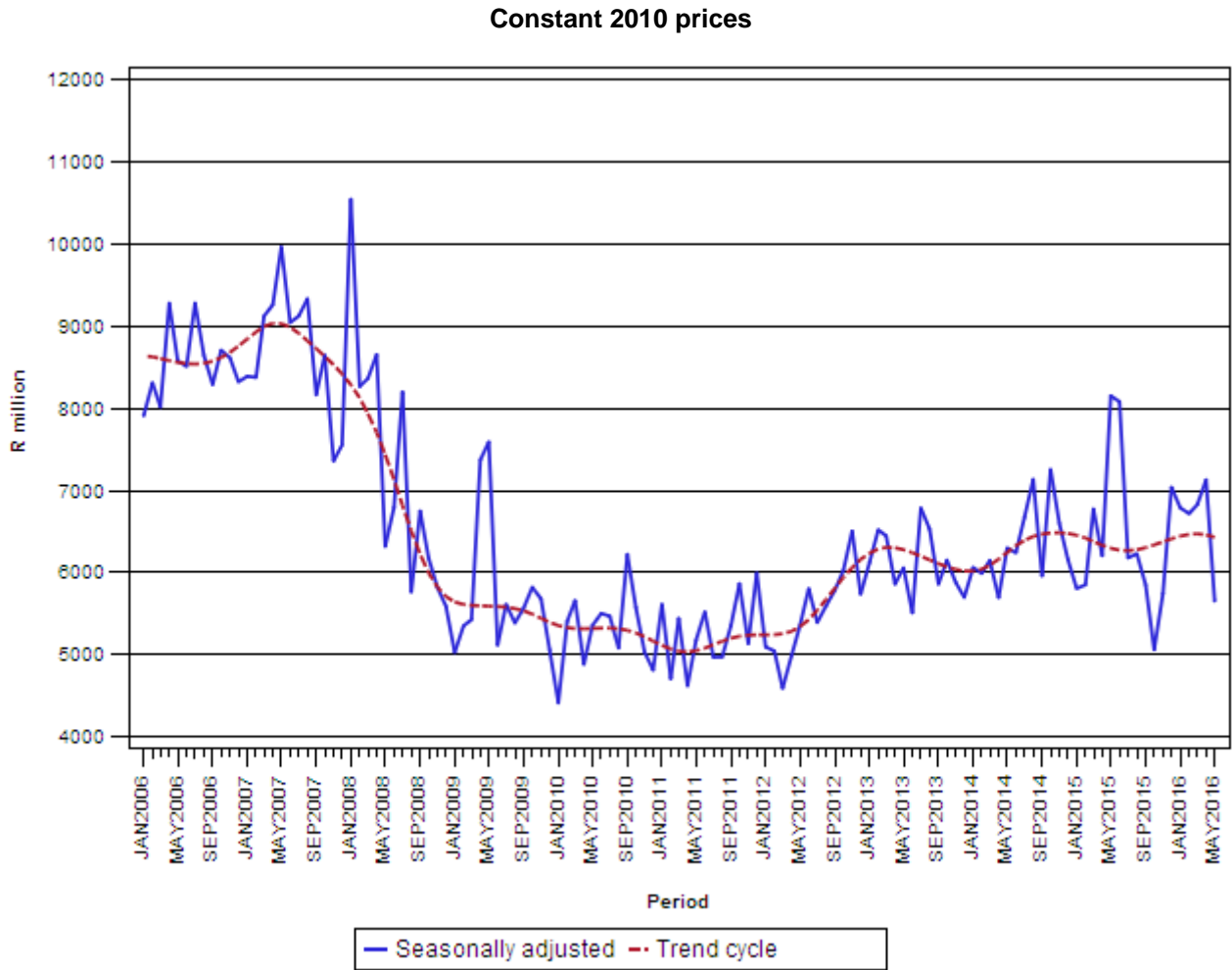
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2010 prices	December 2015 to February 2016	March to May 2016	% change between December 2015 to February 2016 and March to May 2016
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 905 499	9 876 300	-0,3
Non-residential buildings 1/	5 593 183	4 853 065	-13,2
Additions and alterations	5 048 133	4 885 522	-3,2
Total	20 546 814	19 614 886	-4,5

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 recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed decreased by 4,5% in the three months ended May 2016 compared with the previous three months – 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 May 2015 versus January to May 2016**

Estimates at current prices	January to May 2015 1/	January to May 2016 1/	Difference in value between January to May 2015 and January to May 2016	% change between January to May 2015 and January to May 2016
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	12 202 375	12 773 375	571 000	4,7
-Dwelling-houses	9 038 365	8 872 901	-165 464	-1,8
-Flats and townhouses	2 820 719	3 828 953	1 008 234	35,7
-Other residential buildings	343 291	71 521	-271 770	-79,2
Non-residential buildings	4 363 140	7 297 702	2 934 562	67,3
Additions and alterations	3 903 819	4 144 268	240 449	6,2
Total	20 469 334	24 215 345	3 746 011	18,3

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

Total value of buildings reported as completed at current prices

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 18,3% (R3 746,0 million) during January to May 2016 compared with January to May 2015. Non-residential buildings rose by 67,3% (R2 934,6 million) – see Table E. There were large year-on-year increases in completions of shopping space (R1 034,9 million) and office and banking space (R600,5 million) in KwaZulu-Natal – see Table 24, page 32.

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

Estimates at current prices	January to May 2015 1/	January to May 2016 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to May 2015	% change between January to May 2015 and January to May 2016	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January to May 2015 and January to May 2016 2/	Difference in value between January to May 2015 and January to May 2016
	R'000	R'000				
Western Cape	5 343 635	6 119 729	26,1	14,5	3,8	776 094
Eastern Cape	766 074	533 898	3,7	-30,3	-1,1	-232 176
Northern Cape	191 072	186 528	0,9	-2,4	0,0	-4 544
Free State	665 371	740 736	3,3	11,3	0,4	75 365
KwaZulu-Natal	2 714 207	4 569 849	13,3	68,4	9,1	1 855 642
North West	941 889	1 125 962	4,6	19,5	0,9	184 073
Gauteng	8 805 601	9 917 495	43,0	12,6	5,4	1 111 894
Mpumalanga	848 806	753 380	4,1	-11,2	-0,5	-95 426
Limpopo	192 679	267 768	0,9	39,0	0,4	75 089
Total	20 469 334	24 215 345	100,0	18,3	18,3	3 746 011

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

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

Six provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to May 2016. The largest contributions were recorded for KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 9,1 percentage points or R1 855,6 million), Gauteng (contributing 5,4 percentage points or R1 111,9 million) and Western Cape (contributing 3,8 percentage points or R776,1 million) – see Table F.

Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2010 prices: January to May 2015 versus January to May 2016

Estimates at constant 2010 prices	January to May 2015	January to May 2016	Difference in value between January to May 2015 and January to May 2016	% change between January to May 2015 and January to May 2016
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 587 797	9 748 869	161 072	1,7
Non-residential buildings	3 624 027	5 690 983	2 066 956	57,0
Additions and alterations	3 129 365	3 195 802	66 437	2,1
Total	16 341 189	18 635 654	2 294 465	14,0

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

Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2010 prices) increased by 14,0% (R2 294,5 million) year-on-year during January to May 2016. Non-residential buildings rose by 57,0% (R2 067,0 million) – see Table G. There were large year-on-year increases in completions of shopping space and office and banking space in KwaZulu-Natal – see Table 24, page 32.

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

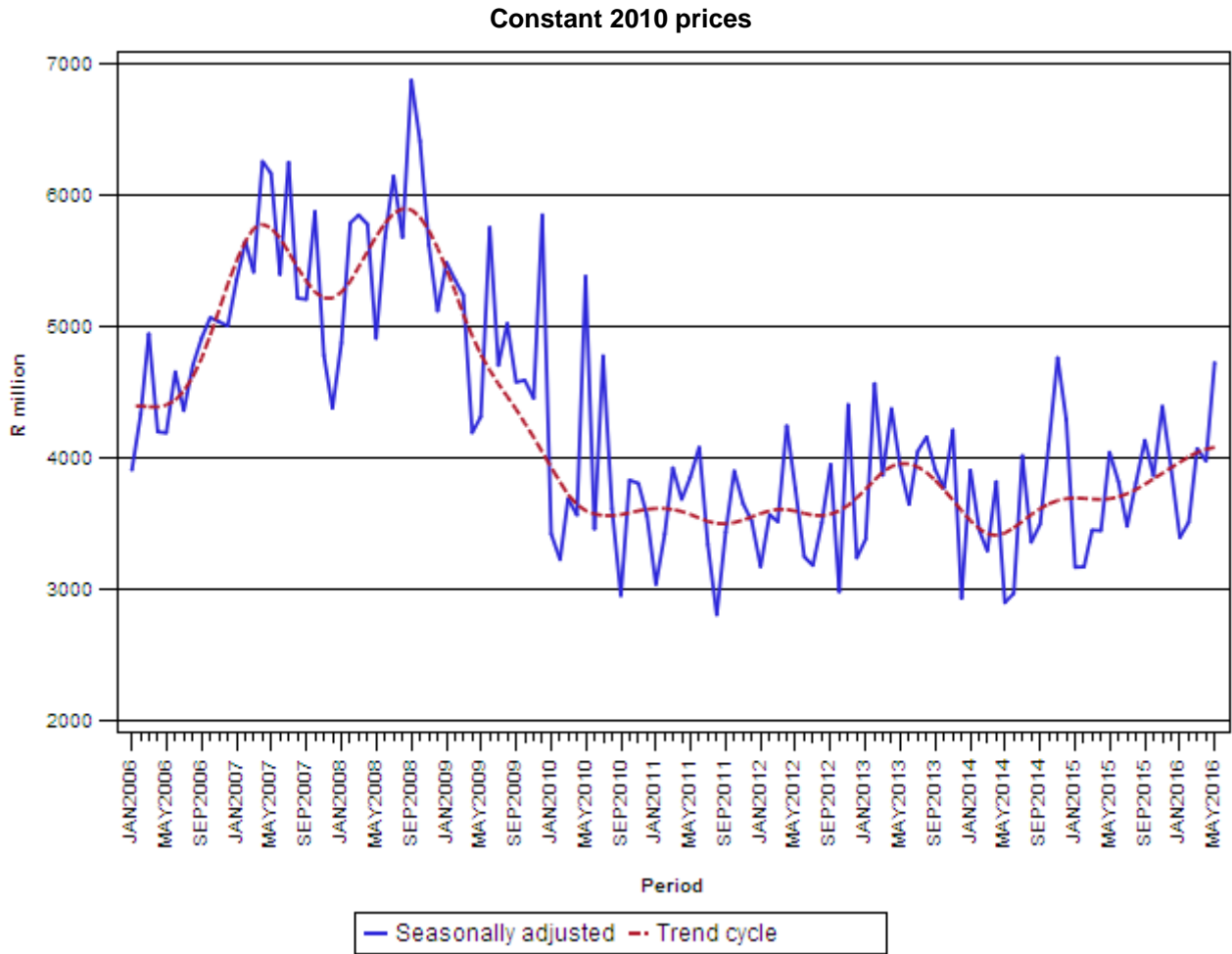
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2010 prices	December 2015 to February 2016	March to May 2016	% change between December 2015 to February 2016 and March to May 2016
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 445 368	6 441 679	-0,1
Non-residential buildings 1/	2 405 809	4 431 691	84,2
Additions and alterations	1 987 706	1 906 491	-4,1
Total	10 838 883	12 779 862	17,9

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 17,9% in the three months ended May 2016 compared with the previous three months. Non-residential buildings rose by 84,2% – see Table H.

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



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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2015	January	3 411 357	5,4	605 147	-55,0	1 669 101	8,7	5 685 605	-7,0
	February	3 825 309	17,1	1 310 712	-36,2	2 328 241	13,2	7 464 262	1,2
	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	4 243 106	115,3	2 175 725	13,7	10 636 270	33,0
	June	4 515 235	15,4	3 972 054	95,3	2 213 891	15,4	10 701 180	36,1
	July	4 486 702	11,4	1 898 845	-37,1	2 655 555	15,4	9 041 102	-3,3
	August	4 255 093	-10,7	1 850 190	-15,5	2 292 582	-11,7	8 397 865	-12,0
	September	4 701 995	12,3	1 509 865	16,7	2 248 552	-14,2	8 460 412	4,4
	October	3 909 559	-25,7	1 126 314	-63,2	2 306 634	-0,9	7 342 507	-31,1
	November	4 285 873	3,3	1 277 790	-39,5	2 138 157	-6,2	7 701 820	-9,8
	December	3 715 285	25,7	2 006 222	7,1	2 171 504	15,7	7 893 011	17,7
	Total	49 726 829	7,2	23 890 153	-4,3	26 433 981	4,2	100 050 963	3,5
2016	January	2 849 293	-16,5	3 244 246	436,1	1 451 533	-13,0	7 545 072	32,7
	February	4 592 495	20,1	2 247 812	71,5	2 119 542	-9,0	8 959 849	20,0
	March	4 539 780	8,8	2 512 782	16,8	2 055 733	-8,8	9 108 295	6,2
	April	5 006 875	18,3	2 652 637	36,8	2 372 253	19,8	10 031 765	23,1
	May	4 197 936	-0,5	1 510 030	-64,4	2 241 102	3,0	7 949 068	-25,3

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2015	January	4 629 511	18,1	605 147	-67,7	2 330 191	5,2	7 564 850	-5,6
	February	4 156 493	-10,2	1 310 712	116,6	2 328 747	-0,1	7 795 952	3,1
	March	4 306 621	3,6	2 150 503	64,1	2 399 658	3,0	8 856 782	13,6
	April	4 219 400	-2,0	1 939 405	-9,8	1 927 297	-19,7	8 086 101	-8,7
	May	4 148 992	-1,7	4 243 106	118,8	2 314 514	20,1	10 706 612	32,4
	June	4 327 645	4,3	3 972 054	-6,4	2 212 515	-4,4	10 512 214	-1,8
	July	3 929 155	-9,2	1 898 845	-52,2	2 339 277	5,7	8 167 276	-22,3
	August	4 153 313	5,7	1 850 190	-2,6	2 199 678	-6,0	8 203 181	0,4
	September	4 284 883	3,2	1 509 865	-18,4	1 859 879	-15,4	7 654 628	-6,7
	October	3 361 626	-21,5	1 126 314	-25,4	2 182 712	17,4	6 670 652	-12,9
	November	4 438 457	32,0	1 277 790	13,4	1 955 948	-10,4	7 672 196	15,0
	December	4 875 589	9,8	2 006 222	57,0	2 604 957	33,2	9 486 768	23,7
2016	January	3 855 164	-20,9	3 244 246	61,7	2 091 362	-19,7	9 190 773	-3,1
	February	4 357 685	13,0	2 247 812	-30,7	2 093 965	0,1	8 699 462	-5,3
	March	4 624 262	6,1	2 512 782	11,8	2 175 329	3,9	9 312 373	7,0
	April	4 888 762	5,7	2 652 637	5,6	2 297 671	5,6	9 839 070	5,7
	May	4 100 963	-16,1	1 510 030	-43,1	2 239 282	-2,5	7 850 276	-20,2
	Dec. 15 – Feb. 16	13 088 438		7 498 280		6 790 284		27 377 003	
	Mar. – May 16 2/	13 613 987	4,0	6 675 449	-11,0	6 712 282	-1,1	27 001 719	-1,4

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/
2015	January	2 646 514	0,0	469 470	-57,3	1 294 881	3,0	4 410 865	-11,9
	February	2 972 268	12,8	1 018 424	-38,5	1 809 045	9,1	5 799 737	-2,5
	March	3 221 044	16,4	1 660 620	-8,5	1 740 600	11,7	6 622 264	7,8
	April	3 245 192	33,7	1 487 274	7,9	1 518 376	-3,8	6 250 842	16,1
	May	3 226 809	-1,3	3 246 447	107,1	1 664 671	9,4	8 137 927	28,0
	June	3 438 869	11,1	3 025 174	88,0	1 686 132	11,1	8 150 175	31,0
	July	3 406 759	7,7	1 441 796	-39,2	2 016 367	11,7	6 864 922	-6,5
	August	3 243 211	-12,9	1 410 206	-17,6	1 747 395	-13,9	6 400 812	-14,3
	September	3 586 571	9,7	1 151 690	14,0	1 715 143	-16,2	6 453 404	2,0
	October	2 961 787	-27,6	853 268	-64,1	1 747 450	-3,5	5 562 505	-32,8
	November	3 244 416	0,4	967 290	-41,2	1 618 590	-8,8	5 830 296	-12,4
	December	2 812 479	22,2	1 518 715	4,1	1 643 833	12,4	5 975 027	14,4
	Total	38 005 919	3,8	18 250 374	-7,4	20 202 483	0,9	76 458 776	0,1
2016	January	2 131 109	-19,5	2 426 512	416,9	1 085 664	-16,2	5 643 285	27,9
	February	3 366 932	13,3	1 647 956	61,8	1 553 916	-14,1	6 568 804	13,3
	March	3 318 553	3,0	1 836 829	10,6	1 502 729	-13,7	6 658 111	0,5
	April	3 630 801	11,9	1 923 595	29,3	1 720 270	13,3	7 274 666	16,4
	May	3 037 580	-5,9	1 092 641	-66,3	1 621 637	-2,6	5 751 858	-29,3

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 4 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2010 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2015	January	3 540 786	18,5	469 470	-67,8	1 797 910	5,0	5 808 166	-5,7
	February	3 024 744	-14,6	1 018 424	116,9	1 808 938	0,6	5 852 107	0,8
	March	3 259 665	7,8	1 660 620	63,1	1 854 956	2,5	6 775 242	15,8
	April	3 236 322	-0,7	1 487 274	-10,4	1 483 621	-20,0	6 207 217	-8,4
	May	3 132 402	-3,2	3 246 447	118,3	1 772 180	19,4	8 151 028	31,3
	June	3 372 012	7,6	3 025 174	-6,8	1 684 296	-5,0	8 081 483	-0,9
	July	2 945 656	-12,6	1 441 796	-52,3	1 792 345	6,4	6 179 797	-23,5
	August	3 144 192	6,7	1 410 206	-2,2	1 675 486	-6,5	6 229 884	0,8
	September	3 276 572	4,2	1 151 690	-18,3	1 423 560	-15,0	5 851 823	-6,1
	October	2 558 018	-21,9	853 268	-25,9	1 650 799	16,0	5 062 085	-13,5
	November	3 307 141	29,3	967 290	13,4	1 471 006	-10,9	5 745 438	13,5
	December	3 561 150	7,7	1 518 715	57,0	1 959 026	33,2	7 038 890	22,5
2016	January	2 805 302	-21,2	2 426 512	59,8	1 557 053	-20,5	6 788 867	-3,6
	February	3 539 047	26,2	1 647 956	-32,1	1 532 054	-1,6	6 719 057	-1,0
	March	3 399 827	-3,9	1 836 829	11,5	1 591 636	3,9	6 828 291	1,6
	April	3 532 051	3,9	1 923 595	4,7	1 673 784	5,2	7 129 430	4,4
	May	2 944 422	-16,6	1 092 641	-43,2	1 620 102	-3,2	5 657 165	-20,7
	Dec. 15 – Feb. 16	9 905 499		5 593 183		5 048 133		20 546 814	
	Mar. – May 16 2/	9 876 300	-0,3	4 853 065	-13,2	4 885 522	-3,2	19 614 886	-4,5

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2015	January	1 818 640	-2,5	785 616	-17,1	501 685	-35,0	3 105 941	-13,4
	February	2 087 746	9,8	1 019 816	-0,5	675 990	-29,4	3 783 552	-2,6
	March	2 568 046	15,4	858 760	-23,1	1 025 680	29,2	4 452 486	7,6
	April	2 608 404	16,7	730 600	-42,9	903 209	43,4	4 242 213	2,3
	May	3 119 539	67,9	968 348	45,1	797 255	4,0	4 885 142	48,4
	June	2 599 782	33,2	1 057 013	32,2	983 921	50,9	4 640 716	36,3
	July	2 635 346	4,5	1 095 693	-33,7	852 594	12,3	4 583 633	-7,1
	August	2 830 856	18,9	1 420 995	50,9	814 463	-13,1	5 066 314	18,9
	September	3 001 813	18,0	1 646 976	54,1	843 852	5,6	5 492 641	24,5
	October	2 688 004	-6,8	1 693 843	18,8	766 090	-14,9	5 147 937	-1,2
	November	3 436 641	11,9	1 971 370	-22,7	871 502	21,2	6 279 513	-1,0
	December	2 797 120	11,8	1 449 198	-28,3	764 722	10,9	5 011 040	-3,9
	Total	32 191 937	15,2	14 698 228	-5,2	9 800 963	4,5	56 691 128	7,3
2016	January	2 208 305	21,4	578 503	-26,4	651 330	29,8	3 438 138	10,7
	February	2 457 529	17,7	1 029 861	1,0	869 812	28,7	4 357 202	15,2
	March	2 525 786	-1,6	1 810 745	110,9	878 387	-14,4	5 214 918	17,1
	April	2 316 911	-11,2	2 113 528	189,3	822 671	-8,9	5 253 110	23,8
	May	3 264 844	4,7	1 765 065	82,3	922 068	15,7	5 951 977	21,8

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/
2015	January	2 489 526	5,4	785 616	-61,1	658 723	-21,2	3 933 865	-24,6
	February	2 317 374	-6,9	1 019 816	29,8	619 634	-5,9	3 956 824	0,6
	March	2 581 694	11,4	858 760	-15,8	892 985	44,1	4 333 439	9,5
	April	2 762 479	7,0	730 600	-14,9	863 073	-3,3	4 356 152	0,5
	May	3 323 055	20,3	968 348	32,5	808 837	-6,3	5 100 240	17,1
	June	2 756 611	-17,0	1 057 013	9,2	1 011 310	25,0	4 824 934	-5,4
	July	2 490 215	-9,7	1 095 693	3,7	829 936	-17,9	4 415 845	-8,5
	August	2 668 588	7,2	1 420 995	29,7	753 137	-9,3	4 842 720	9,7
	September	2 799 054	4,9	1 646 976	15,9	831 085	10,3	5 277 115	9,0
	October	2 489 289	-11,1	1 693 843	2,8	761 565	-8,4	4 944 697	-6,3
	November	2 811 699	13,0	1 971 370	16,4	855 902	12,4	5 638 971	14,0
	December	2 681 628	-4,6	1 449 198	-26,5	929 084	8,6	5 059 909	-10,3
2016	January	2 977 837	11,0	578 503	-60,1	849 422	-8,6	4 405 762	-12,9
	February	2 727 823	-8,4	1 029 861	78,0	794 626	-6,5	4 552 310	3,3
	March	2 655 516	-2,7	1 810 745	75,8	814 979	2,6	5 281 239	16,0
	April	2 337 418	-12,0	2 113 528	16,7	736 384	-9,6	5 187 330	-1,8
	May	3 484 021	49,1	1 765 065	-16,5	927 162	25,9	6 176 248	19,1
	Dec. 15 – Feb. 16	8 387 288		3 057 562		2 573 132		14 017 981	
	Mar. – May 16 2/	8 476 955	1,1	5 689 338	86,1	2 478 525	-3,7	16 644 817	18,7

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/
2015	January	1 439 644	-8,6	657 970	-22,3	410 544	-39,0	2 508 158	-18,9
	February	1 642 970	2,6	850 555	-7,0	545 153	-34,2	3 038 678	-9,1
	March	2 016 360	7,9	712 073	-28,4	818 579	20,8	3 547 012	0,2
	April	2 042 066	9,3	603 802	-46,9	720 837	35,0	3 366 705	-4,9
	May	2 446 757	58,0	799 627	35,5	634 252	-2,8	3 880 636	39,0
	June	2 033 218	25,5	871 404	23,7	778 419	40,9	3 683 041	28,0
	July	2 049 402	-1,5	896 639	-37,8	669 226	5,3	3 615 267	-13,0
	August	2 204 315	14,0	1 145 964	40,6	636 797	-18,5	3 987 076	13,0
	September	2 325 468	13,3	1 314 426	44,0	658 745	-0,6	4 298 639	18,5
	October	2 069 046	-10,6	1 351 830	11,7	595 715	-19,9	4 016 591	-5,9
	November	2 644 082	6,9	1 568 313	-27,7	678 740	14,3	4 891 135	-6,6
	December	2 146 421	7,0	1 146 517	-33,1	595 578	4,8	3 888 516	-9,3
	Total	25 059 749	9,2	11 919 120	-11,4	7 742 585	-2,0	44 721 454	1,0
2016	January	1 691 357	17,5	454 084	-31,0	505 299	23,1	2 650 740	5,7
	February	1 884 582	14,7	805 208	-5,3	675 845	24,0	3 365 635	10,8
	March	1 932 719	-4,1	1 413 540	98,5	678 291	-17,1	4 024 550	13,5
	April	1 759 624	-13,8	1 643 490	172,2	630 883	-12,5	4 033 997	19,8
	May	2 480 587	1,4	1 374 661	71,9	705 484	11,2	4 560 732	17,5

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 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/
2015	January	1 977 853	4,2	657 970	-61,6	534 910	-21,9	3 170 733	-26,2
	February	1 826 051	-7,7	850 555	29,3	497 220	-7,0	3 173 826	0,1
	March	2 026 614	11,0	712 073	-16,3	713 788	43,6	3 452 475	8,8
	April	2 154 805	6,3	603 802	-15,2	690 730	-3,2	3 449 337	-0,1
	May	2 601 311	20,7	799 627	32,4	644 218	-6,7	4 045 156	17,3
	June	2 145 371	-17,5	871 404	9,0	804 039	24,8	3 820 814	-5,5
	July	1 931 760	-10,0	896 639	2,9	654 149	-18,6	3 482 548	-8,9
	August	2 077 678	7,6	1 145 964	27,8	591 099	-9,6	3 814 741	9,5
	September	2 172 310	4,6	1 314 426	14,7	650 339	10,0	4 137 075	8,4
	October	1 923 521	-11,5	1 351 830	2,8	592 093	-9,0	3 867 445	-6,5
	November	2 164 825	12,5	1 568 313	16,0	663 322	12,0	4 396 460	13,7
	December	2 061 997	-4,7	1 146 517	-26,9	719 966	8,5	3 928 480	-10,6
2016	January	2 288 961	11,0	454 084	-60,4	653 451	-9,2	3 396 496	-13,5
	February	2 094 410	-8,5	805 208	77,3	614 289	-6,0	3 513 907	3,5
	March	2 029 557	-3,1	1 413 540	75,5	630 482	2,6	4 073 579	15,9
	April	1 769 754	-12,8	1 643 490	16,3	566 175	-10,2	3 979 419	-2,3
	May	2 642 368	49,3	1 374 661	-16,4	709 834	25,4	4 726 864	18,8
	Dec. 15 – Feb. 16	6 445 368		2 405 809		1 987 706		10 838 883	
	Mar. – May 16 2/	6 441 679	-0,1	4 431 691	84,2	1 906 491	-4,1	12 779 862	17,9

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

			May 2015	Apr. 2016	May 2016	Jan. - May 2015	Jan. - May 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2 309	1 069	2 281	8 169	8 003	-2,0	
		square metres	104 864	52 682	106 601	383 514	381 630	-0,5	
		R'000	391 335	235 980	452 853	1 460 510	1 722 515	17,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 485	1 331	1 341	6 804	6 615	-2,8	
		square metres	373 328	354 168	360 242	1 834 919	1 769 790	-3,5	
		R'000	2 347 954	2 332 691	2 358 716	11 515 193	11 732 705	1,9	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 437	1 615	1 677	8 703	8 241	-5,3	
		square metres	158 885	221 689	168 177	872 149	853 441	-2,1	
		R'000	1 086 984	1 669 005	1 262 409	6 230 193	6 585 938	5,7	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	47 658	89 769	12 653	89 531	136 087	52,0	
		R'000	391 166	769 199	123 958	651 191	1 145 221	75,9	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	4 217 439	5 006 875	4 197 936	19 857 087	21 186 379	6,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	248 996	80 964	30 015	370 360	235 862	-36,3	
		R'000	1 978 237	681 750	274 635	2 902 726	2 039 041	-29,8	
	Shopping space	square metres	158 906	87 170	47 924	403 319	605 860	50,2	
		R'000	1 284 995	589 419	317 372	2 884 090	5 013 923	73,8	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	108 358	136 309	123 939	610 898	626 063	2,5	
		R'000	563 642	795 445	693 331	3 136 131	3 417 598	9,0	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	73 129	82 144	36 973	225 201	250 631	11,3	
		R'000	416 232	586 023	224 692	1 325 926	1 696 945	28,0	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	4 243 106	2 652 637	1 510 030	10 248 873	12 167 507	18,7
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	259 721	245 597	254 397	1 221 074	1 185 739	-2,9
R'000			1 524 378	1 606 834	1 614 009	7 149 904	7 664 647	7,2	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	85 972	61 882	73 542	428 663	278 340	-35,1	
		R'000	651 347	765 419	627 093	3 257 202	2 575 516	-20,9	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	2 175 725	2 372 253	2 241 102	10 407 106	10 240 163	-1,6	
Recorded plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	10 636 270	10 031 765	7 949 068	40 513 066	43 594 049	7,6

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2015	Apr. 2016	May 2016	Jan. - May 2015	Jan. - May 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	860	340	1 059	2 654	3 262	22,9	
		square metres	36 531	15 681	46 191	115 809	146 953	26,9	
		R'000	195 885	94 313	242 822	633 703	801 925	26,5	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	378	370	405	1 828	1 856	1,5	
		square metres	89 196	96 764	100 115	453 197	459 694	1,4	
		R'000	566 686	624 549	661 280	2 849 920	3 023 874	6,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	417	604	353	2 407	1 911	-20,6	
		square metres	42 830	55 857	51 861	216 421	225 182	4,0	
		R'000	332 245	437 303	394 051	1 589 497	1 691 233	6,4	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	41 353	12 352	492	48 402	30 643	-36,7	
		R'000	343 355	108 080	3 375	388 256	249 381	-35,8	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 438 171	1 264 245	1 301 528	5 461 376	5 766 413	5,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	42 559	12 723	6 536	63 537	28 205	-55,6	
		R'000	328 718	107 184	61 723	468 930	238 039	-49,2	
	Shopping space	square metres	31 216	3 275	308	40 688	110 188	170,8	
		R'000	252 863	25 785	1 531	325 112	901 656	177,3	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	13 751	50 581	7 396	158 323	136 156	-14,0	
		R'000	85 198	342 205	48 785	1 013 821	922 238	-9,0	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	15 037	22 909	6 233	56 866	60 539	6,5	
		R'000	73 136	188 954	30 767	324 854	423 457	30,4	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	739 915	664 128	142 806	2 132 717	2 485 390	16,5
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	76 354	66 136	83 099	377 419	330 913	-12,3
R'000			425 796	426 575	521 731	2 121 532	2 090 335	-1,5	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	22 783	16 491	30 927	90 969	75 837	-16,6	
		R'000	206 770	240 019	267 916	889 836	847 543	-4,8	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	632 566	666 594	789 647	3 011 368	2 937 878	-2,4	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices		R'000	2 810 652	2 594 967	2 233 981	10 605 461	11 189 681	5,5

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2015	Apr. 2016	May 2016	Jan. - May 2015	Jan. - May 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	64	30	161	479	406	-15,2
		square metres	3 863	1 521	7 286	22 303	19 909	-10,7
		R'000	17 335	6 219	25 645	70 043	88 326	26,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	111	82	128	413	423	2,4
		square metres	23 796	18 328	25 633	94 463	90 479	-4,2
		R'000	125 395	119 354	136 251	523 833	527 868	0,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	52	35	410	133	516	288,0
		square metres	7 035	4 646	21 514	17 519	32 334	84,6
		R'000	36 166	26 094	119 780	90 691	176 737	94,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	1 716	148	-91,4
		R'000	0	0	0	11 154	962	-91,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	178 896	151 667	281 676	695 721	793 893	14,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	821	263	0	4 567	544	-88,1
		R'000	3 664	1 184	0	24 146	2 501	-89,6
	Shopping space	square metres	2 687	0	244	8 625	1 936	-77,6
		R'000	12 373	0	1 507	40 497	9 033	-77,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	14 534	9 671	16 172	36 135	55 258	52,9
		R'000	74 414	37 198	75 900	174 293	259 495	48,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	6 558	3 759	3 872	10 716	11 119	3,8
		R'000	34 145	13 699	17 335	50 853	47 164	-7,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	124 596	52 081	94 742	289 789	318 193	9,8
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	29 608	22 753	23 916	132 127	95 802
R'000			144 453	123 391	107 137	669 578	500 880	-25,2
Other buildings 4/		square metres	3 491	8 353	4 444	38 826	22 336	-42,5
		R'000	22 664	37 978	20 382	188 255	96 649	-48,7
Total additions and alterations		R'000	167 117	161 369	127 519	857 833	597 529	-30,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	470 609	365 117	503 937	1 843 343	1 709 615	-7,3

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2015	Apr. 2016	May 2016	Jan. - May 2015	Jan. - May 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	12	5	3	17	11	-35,3	
		square metres	880	350	225	1 054	805	-23,6	
		R'000	5 280	2 100	1 350	6 330	4 830	-23,7	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	16	21	15	61	79	29,5	
		square metres	2 443	2 633	3 687	12 131	15 448	27,3	
		R'000	13 299	17 342	24 235	61 974	98 765	59,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	4	0	0	50	..	
		square metres	0	455	0	0	5 781	..	
		R'000	0	3 458	0	0	35 135	..	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	5 600	0	0	5 600	0	..	
		R'000	44 638	0	0	44 638	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	63 217	22 900	25 585	112 942	138 730	22,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	360	0	9 203	..	
		R'000	0	0	2 160	0	55 150	..	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 498	0	0	1 498	..	
		R'000	0	7 146	0	0	7 146	..	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	342	231	1 993	6 003	201,2	
		R'000	0	2 052	1 040	10 962	35 760	226,2	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	502	943	87,8	
		R'000	0	0	0	2 330	5 308	127,8	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	0	9 198	3 200	13 292	103 364	677,6
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 624	4 501	3 852	20 152	20 164	0,1
R'000			14 552	31 814	28 776	109 307	138 983	27,1	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	1 350	1 068	1 008	2 140	2 187	2,2	
		R'000	11 152	9 178	6 259	15 828	19 733	24,7	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	25 704	40 992	35 035	125 135	158 716	26,8	
Recorded plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	88 921	73 090	63 820	251 369	400 810	59,5

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2015	Apr. 2016	May 2016	Jan. - May 2015	Jan. - May 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	197	13	309	798	438	-45,1	
		square metres	10 374	702	15 933	42 748	23 259	-45,6	
		R'000	27 384	3 695	35 148	105 785	69 062	-34,7	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	98	58	54	387	310	-19,9	
		square metres	17 392	11 998	13 706	79 754	74 251	-6,9	
		R'000	89 136	62 350	76 116	404 966	399 838	-1,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	17	104	26	212	255	20,3	
		square metres	1 182	15 450	2 829	21 109	32 632	54,6	
		R'000	7 047	102 952	17 073	124 929	216 978	73,7	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	705	0	0	18 987	3 851	-79,7	
		R'000	3 173	0	0	109 778	26 357	-76,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	126 740	168 997	128 337	745 458	712 235	-4,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	2 602	0	6 588	12 831	94,8	
		R'000	0	20 816	0	44 608	101 704	128,0	
	Shopping space	square metres	1 566	816	0	72 499	4 125	-94,3	
		R'000	10 782	3 672	0	415 023	23 906	-94,2	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	16 197	400	4 759	25 265	23 454	-7,2	
		R'000	85 483	1 800	23 863	130 131	107 992	-17,0	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	460	108	3 938	4 916	9 740	98,1	
		R'000	3 220	864	30 787	30 287	71 886	137,3	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	99 485	27 152	54 650	620 049	305 488	-50,7
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	17 203	11 521	7 395	66 973	58 070	-13,3
R'000			83 892	59 484	39 605	319 021	301 285	-5,6	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	615	1 586	994	16 628	5 517	-66,8	
		R'000	7 616	51 602	8 235	122 379	93 820	-23,3	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	91 508	111 086	47 840	441 400	395 105	-10,5	
Recorded plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	317 733	307 235	230 827	1 806 907	1 412 828	-21,8

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2015	Apr. 2016	May 2016	Jan. - May 2015	Jan. - May 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	34	35	84	137	190	38,7
		square metres	2 077	2 021	3 682	7 887	9 606	21,8
		R'000	16 522	11 700	20 943	59 049	63 992	8,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	135	129	110	639	580	-9,2
		square metres	37 503	38 440	28 848	195 165	178 967	-8,3
		R'000	309 072	325 642	236 320	1 621 853	1 528 945	-5,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	202	250	83	532	1 146	115,4
		square metres	26 164	38 073	14 233	78 458	127 432	62,4
		R'000	179 380	351 495	136 957	563 787	1 169 244	107,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	666	0	2 442	3 794	55,4
		R'000	0	3 996	0	24 176	21 083	-12,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	504 974	692 833	394 220	2 268 865	2 783 264	22,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	32 566	40 771	15 317	75 454	83 392	10,5
		R'000	181 580	397 476	150 756	510 388	805 581	57,8
	Shopping space	square metres	4 807	41 617	6 884	41 101	260 429	533,6
		R'000	26 483	280 123	59 586	351 616	2 441 723	594,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	24 838	18 258	34 891	137 775	84 377	-38,8
		R'000	150 847	100 141	204 487	718 592	458 702	-36,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	938	21 419	6 349	42 443	53 707	26,5
		R'000	5 013	134 059	35 775	283 888	357 992	26,1
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	363 923	911 799	450 604	1 864 484	4 063 998	118,0	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	28 560	30 748	27 771	132 536	139 257	5,1
		R'000	227 614	266 918	246 574	1 042 310	1 191 772	14,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	30 242	8 042	18 269	131 237	89 477	-31,8
		R'000	247 051	149 704	158 694	1 117 727	814 467	-27,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	474 665	416 622	405 268	2 160 037	2 006 239	-7,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 343 562	2 021 254	1 250 092	6 293 386	8 853 501	40,7

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2015	Apr. 2016	May 2016	Jan. - May 2015	Jan. - May 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	5	53	618	78	-87,4	
		square metres	346	326	3 123	28 151	4 771	-83,1	
		R'000	1 454	1 461	13 698	70 560	21 735	-69,2	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	85	92	79	358	382	6,7	
		square metres	23 912	23 922	17 371	96 469	95 532	-1,0	
		R'000	118 676	125 787	84 982	481 785	481 734	0,0	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	35	75	98	646	433	-33,0	
		square metres	2 004	18 169	4 049	51 147	40 251	-21,3	
		R'000	10 976	92 832	26 604	281 622	206 049	-26,8	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	464	718	54,7	
		R'000	0	0	0	2 611	5 026	92,5	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	131 106	220 080	125 284	836 578	714 544	-14,6
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	3 661	1 180	-67,8
R'000			0	0	0	18 154	5 900	-67,5	
Shopping space		square metres	1 919	16 179	396	26 370	19 400	-26,4	
		R'000	8 686	91 887	1 980	151 639	106 581	-29,7	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	0	0	897	3 602	6 451	79,1	
		R'000	0	0	3 828	14 792	31 458	112,7	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	2 771	629	1 084	5 649	6 111	8,2	
		R'000	11 084	2 773	6 070	23 219	31 259	34,6	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	19 770	94 660	11 878	207 804	175 198	-15,7	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 083	11 782	14 967	55 980	59 977	7,1
	R'000		46 841	50 299	68 563	258 090	279 231	8,2	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 808	3 106	534	7 966	7 740	-2,8	
		R'000	11 947	25 137	5 224	47 006	52 147	10,9	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	58 788	75 436	73 787	305 096	331 378	8,6
Recorded plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	209 664	390 176	210 949	1 349 478	1 221 120	-9,5

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2015	Apr. 2016	May 2016	Jan. - May 2015	Jan. - May 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 018	584	551	2 833	2 956	4,3	
		square metres	45 401	28 719	26 921	132 593	142 300	7,3	
		R'000	101 255	101 035	99 425	372 721	529 495	42,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	454	403	388	2 004	2 128	6,2	
		square metres	130 986	121 991	130 302	635 317	656 426	3,3	
		R'000	903 820	857 250	933 482	4 317 436	4 671 907	8,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	614	539	668	4 386	3 835	-12,6	
		square metres	73 170	88 807	67 301	441 294	377 105	-14,5	
		R'000	491 149	653 789	534 090	3 360 146	3 027 346	-9,9	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	73 229	10 859	5 141	90 815	1 666,5	
		R'000	0	641 047	113 813	40 245	813 742	1 922,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 496 224	2 253 121	1 680 810	8 090 548	9 042 490	11,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	170 641	9 287	4 275	205 083	69 897	-65,9	
		R'000	1 453 434	81 237	42 576	1 782 368	664 426	-62,7	
	Shopping space	square metres	116 548	18 951	35 482	179 224	185 175	3,3	
		R'000	973 073	156 313	232 023	1 424 791	1 408 545	-1,1	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	30 990	43 203	49 948	205 372	273 555	33,2	
		R'000	128 260	243 656	286 402	871 514	1 405 598	61,3	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	44 891	32 268	8 929	85 370	90 872	6,4	
		R'000	277 430	238 361	74 666	520 880	677 599	30,1	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	2 832 197	719 567	635 667	4 599 553	4 156 168	-9,6
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	74 627	80 759	72 133	328 167	387 935	18,2
R'000			487 489	567 728	493 137	2 148 859	2 716 393	26,4	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	21 326	21 744	13 570	124 755	66 008	-47,1	
		R'000	115 490	233 198	137 444	786 048	572 893	-27,1	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	602 979	800 926	630 581	2 934 907	3 289 286	12,1	
Recorded plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	4 931 400	3 773 614	2 947 058	15 625 008	16 487 944	5,5

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2015	Apr. 2016	May 2016	Jan. - May 2015	Jan. - May 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	79	48	45	482	567	17,6	
		square metres	3 360	2 844	2 270	24 705	28 501	15,4	
		R'000	13 600	12 867	8 972	99 782	115 652	15,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	155	122	106	843	593	-29,7	
		square metres	34 699	24 981	25 285	191 354	128 544	-32,8	
		R'000	158 053	126 983	126 821	891 267	653 943	-26,6	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	69	3	12	138	54	-60,9	
		square metres	3 227	152	619	8 729	5 235	-40,0	
		R'000	14 658	682	2 835	39 731	23 607	-40,6	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	3 522	0	729	4 816	560,6	
		R'000	0	16 076	0	3 316	21 900	560,4	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	186 311	156 608	138 628	1 034 096	815 102	-21,2
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 409	15 318	638	7 269	27 265	275,1
R'000			10 841	73 853	2 935	35 024	148 975	325,4	
Shopping space		square metres	163	2 616	4 610	30 856	20 891	-32,3	
		R'000	735	13 083	20 745	157 609	103 923	-34,1	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	6 328	12 604	3 932	35 354	29 355	-17,0	
		R'000	31 812	62 768	20 461	169 770	140 525	-17,2	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	340	1 052	6 220	2 810	16 313	480,5	
		R'000	1 530	7 313	27 552	13 182	76 159	477,7	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	44 918	157 017	71 693	375 585	469 582	25,0	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 993	10 889	13 940	84 259	66 522	-21,1
	R'000		62 163	48 750	72 762	370 762	314 337	-15,2	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 687	1 060	3 595	8 430	7 398	-12,2	
		R'000	18 349	15 114	19 914	41 912	61 372	46,4	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	80 512	63 864	92 676	412 674	375 709	-9,0
Recorded plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	311 741	377 489	302 997	1 822 355	1 660 393	-8,9

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2015	Apr. 2016	May 2016	Jan. - May 2015	Jan. - May 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	39	9	16	151	95	-37,1
		square metres	2 032	518	970	8 264	5 526	-33,1
		R'000	12 620	2 590	4 850	42 537	27 498	-35,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	53	54	56	271	264	-2,6
		square metres	13 401	15 111	15 295	77 069	70 449	-8,6
		R'000	63 817	73 434	79 229	362 159	345 831	-4,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	31	1	27	249	41	-83,5
		square metres	3 273	80	5 771	37 472	7 489	-80,0
		R'000	15 363	400	31 019	179 790	39 609	-78,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	1 302	6 050	1 302	-78,5
		R'000	0	0	6 770	27 017	6 770	-74,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	91 800	76 424	121 868	611 503	419 708	-31,4
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	2 889	4 201	3 345
R'000			0	0	14 485	19 108	16 765	-12,3
Shopping space		square metres	0	2 218	0	3 956	2 218	-43,9
		R'000	0	11 410	0	17 803	11 410	-35,9
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	1 720	1 250	5 713	7 079	11 454	61,8
		R'000	7 628	5 625	28 565	32 256	55 830	73,1
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	2 134	0	348	15 929	1 287	-91,9
		R'000	10 674	0	1 740	76 433	6 121	-92,0
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	18 302	17 035	44 790	145 600	90 126	-38,1
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 669	6 508	7 324	23 461	27 099
	R'000		31 578	31 875	35 724	110 445	131 431	19,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	670	432	201	7 712	1 840	-76,1
		R'000	10 308	3 489	3 025	48 211	16 892	-65,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	41 886	35 364	38 749	158 656	148 323	-6,5
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	151 988	128 823	205 407	915 759	658 157	-28,1

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2015	Apr. 2016	May 2016	Jan. - May 2015	Jan. - May 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 923	1 265	1 649	6 676	6 008	-10,0	
		square metres	96 016	59 826	81 531	338 491	290 123	-14,3	
		R'000	350 948	247 803	300 661	1 274 314	1 169 738	-8,2	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 117	1 056	1 259	4 822	4 986	3,4	
		square metres	276 795	242 952	285 682	1 249 467	1 187 180	-5,0	
		R'000	1 739 917	1 596 921	1 842 927	7 764 051	7 703 163	-0,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 031	595	1 263	4 067	5 363	31,9	
		square metres	122 350	66 269	140 305	407 157	509 955	25,2	
		R'000	908 981	472 187	1 116 751	2 820 719	3 828 953	35,7	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	20 273	0	1 001	51 442	12 056	-76,6	
		R'000	119 693	0	4 505	343 291	71 521	-79,2	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	3 119 539	2 316 911	3 264 844	12 202 375	12 773 375	4,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	47 199	46 408	40 684	189 109	256 958	35,9	
		R'000	382 684	425 938	335 204	1 471 230	2 023 257	37,5	
	Shopping space	square metres	25 061	146 481	50 846	128 702	245 916	91,1	
		R'000	151 164	1 310 549	447 805	810 806	2 126 098	162,2	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	81 164	33 244	135 398	324 540	401 608	23,7	
		R'000	402 671	158 558	736 416	1 604 019	2 149 234	34,0	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	5 754	29 660	39 309	69 452	157 127	126,2	
		R'000	31 829	218 483	245 640	477 085	999 113	109,4	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	968 348	2 113 528	1 765 065	4 363 140	7 297 702	67,3
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	105 712	101 572	114 162	472 700	499 904	5,8
R'000			548 296	619 396	677 300	2 499 145	2 917 372	16,7	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	30 077	20 277	31 853	172 743	145 432	-15,8	
		R'000	248 959	203 275	244 768	1 404 674	1 226 896	-12,7	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	797 255	822 671	922 068	3 903 819	4 144 268	6,2	
Recorded buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	4 885 142	5 253 110	5 951 977	20 469 334	24 215 345	18,3

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2015	Apr. 2016	May 2016	Jan. - May 2015	Jan. - May 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	853	456	258	2 180	1 467	-32,7	
		square metres	42 816	20 838	11 548	105 235	66 427	-36,9	
		R'000	176 129	108 620	53 489	423 643	337 920	-20,2	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	302	315	300	1 283	1 298	1,2	
		square metres	67 995	67 438	71 942	304 092	302 335	-0,6	
		R'000	420 472	425 930	455 909	1 805 153	1 884 691	4,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	237	88	536	784	1 172	49,5	
		square metres	47 699	11 405	53 743	95 548	125 389	31,2	
		R'000	351 731	88 708	439 606	682 801	980 948	43,7	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	721	0	0	11 697	1 069	-90,9	
		R'000	4 872	0	0	74 099	9 338	-87,4	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	953 204	623 258	949 004	2 985 696	3 212 897	7,6
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	10 378	1 501	11 269	32 032	62 090	93,8
R'000			80 949	9 395	73 640	205 854	386 731	87,9	
Shopping space		square metres	614	6 204	1 164	19 757	14 569	-26,3	
		R'000	4 382	46 223	9 754	122 569	111 866	-8,7	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	38 643	4 736	32 639	77 219	83 424	8,0	
		R'000	210 624	24 877	192 888	446 307	521 257	16,8	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	5 264	26 261	7 392	24 923	53 065	112,9	
		R'000	29 717	198 768	45 727	150 805	362 545	140,4	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	325 672	279 263	322 009	925 535	1 382 399	49,4	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	30 602	39 332	40 810	183 640	190 080	3,5
	R'000		152 314	203 471	225 791	872 212	980 175	12,4	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	7 948	11 583	12 982	60 346	55 805	-7,5	
		R'000	109 087	109 305	120 429	560 192	544 258	-2,8	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	261 401	312 776	346 220	1 432 404	1 524 433	6,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	1 540 277	1 215 297	1 617 233	5 343 635	6 119 729	14,5

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2015	Apr. 2016	May 2016	Jan. - May 2015	Jan. - May 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	39	75	89	395	252	-36,2	
		square metres	2 196	3 248	4 012	18 321	12 710	-30,6	
		R'000	6 949	9 633	12 707	49 852	51 779	3,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	73	22	53	264	161	-39,0	
		square metres	14 993	4 282	11 872	55 099	34 374	-37,6	
		R'000	72 001	22 670	65 451	263 507	185 456	-29,6	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	19	128	34	87	244	180,5	
		square metres	1 656	9 747	4 338	7 893	23 203	194,0	
		R'000	8 549	55 087	21 668	39 339	126 391	221,3	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	248	1 059	327,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	1 220	6 884	464,3	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	87 499	87 390	99 826	353 918	370 510	4,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	136	0	0	136	..	
		R'000	0	802	0	0	802	..	
	Shopping space	square metres	2 309	0	0	4 053	450	-88,9	
		R'000	11 545	0	0	20 727	2 558	-87,7	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	1 186	0	28 228	3 723	-86,8	
		R'000	0	5 012	0	154 388	15 764	-89,8	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	23	51	0	4 343	51	-98,8	
		R'000	69	230	0	21 300	230	-98,9	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	11 614	6 044	0	196 415	19 354	-90,1
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 000	3 826	5 777	41 466	22 657	-45,4
R'000			27 546	14 236	28 483	172 079	101 017	-41,3	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	801	719	973	6 849	9 427	37,6	
		R'000	3 790	3 037	4 966	43 662	43 017	-1,5	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	31 336	17 273	33 449	215 741	144 034	-33,2	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	130 449	110 707	133 275	766 074	533 898	-30,3

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2015	Apr. 2016	May 2016	Jan. - May 2015	Jan. - May 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	0	0	36	0	..	
		square metres	225	0	0	2 036	0	..	
		R'000	1 350	0	0	11 311	0	..	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	12	8	10	123	29	-76,4	
		square metres	1 229	1 821	1 235	13 224	5 163	-61,0	
		R'000	6 105	9 870	8 001	71 746	31 261	-56,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	42	1	-97,6	
		square metres	0	0	0	2 940	149	-94,9	
		R'000	0	0	0	16 170	1 028	-93,6	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	158	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	948	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	7 455	9 870	8 001	99 227	33 237	-66,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	269	0	325	269	325	20,8	
		R'000	1 480	0	1 463	1 480	1 463	-1,1	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	222	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	1 221	0	..	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	915	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	4 318	0	..	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 480	0	1 463	7 019	1 463	-79,2	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 433	4 003	4 040	12 179	17 905	47,0	
		R'000	29 886	29 158	29 501	68 559	129 217	88,5	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 069	579	1 834	2 151	2 885	34,1	
		R'000	15 911	4 400	12 784	16 267	22 611	39,0	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	45 797	33 558	42 285	84 826	151 828	79,0
Recorded buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	54 732	43 428	51 749	191 072	186 528	-2,4

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2015	Apr. 2016	May 2016	Jan. - May 2015	Jan. - May 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	209	33	122	761	172	-77,4	
		square metres	11 273	1 757	6 774	41 746	9 579	-77,1	
		R'000	24 628	4 693	13 808	98 830	23 587	-76,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	30	34	34	112	136	21,4	
		square metres	4 866	6 918	6 635	20 675	25 407	22,9	
		R'000	23 673	35 358	36 276	95 521	127 948	33,9	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	22	0	179	201	1 060	427,4	
		square metres	2 193	0	9 429	25 713	44 897	74,6	
		R'000	11 392	0	58 547	126 428	219 063	73,3	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	19 552	0	0	24 586	105	-99,6	
		R'000	114 821	0	0	142 508	525	-99,6	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	174 514	40 051	108 631	463 287	371 123	-19,9
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 000	6 066	0	2 405	6 066	152,2
R'000			6 000	42 462	0	14 382	42 462	195,2	
Shopping space		square metres	798	7 996	4 031	5 568	15 618	180,5	
		R'000	3 990	63 148	26 897	26 323	115 182	337,6	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	0	0	15 367	3 807	26 331	591,6	
		R'000	0	0	86 150	15 228	135 489	789,7	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	0	0	4 261	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	25 463	0	..	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	9 990	105 610	113 047	81 396	293 133	260,1	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 166	1 593	2 260	13 354	12 941	-3,1	
		R'000	29 250	7 347	10 432	63 248	58 825	-7,0	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 016	72	225	6 660	1 526	-77,1	
		R'000	16 271	1 425	2 073	57 440	17 655	-69,3	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	45 521	8 772	12 505	120 688	76 480	-36,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	230 025	154 433	234 183	665 371	740 736	11,3

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2015	Apr. 2016	May 2016	Jan. - May 2015	Jan. - May 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	21	31	94	104	10,6	
		square metres	598	1 173	1 873	5 788	6 106	5,5	
		R'000	3 741	8 468	15 694	49 737	51 395	3,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	81	55	43	299	298	-0,3	
		square metres	25 309	15 562	11 930	79 710	79 201	-0,6	
		R'000	195 859	129 233	108 216	620 642	648 444	4,5	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	43	49	145	341	323	-5,3	
		square metres	6 744	7 758	25 085	59 240	57 489	-3,0	
		R'000	56 599	48 223	249 597	446 223	497 505	11,5	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	1 887	7 952	321,4	
		R'000	0	0	0	11 074	44 879	305,3	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	256 199	185 924	373 507	1 127 676	1 242 223	10,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	14 935	27 799	17 669	16 935	86 606	411,4	
		R'000	138 895	276 316	176 690	153 961	754 503	390,1	
	Shopping space	square metres	2 297	93 532	27 235	37 692	141 029	274,2	
		R'000	12 475	913 637	269 960	302 804	1 337 753	341,8	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	21 480	1 070	33 909	57 980	82 019	41,5	
		R'000	106 440	5 778	161 631	289 896	414 582	43,0	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	139	495	2 939	7 359	3 434	-53,3	
		R'000	626	2 237	23 411	54 590	25 648	-53,0	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	258 436	1 197 968	631 692	801 251	2 532 486	216,1
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 011	13 779	14 280	50 102	65 637	31,0
R'000			92 634	131 569	127 395	441 695	591 070	33,8	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	649	574	3 635	38 854	28 688	-26,2	
		R'000	26 014	13 732	23 540	343 585	204 070	-40,6	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	118 648	145 301	150 935	785 280	795 140	1,3	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	633 283	1 529 193	1 156 134	2 714 207	4 569 849	68,4

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2015	Apr. 2016	May 2016	Jan. - May 2015	Jan. - May 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	14	32	150	30	257	756,7	
		square metres	940	2 003	9 352	2 007	15 884	691,4	
		R'000	2 456	7 115	35 265	6 353	58 347	818,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	62	122	301	319	730	128,8	
		square metres	12 104	21 649	40 156	60 372	111 855	85,3	
		R'000	60 697	106 105	195 821	271 383	528 441	94,7	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	85	17	19	469	331	-29,4	
		square metres	5 926	1 633	2 357	33 668	30 940	-8,1	
		R'000	26 720	8 551	9 756	149 607	151 935	1,6	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	1 227	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	4 908	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	89 873	121 771	240 842	432 251	738 723	70,9
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	667	0	2 490	5 590	5 106	-8,7
R'000			3 668	0	12 168	30 612	25 248	-17,5	
Shopping space		square metres	1 680	5 531	2 372	30 059	9 256	-69,2	
		R'000	9 224	31 478	12 408	148 041	49 797	-66,4	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	0	322	2 269	13 257	2 940	-77,8	
		R'000	0	1 546	12 710	53 028	16 110	-69,6	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	218	322	1 746	4 442	4 147	-6,6	
		R'000	763	1 449	7 857	21 882	19 086	-12,8	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	13 655	34 473	45 143	253 563	110 241	-56,5	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	23 223	8 728	16 687	52 629	60 293	14,6
	R'000		92 891	39 257	74 499	210 671	256 830	21,9	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 515	115	1 522	9 557	4 353	-54,5	
		R'000	22 903	770	6 764	45 404	20 168	-55,6	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	115 794	40 027	81 263	256 075	276 998	8,2
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	219 322	196 271	367 248	941 889	1 125 962	19,5

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2015	Apr. 2016	May 2016	Jan. - May 2015	Jan. - May 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	683	579	869	2 583	3 180	23,1	
		square metres	31 886	26 871	41 562	131 217	150 681	14,8	
		R'000	109 208	91 520	143 244	510 000	532 141	4,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	437	388	421	1 909	1 855	-2,8	
		square metres	125 632	103 762	119 006	597 859	518 520	-13,3	
		R'000	852 326	770 902	868 332	4 101 773	3 801 386	-7,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	578	268	303	2 007	2 024	0,8	
		square metres	55 216	32 383	42 081	172 303	211 399	22,7	
		R'000	440 485	254 434	321 917	1 314 939	1 772 441	34,8	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	10 565	712	-93,3	
		R'000	0	0	0	103 938	4 442	-95,7	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 402 019	1 116 856	1 333 493	6 030 650	6 110 410	1,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	18 851	10 906	8 697	129 247	89 572	-30,7	
		R'000	146 197	96 963	70 167	1 052 415	773 751	-26,5	
	Shopping space	square metres	12 680	33 218	15 538	20 231	63 701	214,9	
		R'000	88 005	256 063	126 458	141 828	503 073	254,7	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	21 041	23 250	48 594	133 440	190 749	42,9	
		R'000	85 607	105 345	270 569	595 877	987 695	65,8	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	36	2 280	24 903	23 342	91 619	292,5	
		R'000	320	14 253	159 329	199 335	570 098	186,0	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	320 129	472 624	626 523	1 989 455	2 834 617	42,5
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 638	25 774	21 282	69 664	96 394	38,4
R'000			69 402	174 822	142 096	461 224	654 635	41,9	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	8 712	6 565	5 548	45 457	32 434	-28,6	
		R'000	43 440	69 256	47 208	324 272	317 833	-2,0	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	112 842	244 078	189 304	785 496	972 468	23,8	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	1 834 990	1 833 558	2 149 320	8 805 601	9 917 495	12,6

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2015	Apr. 2016	May 2016	Jan. - May 2015	Jan. - May 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	91	54	116	505	499	-1,2	
		square metres	4 860	2 974	5 573	26 778	24 128	-9,9	
		R'000	20 375	12 944	22 269	98 864	91 529	-7,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	102	87	71	442	357	-19,2	
		square metres	20 520	16 458	17 598	95 750	80 081	-16,4	
		R'000	88 155	72 424	77 902	427 735	349 088	-18,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	43	6	19	102	88	-13,7	
		square metres	2 424	557	1 362	5 805	6 550	12,8	
		R'000	11 043	2 507	6 110	26 258	29 200	11,2	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	1 001	1 232	1 001	-18,8	
		R'000	0	0	4 505	5 544	4 505	-18,7	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	119 573	87 875	110 786	558 401	474 322	-15,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	234	1 320	6 477	390,7	
		R'000	0	0	1 076	6 072	35 441	483,7	
	Shopping space	square metres	4 683	0	506	9 825	1 293	-86,8	
		R'000	21 543	0	2 328	42 113	5 869	-86,1	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	1 240	632	5 588	8 534	52,7	
		R'000	0	8 800	2 528	26 500	39 127	47,6	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	251	2 329	519	3 967	664,4	
		R'000	0	1 546	9 316	2 620	17 246	558,2	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	21 543	10 346	15 248	77 305	97 683	26,4	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 423	3 933	8 189	48 499	30 567	-37,0	
		R'000	53 363	16 674	35 101	204 359	129 305	-36,7	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 608	0	5 064	2 110	10 174	382,2	
		R'000	6 432	0	26 640	8 741	52 070	495,7	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	59 795	16 674	61 741	213 100	181 375	-14,9	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	200 911	114 895	187 775	848 806	753 380	-11,2

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2015	Apr. 2016	May 2016	Jan. - May 2015	Jan. - May 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	21	15	14	92	77	-16,3	
		square metres	1 222	962	837	5 363	4 608	-14,1	
		R'000	6 112	4 810	4 185	25 724	23 040	-10,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	18	25	26	71	122	71,8	
		square metres	4 147	5 062	5 308	22 686	30 244	33,3	
		R'000	20 629	24 429	27 019	106 591	146 448	37,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	4	39	28	34	120	252,9	
		square metres	492	2 786	1 910	4 047	9 939	145,6	
		R'000	2 462	14 677	9 550	18 954	50 442	166,1	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	29 203	43 916	40 754	151 269	219 930	45,4
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 099	0	0	1 311	580	-55,8
R'000			5 495	0	0	6 454	2 856	-55,7	
Shopping space		square metres	0	0	0	1 295	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	5 180	0	..	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	0	1 440	1 988	4 106	3 888	-5,3	
		R'000	0	7 200	9 940	18 477	19 210	4,0	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	74	0	0	263	844	220,9	
		R'000	334	0	0	1 090	4 260	290,8	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	5 829	7 200	9 940	31 201	26 326	-15,6	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	216	604	837	1 167	3 430	193,9
	R'000		1 010	2 862	4 002	5 098	16 298	219,7	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	759	70	70	759	140	-81,6	
		R'000	5 111	1 350	364	5 111	5 214	2,0	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	6 121	4 212	4 366	10 209	21 512	110,7
Recorded buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	41 153	55 328	55 060	192 679	267 768	39,0

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

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

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

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

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 May 2016 was 92,7%. The improved collection rate for April 2016 was 92,7%.
- 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 May 2016.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.
 - *Building Statistics* (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.
- Rounding-off of figures**
- 17** Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.

Symbols and abbreviations

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

Glossary

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

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

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