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Results for January to October 2015

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

Estimates at current prices	January to October 2014	January to October 2015	Difference in value between January to October 2014 and January to October 2015	% change between January to October 2014 and January to October 2015
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	39 276 899	41 707 291	2 430 392	6,2
-Dwelling-houses	26 862 760	28 409 763	1 547 003	5,8
-Flats and townhouses	11 437 630	12 420 655	983 025	8,6
-Other residential buildings	976 509	876 873	-99 636	-10,2
Non-residential buildings	20 965 245	20 233 046	-732 199	-3,5
Additions and alterations	21 200 612	22 126 614	926 002	4,4
Total	81 442 756	84 066 951	2 624 195	3,2

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 3,2% (R2 624,2 million) during January to October 2015 compared with January to October 2014 (see Table A).

Residential buildings rose by 6,2% (R2 430,4 million).

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

Estimates at current prices	January to October 2014	January to October 2015	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to October 2014	% change between January to October 2014 and January to October 2015	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January to October 2014 and January to October 2015	Difference in value between January to October 2014 and January to October 2015
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000				
Western Cape	19 664 483	21 092 964	24,1	7,3	1,8	1 428 481
Eastern Cape	4 024 094	4 384 769	4,9	9,0	0,4	360 675
Northern Cape	949 005	565 222	1,2	-40,4	-0,5	-383 783
Free State	3 455 358	3 073 279	4,2	-11,1	-0,5	-382 079
KwaZulu-Natal	14 205 712	13 851 440	17,4	-2,5	-0,4	-354 272
North West	3 617 456	3 064 551	4,4	-15,3	-0,7	-552 905
Gauteng	30 357 033	32 739 351	37,3	7,8	2,9	2 382 318
Mpumalanga	3 698 671	3 618 600	4,5	-2,2	-0,1	-80 071
Limpopo	1 470 944	1 676 775	1,8	14,0	0,3	205 831
Total	81 442 756	84 066 951	100,0	3,2	3,2	2 624 195

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

Four provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of building plans passed during January to October 2015. The increase in the value of building plans passed was dominated by Gauteng (contributing 2,9 percentage points or R2 382,3 million) and Western Cape (contributing 1,8 percentage points or R1 428,5 million) (see Table B).

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

Estimates at constant 2010 prices	January to October 2014	January to October 2015	Difference in value between January to October 2014 and January to October 2015	% change between January to October 2014 and January to October 2015
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	31 160 665	32 008 736	848 071	2,7
Non-residential buildings	16 633 732	15 513 965	-1 119 767	-6,7
Additions and alterations	16 822 210	16 980 922	158 712	0,9
Total	64 616 607	64 503 623	-112 984	-0,2

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Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2010 prices) decreased by 0,2% (-R113,0 million) year-on-year during January to October 2015. Non-residential buildings fell by 6,7% (-R1 119,8 million) (see Table C).

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

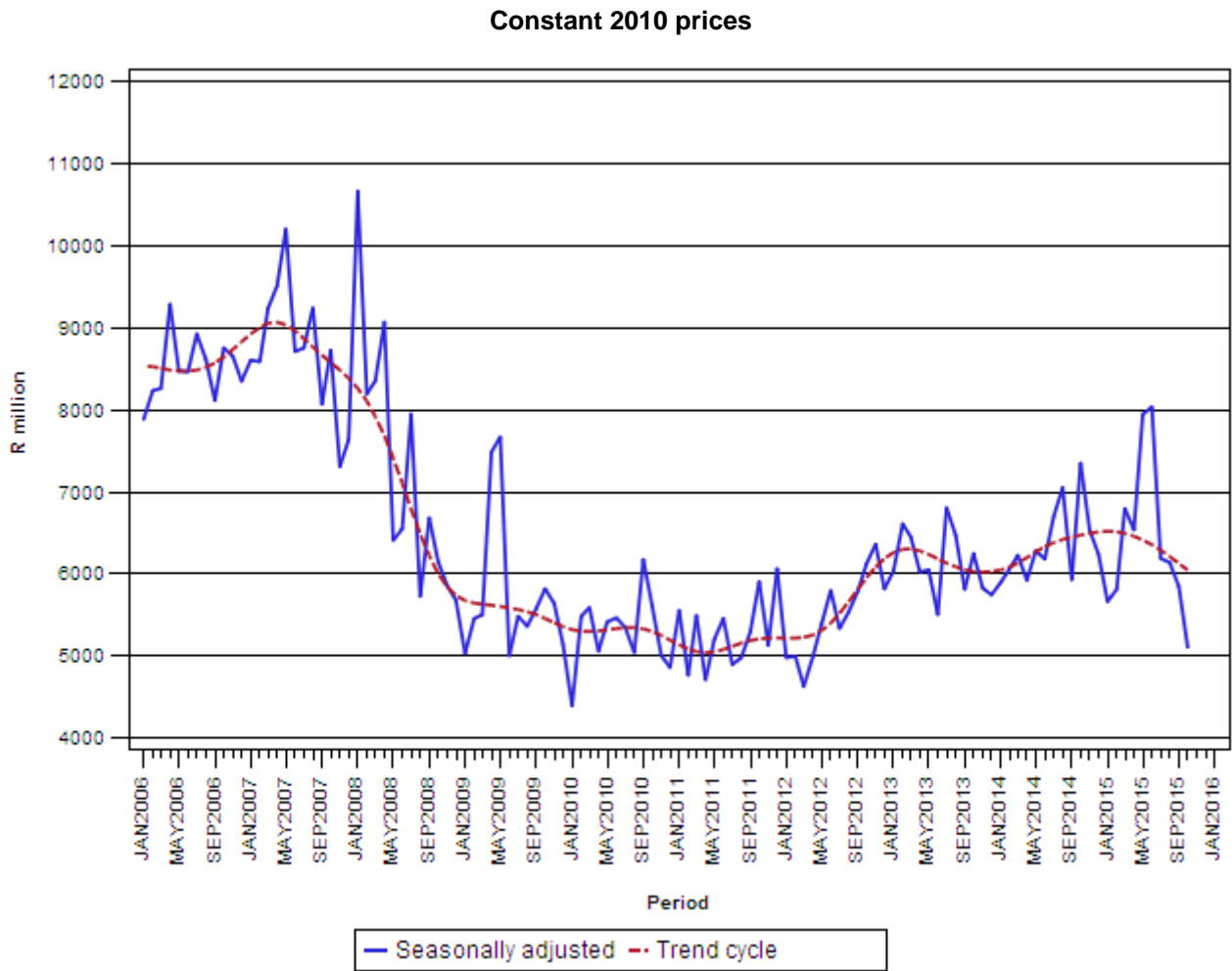
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2010 prices	May to July 2015	August to October 2015	% change between May to July 2015 and August to October 2015
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 358 845	8 907 306	-4,8
Non-residential buildings 1/	7 553 032	3 418 677	-54,7
Additions and alterations	5 259 682	4 771 820	-9,3
Total	22 171 559	17 097 803	-22,9

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 recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed decreased by 22,9% during the three months ended October 2015 compared with the previous three months. Non-residential buildings fell by 54,7% (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 October 2014 versus January to October 2015**

Estimates at current prices	January to October 2014	January to October 2015	Difference in value between January to October 2014 and January to October 2015	% change between January to October 2014 and January to October 2015
	1/	1/	R'000	
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	22 366 147	25 962 658	3 596 511	16,1
-Dwelling-houses	15 963 702	18 998 759	3 035 057	19,0
-Flats and townhouses	5 886 125	6 532 799	646 674	11,0
-Other residential buildings	516 320	431 100	-85 220	-16,5
Non-residential buildings	10 927 537	11 251 423	323 886	3,0
Additions and alterations	7 966 212	8 163 316	197 104	2,5
Total	41 259 896	45 377 397	4 117 501	10,0

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 10,0% (R4 117,5 million) during January to October 2015 compared with January to October 2014.

Residential buildings rose by 16,1% (R3 596,5 million).

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

Estimates at current prices	January to October 2014	January to October 2015	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to October 2014	% change between January to October 2014 and January to October 2015	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January to October 2014 and January to October 2015	Difference in value between January to October 2014 and January to October 2015
	1/	1/				R'000
	R'000	R'000			2/	R'000
Western Cape	8 392 484	12 819 572	20,3	52,8	10,7	4 427 088
Eastern Cape	1 880 959	1 604 879	4,6	-14,7	-0,7	-276 080
Northern Cape	408 807	398 535	1,0	-2,5	0,0	-10 272
Free State	493 930	1 005 535	1,2	103,6	1,2	511 605
KwaZulu-Natal	5 235 535	6 680 477	12,7	27,6	3,5	1 444 942
North West	1 562 618	1 721 743	3,8	10,2	0,4	159 125
Gauteng	20 297 353	18 704 746	49,2	-7,8	-3,9	-1 592 607
Mpumalanga	2 386 743	1 861 251	5,8	-22,0	-1,3	-525 492
Limpopo	601 467	580 659	1,5	-3,5	-0,1	-20 808
Total	41 259 896	45 377 397	100,0	10,0	10,0	4 117 501

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

Four provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to October 2015. Western Cape contributed 10,7 percentage points (R4 427,1 million) (see Table F).

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

Estimates at constant 2010 prices	January to October 2014	January to October 2015	Difference in value between January to October 2014 and January to October 2015	% change between January to October 2014 and January to October 2015
	1/	1/	R'000	
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	18 493 322	20 317 194	1 823 872	9,9
Non-residential buildings	9 571 693	9 199 299	-372 394	-3,9
Additions and alterations	6 750 949	6 481 522	-269 427	-4,0
Total	34 815 964	35 998 015	1 182 051	3,4

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 3,4% (R1 182,1 million) year-on-year during January to October 2015. Residential buildings rose by 9,9% (R1 823,9 million) (see Table G).

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

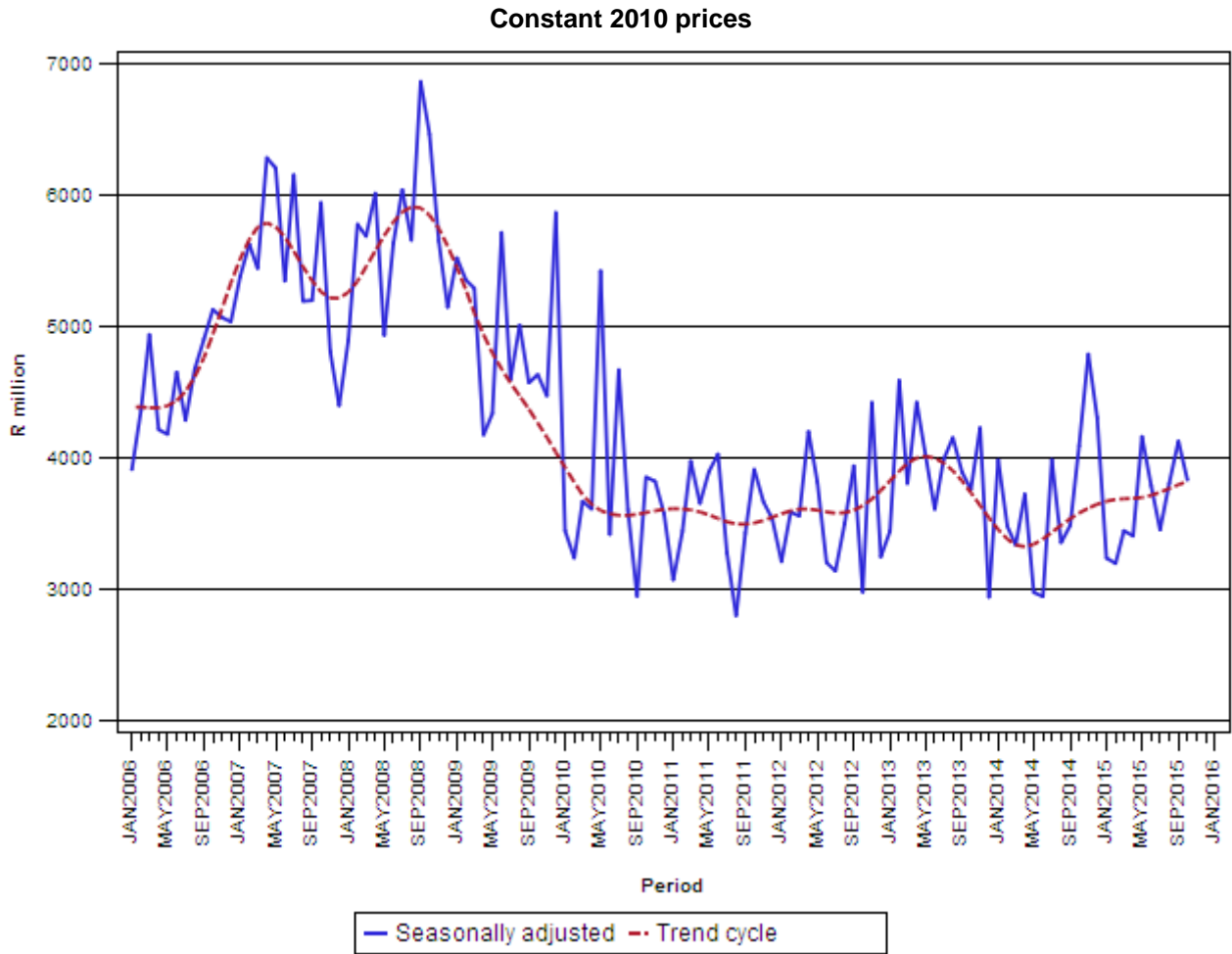
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2010 prices	May to July 2015	August to October 2015	% change between May to July 2015 and August to October 2015
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 778 582	6 164 885	-9,1
Non-residential buildings 1/	2 571 902	3 798 289	47,7
Additions and alterations	2 058 634	1 813 230	-11,9
Total	11 409 119	11 776 404	3,2

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 buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 3,2% during the three months ended October 2015 compared with the previous three months. Non-residential buildings rose by 47,7% (see Table H).

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



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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	3 235 268	48,9	1 344 728	-43,7	1 535 551	3,0	6 115 547	1,1
	February	3 267 441	-1,3	2 053 955	-5,3	2 056 519	2,3	7 377 915	-1,5
	March	3 468 612	17,4	2 275 160	7,6	1 952 793	15,3	7 696 565	13,8
	April	3 041 339	-2,6	1 726 454	2,1	1 976 731	-10,7	6 744 524	-4,0
	May	4 110 707	15,7	1 970 370	-1,5	1 913 499	-6,1	7 994 576	5,3
	June	3 911 224	20,4	2 034 001	59,6	1 918 240	3,5	7 863 465	23,3
	July	4 028 934	3,7	3 020 132	14,7	2 300 350	-1,6	9 349 416	5,6
	August	4 763 279	34,2	2 188 628	-12,4	2 596 407	20,7	9 548 314	16,5
	September	4 186 488	33,6	1 293 843	-32,0	2 621 773	13,8	8 102 104	10,4
	October	5 263 607	32,0	3 057 974	30,2	2 328 749	4,9	10 650 330	24,5
	November	4 150 427	40,9	2 113 168	3,1	2 278 644	-3,1	8 542 239	16,2
	December	2 955 810	21,2	1 872 912	15,4	1 877 595	14,8	6 706 317	17,7
Total	46 383 136	21,1	24 951 325	1,1	25 356 851	4,3	96 691 312	10,8	
2015	January	3 411 357	5,4	605 147	-55,0	1 669 101	8,7	5 685 605	-7,0
	February	3 825 309	17,1	1 179 924	-42,6	2 328 241	13,2	7 333 474	-0,6
	March	4 171 252	20,3	2 150 503	-5,5	2 254 077	15,4	8 575 832	11,4
	April	4 231 730	39,1	1 939 405	12,3	1 979 962	0,2	8 151 097	20,9
	May	4 217 439	2,6	4 007 877	103,4	2 175 725	13,7	10 401 041	30,1
	June	4 515 235	15,4	3 972 054	95,3	2 213 891	15,4	10 701 180	36,1
	July	4 486 702	11,4	1 898 845	-37,1	2 655 555	15,4	9 041 102	-3,3
	August	4 255 093	-10,7	1 850 190	-15,5	2 292 582	-11,7	8 397 865	-12,0
	September	4 698 539	12,2	1 508 082	16,6	2 249 723	-14,2	8 456 344	4,4
	October	3 894 635	-26,0	1 121 019	-63,3	2 307 757	-0,9	7 323 411	-31,2

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 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	3 860 412	15,8	1 344 728	-17,2	2 006 480	-2,7	7 211 620	2,7
	February	3 421 556	-11,4	2 053 955	52,7	2 042 486	1,8	7 517 997	4,2
	March	3 360 897	-1,8	2 275 160	10,8	2 069 420	1,3	7 705 477	2,5
	April	3 509 015	4,4	1 726 454	-24,1	2 165 768	4,7	7 401 237	-3,9
	May	3 930 214	12,0	1 970 370	14,1	1 999 091	-7,7	7 899 675	6,7
	June	3 806 699	-3,1	2 034 001	3,2	1 959 452	-2,0	7 800 152	-1,3
	July	3 456 254	-9,2	3 020 132	48,5	2 015 033	2,8	8 491 419	8,9
	August	4 267 607	23,5	2 188 628	-27,5	2 501 921	24,2	8 958 156	5,5
	September	4 064 598	-4,8	1 293 843	-40,9	2 224 799	-11,1	7 583 240	-15,3
	October	4 378 766	7,7	3 057 974	136,3	2 017 779	-9,3	9 454 519	24,7
	November	4 183 279	-4,5	2 113 168	-30,9	2 106 269	4,4	8 402 716	-11,1
	December	3 903 312	-6,7	1 872 912	-11,4	2 249 142	6,8	8 025 366	-4,5
2015	January	4 401 591	12,8	605 147	-67,7	2 322 183	3,2	7 328 921	-8,7
	February	3 996 033	-9,2	1 179 924	95,0	2 315 875	-0,3	7 491 831	2,2
	March	4 372 464	9,4	2 150 503	82,3	2 275 025	-1,8	8 797 993	17,4
	April	4 370 105	-0,1	1 939 405	-9,8	2 159 255	-5,1	8 468 766	-3,7
	May	3 987 592	-8,8	4 007 877	106,7	2 330 985	8,0	10 326 454	21,9
	June	4 317 559	8,3	3 972 054	-0,9	2 209 636	-5,2	10 499 249	1,7
	July	3 909 203	-9,5	1 898 845	-52,2	2 294 407	3,8	8 102 455	-22,8
	August	4 007 665	2,5	1 850 190	-2,6	2 171 349	-5,4	8 029 204	-0,9
	September	4 167 010	4,0	1 508 082	-18,5	1 916 763	-11,7	7 591 855	-5,4
	October	3 507 732	-15,8	1 121 019	-25,7	2 157 375	12,6	6 786 126	-10,6
	May – Jul. 15	12 214 354		9 878 776		6 835 028		28 928 158	
	Aug. – Oct. 15 2/	11 682 407	-4,4	4 479 291	-54,7	6 245 487	-8,6	22 407 185	-22,5

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	2 651 859	39,9	1 102 236	-47,1	1 258 648	-3,2	5 012 743	-5,1
	February	2 641 424	-8,0	1 660 432	-11,7	1 662 505	-4,7	5 964 361	-8,2
	March	2 772 671	9,8	1 818 673	0,7	1 560 986	7,9	6 152 330	6,4
	April	2 431 126	-8,3	1 380 059	-3,8	1 580 121	-15,9	5 391 306	-9,6
	May	3 278 076	8,3	1 571 268	-7,8	1 525 916	-12,1	6 375 260	-1,4
	June	3 101 684	12,5	1 613 006	49,2	1 521 205	-3,3	6 235 895	15,3
	July	3 169 893	-2,7	2 376 186	7,6	1 809 874	-7,7	7 355 953	-1,0
	August	3 732 977	25,9	1 715 226	-17,8	2 034 802	13,2	7 483 005	9,3
	September	3 278 377	26,0	1 013 190	-35,9	2 053 072	7,3	6 344 639	4,1
	October	4 102 578	24,3	2 383 456	22,6	1 815 081	-1,3	8 301 115	17,2
	November	3 237 463	32,8	1 648 337	-2,8	1 777 413	-8,6	6 663 213	9,6
	December	2 307 424	14,6	1 462 070	9,1	1 465 726	8,5	5 235 220	11,3
	Total	36 705 552	13,6	19 744 139	-5,3	20 065 349	-2,1	76 515 040	3,9
2015	January	2 652 688	0,0	470 565	-57,3	1 297 901	3,1	4 421 154	-11,8
	February	2 979 213	12,8	918 944	-44,7	1 813 272	9,1	5 711 429	-4,2
	March	3 226 026	16,4	1 663 189	-8,5	1 743 292	11,7	6 632 507	7,8
	April	3 250 177	33,7	1 489 558	7,9	1 520 708	-3,8	6 260 443	16,1
	May	3 234 232	-1,3	3 073 525	95,6	1 668 501	9,3	7 976 258	25,1
	June	3 449 377	11,2	3 034 419	88,1	1 691 284	11,2	8 175 080	31,1
	July	3 414 537	7,7	1 445 088	-39,2	2 020 970	11,7	6 880 595	-6,5
	August	3 253 129	-12,9	1 414 518	-17,5	1 752 739	-13,9	6 420 386	-14,2
	September	3 592 155	9,6	1 152 968	13,8	1 719 972	-16,2	6 465 095	1,9
	October	2 957 202	-27,9	851 191	-64,3	1 752 283	-3,5	5 560 676	-33,0

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	3 176 902	16,9	1 102 236	-17,8	1 615 325	-4,3	5 894 463	2,6
	February	2 769 037	-12,8	1 660 432	50,6	1 635 376	1,2	6 064 845	2,9
	March	2 762 764	-0,2	1 818 673	9,5	1 646 387	0,7	6 227 824	2,7
	April	2 826 130	2,3	1 380 059	-24,1	1 717 143	4,3	5 923 332	-4,9
	May	3 104 739	9,9	1 571 268	13,9	1 607 709	-6,4	6 283 715	6,1
	June	3 003 487	-3,3	1 613 006	2,7	1 567 393	-2,5	6 183 885	-1,6
	July	2 727 994	-9,2	2 376 186	47,3	1 594 290	1,7	6 698 470	8,3
	August	3 376 467	23,8	1 715 226	-27,8	1 961 672	23,0	7 053 365	5,3
	September	3 169 954	-6,1	1 013 190	-40,9	1 746 654	-11,0	5 929 798	-15,9
	October	3 376 777	6,5	2 383 456	135,2	1 590 657	-8,9	7 350 889	24,0
	November	3 235 863	-4,2	1 648 337	-30,8	1 648 079	3,6	6 532 280	-11,1
	December	3 047 337	-5,8	1 462 070	-11,3	1 732 907	5,1	6 242 314	-4,4
2015	January	3 406 596	11,8	470 565	-67,8	1 787 458	3,1	5 664 619	-9,3
	February	3 113 648	-8,6	918 944	95,3	1 780 395	-0,4	5 812 987	2,6
	March	3 385 276	8,7	1 663 189	81,0	1 750 339	-1,7	6 798 804	17,0
	April	3 393 657	0,2	1 489 558	-10,4	1 656 211	-5,4	6 539 426	-3,8
	May	3 081 232	-9,2	3 073 525	106,3	1 789 445	8,0	7 944 202	21,5
	June	3 290 329	6,8	3 034 419	-1,3	1 711 456	-4,4	8 036 204	1,2
	July	2 987 284	-9,2	1 445 088	-52,4	1 758 781	2,8	6 191 153	-23,0
	August	3 064 391	2,6	1 414 518	-2,1	1 660 312	-5,6	6 139 222	-0,8
	September	3 229 907	5,4	1 152 968	-18,5	1 465 631	-11,7	5 848 506	-4,7
	October	2 613 008	-19,1	851 191	-26,2	1 645 877	12,3	5 110 075	-12,6
	May – Jul. 15	9 358 845		7 553 032		5 259 682		22 171 559	
	Aug. – Oct. 15 2/	8 907 306	-4,8	3 418 677	-54,7	4 771 820	-9,3	17 097 803	-22,9

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	1 864 951	14,2	947 942	135,7	772 015	-1,9	3 584 908	27,0
	February	1 901 135	-10,4	1 024 739	-31,8	957 322	-22,4	3 883 196	-20,1
	March	2 225 573	12,2	1 117 237	3,6	793 665	-31,5	4 136 475	-2,0
	April	2 235 694	-2,0	1 279 830	1,7	629 675	-53,9	4 145 199	-15,5
	May	1 858 144	-4,0	667 245	-45,9	766 606	-26,5	3 291 995	-21,8
	June	1 952 010	-2,4	799 842	-28,1	651 885	-21,8	3 403 737	-13,8
	July	2 522 008	6,1	1 653 706	41,6	758 975	-35,0	4 934 689	4,7
	August	2 380 745	0,9	941 925	-38,1	936 852	-6,3	4 259 522	-12,7
	September	2 543 242	3,9	1 068 777	-1,2	799 479	-23,3	4 411 498	-3,5
	October	2 882 645	19,1	1 426 294	38,1	899 738	-12,0	5 208 677	16,4
	November	3 072 324	27,0	2 550 356	29,9	718 978	-18,8	6 341 658	20,4
	December	2 502 517	28,9	2 020 839	169,8	689 403	4,2	5 212 759	55,5
Total	27 940 988	7,8	15 498 732	9,9	9 374 593	-23,2	52 814 313	1,1	
2015	January	1 818 640	-2,5	785 616	-17,1	501 685	-35,0	3 105 941	-13,4
	February	2 087 746	9,8	1 019 816	-0,5	675 990	-29,4	3 783 552	-2,6
	March	2 568 046	15,4	858 760	-23,1	1 025 680	29,2	4 452 486	7,6
	April	2 608 404	16,7	730 600	-42,9	903 209	43,4	4 242 213	2,3
	May	3 119 539	67,9	968 348	45,1	797 255	4,0	4 885 142	48,4
	June	2 599 782	33,2	1 057 013	32,2	983 921	50,9	4 640 716	36,3
	July	2 635 346	4,5	1 095 693	-33,7	852 594	12,3	4 583 633	-7,1
	August	2 830 856	18,9	1 420 995	50,9	814 463	-13,1	5 066 314	18,9
	September	3 003 875	18,1	1 646 976	54,1	844 951	5,7	5 495 802	24,6
	October	2 690 424	-6,7	1 667 606	16,9	763 568	-15,1	5 121 598	-1,7

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 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	2 642 203	46,5	947 942	26,6	1 041 406	23,8	4 631 551	36,5
	February	2 099 805	-20,5	1 024 739	8,1	904 843	-13,1	4 029 387	-13,0
	March	2 108 496	0,4	1 117 237	9,0	584 842	-35,4	3 810 575	-5,4
	April	2 512 585	19,2	1 279 830	14,6	725 073	24,0	4 517 489	18,6
	May	2 019 120	-19,6	667 245	-47,9	812 562	12,1	3 498 927	-22,5
	June	2 053 019	1,7	799 842	19,9	637 643	-21,5	3 490 505	-0,2
	July	2 359 212	14,9	1 653 706	106,8	690 137	8,2	4 703 055	34,7
	August	2 236 243	-5,2	941 925	-43,0	854 753	23,9	4 032 921	-14,2
	September	2 370 119	6,0	1 068 777	13,5	781 499	-8,6	4 220 394	4,6
	October	2 658 950	12,2	1 426 294	33,5	888 254	13,7	4 973 498	17,8
	November	2 537 661	-4,6	2 550 356	78,8	695 742	-21,7	5 783 759	16,3
	December	2 342 127	-7,7	2 020 839	-20,8	880 328	26,5	5 243 294	-9,3
2015	January	2 551 952	9,0	785 616	-61,1	678 645	-22,9	4 016 213	-23,4
	February	2 309 821	-9,5	1 019 816	29,8	638 467	-5,9	3 968 104	-1,2
	March	2 563 594	11,0	858 760	-15,8	928 594	45,4	4 350 948	9,6
	April	2 760 222	7,7	730 600	-14,9	835 849	-10,0	4 326 671	-0,6
	May	3 404 200	23,3	968 348	32,5	841 720	0,7	5 214 268	20,5
	June	2 754 106	-19,1	1 057 013	9,2	961 373	14,2	4 772 492	-8,5
	July	2 457 736	-10,8	1 095 693	3,7	785 561	-18,3	4 338 990	-9,1
	August	2 656 954	8,1	1 420 995	29,7	742 678	-5,5	4 820 628	11,1
	September	2 786 692	4,9	1 646 976	15,9	820 606	10,5	5 254 274	9,0
	October	2 478 857	-11,0	1 667 606	1,3	747 369	-8,9	4 893 832	-6,9
	May – Jul. 15	8 616 042		3 121 054		2 588 654		14 325 750	
	Aug. – Oct. 15 2/	7 922 503	-8,0	4 735 577	51,7	2 310 653	-10,7	14 968 734	4,5

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	1 577 690	7,2	846 377	122,9	673 661	-7,2	3 097 728	20,2
	February	1 604 474	-16,0	914 946	-35,4	830 288	-26,3	3 349 708	-24,8
	March	1 871 420	5,2	994 868	-1,7	678 346	-35,6	3 544 634	-7,8
	April	1 870 720	-8,1	1 136 616	-3,5	534 529	-56,7	3 541 865	-20,4
	May	1 550 914	-9,8	589 960	-48,6	652 986	-30,6	2 793 860	-26,6
	June	1 622 819	-8,3	704 707	-31,8	552 913	-26,2	2 880 439	-18,9
	July	2 083 259	-0,3	1 443 024	33,9	636 724	-38,9	4 163 007	-1,1
	August	1 937 886	-6,2	816 934	-41,2	782 667	-12,3	3 537 487	-18,6
	September	2 055 674	-3,4	913 485	-7,0	664 019	-28,4	3 633 178	-10,0
	October	2 318 466	11,6	1 210 776	29,5	744 816	-18,0	4 274 058	9,0
	November	2 477 900	18,9	2 172 365	22,7	594 688	-24,0	5 244 953	13,1
	December	2 009 778	20,7	1 714 028	154,7	569 284	-2,3	4 293 090	47,0
Total	22 981 000	0,8	13 458 086	3,6	7 914 921	-27,8	44 354 007	-5,1	
2015	January	1 442 828	-8,5	659 074	-22,1	411 217	-39,0	2 513 119	-18,9
	February	1 646 859	2,6	851 977	-6,9	546 475	-34,2	3 045 311	-9,1
	March	2 021 858	8,0	713 256	-28,3	819 888	20,9	3 555 002	0,3
	April	2 046 444	9,4	604 801	-46,8	721 990	35,1	3 373 235	-4,8
	May	2 451 254	58,1	800 950	35,8	635 770	-2,6	3 887 974	39,2
	June	2 038 001	25,6	872 843	23,9	780 270	41,1	3 691 114	28,1
	July	2 054 194	-1,4	898 109	-37,8	670 806	5,4	3 623 109	-13,0
	August	2 209 477	14,0	1 148 743	40,6	638 294	-18,4	3 996 514	13,0
	September	2 331 718	13,4	1 316 528	44,1	661 669	-0,4	4 309 915	18,6
	October	2 074 561	-10,5	1 333 018	10,1	595 143	-20,1	4 002 722	-6,3

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 8 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 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	2 242 090	46,2	846 377	25,8	898 984	22,3	3 987 451	35,5
	February	1 783 963	-20,4	914 946	8,1	782 020	-13,0	3 480 929	-12,7
	March	1 846 932	3,5	994 868	8,7	497 999	-36,3	3 339 800	-4,1
	April	1 972 714	6,8	1 136 616	14,2	618 563	24,2	3 727 893	11,6
	May	1 692 947	-14,2	589 960	-48,1	695 835	12,5	2 978 742	-20,1
	June	1 701 976	0,5	704 707	19,4	541 079	-22,2	2 947 762	-1,0
	July	1 964 764	15,4	1 443 024	104,8	581 573	7,5	3 989 361	35,3
	August	1 822 067	-7,3	816 934	-43,4	718 220	23,5	3 357 222	-15,8
	September	1 923 449	5,6	913 485	11,8	652 016	-9,2	3 488 950	3,9
	October	2 147 571	11,7	1 210 776	32,5	736 147	12,9	4 094 494	17,4
	November	2 047 874	-4,6	2 172 365	79,4	572 243	-22,3	4 792 482	17,0
	December	1 870 447	-8,7	1 714 028	-21,1	721 581	26,1	4 306 056	-10,1
2015	January	2 031 379	8,6	659 074	-61,5	550 318	-23,7	3 240 771	-24,7
	February	1 832 785	-9,8	851 977	29,3	514 566	-6,5	3 199 328	-1,3
	March	1 994 838	8,8	713 256	-16,3	739 834	43,8	3 447 928	7,8
	April	2 132 688	6,9	604 801	-15,2	671 497	-9,2	3 408 986	-1,1
	May	2 688 581	26,1	800 950	32,4	674 800	0,5	4 164 332	22,2
	June	2 154 194	-19,9	872 843	9,0	762 887	13,1	3 789 924	-9,0
	July	1 935 807	-10,1	898 109	2,9	620 947	-18,6	3 454 863	-8,8
	August	2 075 974	7,2	1 148 743	27,9	584 981	-5,8	3 809 698	10,3
	September	2 169 205	4,5	1 316 528	14,6	645 047	10,3	4 130 780	8,4
	October	1 919 706	-11,5	1 333 018	1,3	583 202	-9,6	3 835 926	-7,1
	May – Jul. 15	6 778 582		2 571 902		2 058 634		11 409 119	
	Aug. – Oct. 15 2/	6 164 885	-9,1	3 798 289	47,7	1 813 230	-11,9	11 776 404	3,2

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

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

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

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

			Oct. 2014	Sep. 2015	Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2014	Jan. - Oct. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	1 350	1 597	1 879	17 658	19 641	11,2	
		Square metres	66 143	76 680	93 634	855 308	934 127	9,2	
		R'000	252 995	304 120	368 963	3 009 300	3 324 514	10,5	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	1 621	1 601	1 500	14 493	14 346	-1,0	
		Square metres	464 586	434 557	389 234	3 888 672	3 905 801	0,4	
		R'000	2 956 470	2 939 423	2 482 811	23 853 460	25 085 249	5,2	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	2 181	1 734	1 492	16 320	16 915	3,6	
		Square metres	245 423	175 291	153 273	1 622 890	1 695 002	4,4	
		R'000	1 893 220	1 363 753	1 009 596	11 437 630	12 420 655	8,6	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	28 904	11 758	5 746	167 385	121 575	-27,4	
		R'000	160 922	91 243	33 265	976 509	876 873	-10,2	
	5. Total residential buildings		R'000	5 263 607	4 698 539	3 894 635	39 276 899	41 707 291	6,2
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	45 754	66 886	38 084	842 539	613 609	-27,2
R'000			363 325	528 696	279 547	6 633 112	4 918 190	-25,9	
2. Shopping space		Square metres	240 962	16 128	31 148	695 287	950 514	36,7	
		R'000	1 751 960	98 314	192 485	4 689 253	7 040 676	50,1	
3. Industrial and warehouse space		Square metres	118 502	118 845	90 604	1 493 535	1 204 900	-19,3	
		R'000	578 530	680 574	450 397	7 355 626	6 294 488	-14,4	
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		Square metres	62 119	38 893	34 804	388 119	343 838	-11,4	
		R'000	364 159	200 498	198 590	2 287 254	1 979 692	-13,4	
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	3 057 974	1 508 082	1 121 019	20 965 245	20 233 046	-3,5	
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	309 499	283 596	294 272	2 687 348	2 653 389	-1,3
	R'000		1 773 997	1 788 209	1 835 389	15 241 471	16 029 351	5,2	
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	73 518	53 537	52 073	851 142	778 868	-8,5	
		R'000	554 752	461 514	472 368	5 959 141	6 097 263	2,3	
	3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	2 328 749	2 249 723	2 307 757	21 200 612	22 126 614	4,4
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	10 650 330	8 456 344	7 323 411	81 442 756	84 066 951	3,2	

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

		Oct. 2014	Sep. 2015	Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2014	Jan. - Oct. 2015	% change 1/		
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	446	335	497	4 651	4 835	4,0	
		Square metres	20 278	15 355	22 391	209 237	211 815	1,2	
		R'000	92 738	78 764	120 448	811 221	1 135 691	40,0	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	463	388	397	3 223	3 679	14,1	
		Square metres	118 715	97 754	95 656	770 976	929 072	20,5	
		R'000	733 165	625 094	599 296	4 683 595	5 841 460	24,7	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	507	604	562	2 570	4 651	81,0	
		Square metres	66 264	41 053	60 189	308 038	425 878	38,3	
		R'000	473 718	296 679	429 026	2 278 836	3 119 240	36,9	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	15 326	10 417	2 857	32 367	62 336	92,6	
		R'000	90 554	83 700	18 571	204 754	494 570	141,5	
	5. Total residential buildings		R'000	1 390 175	1 084 237	1 167 341	7 978 406	10 590 961	32,7
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	23 286	42 309	8 341	307 564	139 032	-54,8
R'000			175 060	318 921	57 073	2 317 093	1 051 006	-54,6	
2. Shopping space		Square metres	55 706	4 223	3 290	155 745	87 511	-43,8	
		R'000	399 758	35 940	24 489	1 082 806	712 116	-34,2	
3. Industrial and warehouse space		Square metres	30 501	17 579	21 754	326 419	273 912	-16,1	
		R'000	172 335	104 932	131 944	1 901 277	1 734 986	-8,7	
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		Square metres	18 898	7 963	7 589	153 076	124 065	-19,0	
		R'000	109 137	46 461	48 862	928 810	759 011	-18,3	
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	856 290	506 254	262 368	6 229 986	4 257 119	-31,7	
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	102 395	69 086	83 059	694 985	762 977	9,8
	R'000		550 399	388 561	469 677	3 697 159	4 317 801	16,8	
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	27 535	13 001	15 575	221 279	189 117	-14,5	
		R'000	218 798	164 507	176 991	1 758 932	1 927 083	9,6	
	3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	769 197	553 068	646 668	5 456 091	6 244 884	14,5
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	3 015 662	2 143 559	2 076 377	19 664 483	21 092 964	7,3	

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

			Oct. 2014	Sep. 2015	Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2014	Jan. - Oct. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	21	208	47	1 050	1 532	45,9	
		Square metres	1 213	8 910	2 949	47 720	67 549	41,6	
		R'000	5 805	22 241	14 446	142 116	185 797	30,7	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	74	86	113	852	845	-0,8	
		Square metres	15 398	19 385	24 303	196 159	202 927	3,5	
		R'000	84 803	111 904	132 987	988 020	1 145 101	15,9	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	33	14	23	224	283	26,3	
		Square metres	3 070	2 460	3 812	21 484	32 875	53,0	
		R'000	15 699	14 268	21 266	111 289	181 846	63,4	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	1 565	699	0	9 111	2 415	-73,5	
		R'000	7 698	3 049	0	46 658	14 203	-69,6	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	114 005	151 462	168 699	1 288 083	1 526 947	18,5	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	0	467	10 806	5 768	-46,6	
		R'000	0	0	2 569	46 823	30 945	-33,9	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	1 379	253	2 732	53 636	94 422	76,0	
		R'000	6 778	1 230	15 026	294 828	591 677	100,7	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	4 719	5 150	16 221	109 430	70 201	-35,8	
		R'000	15 928	26 949	89 216	514 790	355 744	-30,9	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	276	5 357	5 056	13 727	29 922	118,0	
		R'000	1 424	26 513	23 381	56 719	143 926	153,8	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	24 130	54 692	130 192	913 160	1 122 292	22,9
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	30 729	26 903	32 187	277 716	272 124	-2,0
R'000			150 096	138 295	171 619	1 333 008	1 392 229	4,4	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	7 885	4 456	4 369	109 825	70 312	-36,0	
		R'000	37 543	25 101	23 304	489 843	343 301	-29,9	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	187 639	163 396	194 923	1 822 851	1 735 530	-4,8	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	325 774	369 550	493 814	4 024 094	4 384 769	9,0	

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

			Oct. 2014	Sep. 2015	Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2014	Jan. - Oct. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	0	0	3	15	25	66,7
		Square metres	0	0	136	726	1 370	88,7
		R'000	0	0	816	3 202	8 226	156,9
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	29	20	21	318	146	-54,1
		Square metres	7 796	3 306	4 540	55 187	30 356	-45,0
		R'000	37 411	17 692	26 444	262 437	167 108	-36,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	4	214	4	-98,1
		Square metres	0	0	648	16 698	648	-96,1
		R'000	0	0	4 536	71 889	4 536	-93,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	652	29 528	6 252	-78,8
		R'000	0	0	3 912	132 686	48 550	-63,4
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	37 411	17 692	35 708	470 214	228 420	-51,4
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	0	0	1 516	102	-93,3
		R'000	0	0	0	7 580	612	-91,9
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	0	0	13 555	228	-98,3
		R'000	0	0	0	61 925	1 186	-98,1
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	984	0	0	17 311	1 993	-88,5
		R'000	4 522	0	0	79 359	10 962	-86,2
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	164	379	364	1 836	2 078	13,2
		R'000	705	2 068	1 965	8 109	10 820	33,4
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	5 227	2 068	1 965	156 973	23 580	-85,0
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	6 714	5 299	6 482	49 662	46 571
R'000			32 176	33 530	40 920	232 803	269 297	15,7
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	1 207	384	923	18 058	6 557	-63,7
		R'000	6 459	3 264	7 700	89 015	43 925	-50,7
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	38 635	36 794	48 620	321 818	313 222	-2,7
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	81 273	56 554	86 293	949 005	565 222	-40,4

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct. 2014	Sep. 2015	Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2014	Jan. - Oct. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	93	67	193	561	1 553	176,8	
		Square metres	5 319	3 523	10 798	31 577	84 689	168,2	
		R'000	13 588	10 520	29 156	92 912	221 821	138,7	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	78	65	82	767	738	-3,8	
		Square metres	12 463	12 124	14 512	152 828	147 655	-3,4	
		R'000	61 168	65 674	76 164	735 443	770 006	4,7	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	63	9	56	802	390	-51,4	
		Square metres	8 132	1 320	5 357	86 730	38 779	-55,3	
		R'000	48 142	9 240	32 137	482 734	240 341	-50,2	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	440	642	441	37 583	21 403	-43,1	
		R'000	1 980	4 494	1 985	191 422	123 628	-35,4	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	124 878	89 928	139 442	1 502 511	1 355 796	-9,8	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	348	121	506	12 729	7 687	-39,6	
		R'000	1 566	847	4 048	81 000	52 389	-35,3	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	60 519	262	9 291	92 212	87 657	-4,9	
		R'000	363 773	1 179	69 713	550 118	526 913	-4,2	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	5 783	1 434	1 119	71 350	49 959	-30,0	
		R'000	26 594	6 453	5 036	322 379	248 810	-22,8	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	867	0	28 863	9 497	-67,1	
		R'000	0	4 452	0	164 896	51 496	-68,8	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	391 933	12 931	78 797	1 118 393	879 608	-21,4
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	12 264	11 099	11 694	133 463	127 714	-4,3
R'000			57 399	55 793	59 584	594 851	623 811	4,9	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	2 279	3 328	849	37 939	28 848	-24,0	
		R'000	19 157	23 162	10 866	239 603	214 064	-10,7	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	76 556	78 955	70 450	834 454	837 875	0,4	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	593 367	181 814	288 689	3 455 358	3 073 279	-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 14 – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: KwaZulu-Natal

			Oct. 2014	Sep. 2015	Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2014	Jan. - Oct. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	38	15	19	1 676	244	-85,4	
		Square metres	2 110	883	1 127	72 052	14 178	-80,3	
		R'000	12 853	7 116	8 286	246 212	105 843	-57,0	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	119	144	136	1 260	1 334	5,9	
		Square metres	32 380	43 483	41 048	373 848	411 137	10,0	
		R'000	251 639	421 072	345 588	2 917 092	3 511 753	20,4	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	227	204	109	2 853	1 965	-31,1	
		Square metres	43 962	37 930	21 349	340 987	268 809	-21,2	
		R'000	324 403	352 868	169 945	2 527 685	2 229 304	-11,8	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	887	25 617	7 656	-70,1	
		R'000	0	0	4 379	200 956	72 410	-64,0	
	5. Total residential buildings		R'000	588 895	781 056	528 198	5 891 945	5 919 310	0,5
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	5 131	0	24 522	205 938	110 920	-46,1	
		R'000	43 811	0	177 859	1 750 551	784 055	-55,2	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	1 982	3 690	9 193	64 049	122 464	91,2	
		R'000	15 614	16 605	45 704	486 907	987 335	102,8	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	39 997	14 053	17 425	337 230	316 869	-6,0	
		R'000	199 963	77 230	77 025	1 606 294	1 639 633	2,1	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	5 687	1 061	688	63 380	55 560	-12,3	
		R'000	36 104	4 244	3 096	394 431	367 967	-6,7	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	295 492	98 079	303 684	4 238 183	3 778 990	-10,8
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	31 605	34 093	34 354	311 715	293 819	-5,7
R'000			242 547	291 814	291 947	2 324 949	2 382 960	2,5	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	8 390	5 744	12 330	212 991	208 101	-2,3	
		R'000	75 567	64 636	116 131	1 750 635	1 770 180	1,1	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	318 114	356 450	408 078	4 075 584	4 153 140	1,9	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 202 501	1 235 585	1 239 960	14 205 712	13 851 440	-2,5	

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

			Oct. 2014	Sep. 2015	Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2014	Jan. - Oct. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	17	6	4	83	1 075	1 195,2
		Square metres	1 103	325	207	5 455	56 022	927,0
		R'000	5 394	1 485	950	24 256	179 003	638,0
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	103	127	79	817	890	8,9
		Square metres	25 938	27 275	19 868	207 669	212 682	2,4
		R'000	124 980	132 736	98 972	1 013 200	1 051 691	3,8
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	86	54	181	1 110	1 108	-0,2
		Square metres	9 633	3 599	25 170	102 434	98 997	-3,4
		R'000	44 502	19 350	125 197	488 327	529 919	8,5
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	5 181	0	121	6 761	1 431	-78,8
		R'000	30 971	0	508	36 939	7 349	-80,1
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	205 847	153 571	225 627	1 562 722	1 767 962	13,1
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	104	0	5 565	8 640	55,3
		R'000	0	572	0	28 780	46 526	61,7
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	110 679	801	2 291	141 420	39 094	-72,4
		R'000	883 464	3 945	11 884	1 029 692	211 506	-79,5
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	3 666	11 366	5 709	30 657	26 282	-14,3
		R'000	14 664	58 781	23 171	126 191	122 321	-3,1
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	1 985	10 825	17 814	27 248	36 653	34,5
		R'000	8 311	48 713	104 124	135 258	188 514	39,4
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	906 439	112 011	139 179	1 319 921	568 867	-56,9
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	14 960	11 770	15 237	138 694	123 969
R'000			67 935	56 543	77 707	621 131	587 153	-5,5
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	1 401	1 528	1 402	22 763	21 234	-6,7
		R'000	9 976	11 376	21 933	113 682	140 569	23,7
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	77 911	67 919	99 640	734 813	727 722	-1,0
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 190 197	333 501	464 446	3 617 456	3 064 551	-15,3

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

			Oct. 2014	Sep. 2015	Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2014	Jan. - Oct. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	581	845	990	8 118	9 164	12,9	
		Square metres	28 433	41 600	49 124	409 762	435 069	6,2	
		R'000	96 012	157 445	165 536	1 379 058	1 209 874	-12,3	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	551	608	499	5 475	4 707	-14,0	
		Square metres	201 067	191 074	145 145	1 677 329	1 464 570	-12,7	
		R'000	1 429 652	1 380 684	986 115	11 175 040	10 187 772	-8,8	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	1 196	729	512	7 542	7 676	1,8	
		Square metres	105 272	81 541	33 409	663 220	746 327	12,5	
		R'000	946 527	639 597	211 827	5 105 769	5 722 321	12,1	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	10 608	5 831	-45,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	91 092	44 550	-51,1	
	5. Total residential buildings		R'000	2 472 191	2 177 726	1 363 478	17 750 959	17 164 517	-3,3
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	15 529	23 235	3 019	290 778	317 882	9,3	
		R'000	136 099	202 771	29 192	2 366 513	2 814 648	18,9	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	10 473	2 992	2 370	114 894	457 547	298,2	
		R'000	81 675	21 833	15 894	850 101	3 712 943	336,8	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	12 036	60 384	16 506	467 558	375 627	-19,7	
		R'000	56 962	367 163	69 808	2 202 815	1 746 858	-20,7	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	11 878	11 390	1 468	61 856	57 464	-7,1	
		R'000	106 431	62 861	8 949	427 404	321 628	-24,7	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	381 167	654 628	123 843	5 846 833	8 596 077	47,0
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	84 855	106 360	92 418	848 326	823 359	-2,9
R'000			552 583	736 307	640 320	5 426 281	5 535 771	2,0	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	23 246	19 435	8 534	201 575	217 114	7,7	
		R'000	166 015	140 452	74 436	1 332 960	1 442 986	8,3	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	718 598	876 759	714 756	6 759 241	6 978 757	3,2	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	3 571 956	3 709 113	2 202 077	30 357 033	32 739 351	7,8	

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct. 2014	Sep. 2015	Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2014	Jan. - Oct. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	128	89	117	1 202	953	-20,7	
		Square metres	6 265	4 188	6 320	61 248	48 901	-20,2	
		R'000	20 238	16 764	26 415	222 877	203 539	-8,7	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	154	113	114	1 307	1 463	11,9	
		Square metres	36 496	26 783	28 870	318 607	353 527	11,0	
		R'000	170 433	123 233	147 985	1 448 804	1 692 070	16,8	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	16	80	29	667	297	-55,5	
		Square metres	2 011	4 847	1 861	43 103	18 623	-56,8	
		R'000	9 350	20 052	8 272	198 752	82 528	-58,5	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	2 645	0	586	7 134	7 999	12,1	
		R'000	12 857	0	2 900	35 511	43 586	22,7	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	212 878	160 049	185 572	1 905 944	2 021 723	6,1	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	1 460	0	987	4 138	16 331	294,7	
		R'000	6 789	0	7 717	19 103	103 836	443,6	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	224	3 907	310	43 722	55 021	25,8	
		R'000	898	17 582	1 420	230 890	266 407	15,4	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	19 409	8 879	6 717	107 191	71 205	-33,6	
		R'000	81 230	39 066	30 027	488 270	352 542	-27,8	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	22 857	702	0	33 391	9 255	-72,3	
		R'000	100 364	3 441	0	150 614	44 600	-70,4	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	189 281	60 089	39 164	888 877	767 385	-13,7
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	19 620	14 834	14 527	176 935	156 051	-11,8
R'000			90 923	67 551	62 974	765 490	698 304	-8,8	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	1 364	4 603	6 072	20 354	24 048	18,1	
		R'000	9 132	21 192	29 767	138 360	131 188	-5,2	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	100 055	88 743	92 741	903 850	829 492	-8,2	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	502 214	308 881	317 477	3 698 671	3 618 600	-2,2	

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct. 2014	Sep. 2015	Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2014	Jan. - Oct. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	26	32	9	302	260	-13,9	
		Square metres	1 422	1 896	582	17 531	14 534	-17,1	
		R'000	6 367	9 785	2 910	87 446	74 720	-14,6	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	50	50	59	474	544	14,8	
		Square metres	14 333	13 373	15 292	136 069	153 875	13,1	
		R'000	63 219	61 334	69 260	629 829	718 288	14,0	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	53	40	16	338	541	60,1	
		Square metres	7 079	2 541	1 478	40 196	64 066	59,4	
		R'000	30 879	11 699	7 390	172 349	310 620	80,2	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	3 747	0	202	8 676	6 252	-27,9	
		R'000	16 862	0	1 010	36 491	28 027	-23,2	
	5. Total residential buildings		R'000	117 327	82 818	80 570	926 115	1 131 655	22,2
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	1 117	242	3 505	7 247	106,8
R'000			0	5 585	1 089	15 669	34 173	118,1	
2. Shopping space		Square metres	0	0	1 671	16 054	6 570	-59,1	
		R'000	0	0	8 355	101 986	30 593	-70,0	
3. Industrial and warehouse space		Square metres	1 407	0	5 153	26 389	18 852	-28,6	
		R'000	6 332	0	24 170	114 251	82 632	-27,7	
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		Square metres	374	349	1 825	4 742	19 344	307,9	
		R'000	1 683	1 745	8 213	21 013	91 730	336,5	
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	8 015	7 330	41 827	252 919	239 128	-5,5	
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	6 357	4 152	4 314	55 852	46 805	-16,2
	R'000		29 939	19 815	20 641	245 799	222 025	-9,7	
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	211	1 058	2 019	6 358	13 537	112,9	
		R'000	12 105	7 824	11 240	46 111	83 967	82,1	
	3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	42 044	27 639	31 881	291 910	305 992	4,8
	4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	167 386	117 787	154 278	1 470 944	1 676 775	14,0

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

			Oct. 2014	Sep. 2015	Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2014	Jan. - Oct. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	2 343	1 406	1 074	12 679	12 705	0,2	
		Square metres	125 814	70 186	51 894	627 488	632 801	0,8	
		R'000	555 595	270 609	223 828	2 286 405	2 448 733	7,1	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	1 095	1 137	1 054	8 676	9 997	15,2	
		Square metres	300 584	290 562	268 548	2 239 238	2 612 090	16,7	
		R'000	1 828 243	1 852 521	1 747 106	13 677 297	16 550 026	21,0	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	413	1 060	829	9 312	9 120	-2,1	
		Square metres	50 539	107 977	94 271	915 380	911 369	-0,4	
		R'000	330 209	878 765	716 304	5 886 125	6 532 799	11,0	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	23 732	425	477	87 728	66 127	-24,6	
		R'000	168 598	1 980	3 186	516 320	431 100	-16,5	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	2 882 645	3 003 875	2 690 424	22 366 147	25 962 658	16,1	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	33 098	87 908	57 754	392 271	434 796	10,8	
		R'000	243 896	623 552	378 777	3 007 738	3 249 693	8,0	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	97 500	70 151	50 086	420 100	367 589	-12,5	
		R'000	571 860	573 342	400 527	2 796 455	2 565 154	-8,3	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	65 587	74 389	146 222	848 598	848 593	0,0	
		R'000	356 381	359 622	794 829	4 028 542	4 358 187	8,2	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	39 011	12 150	15 831	177 146	169 071	-4,6	
		R'000	254 157	90 460	93 473	1 094 802	1 078 389	-1,5	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 426 294	1 646 976	1 667 606	10 927 537	11 251 423	3,0
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	105 697	122 531	93 256	948 087	988 305	4,2
R'000			577 610	676 823	557 432	5 165 364	5 409 581	4,7	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	39 709	21 297	24 876	425 987	352 339	-17,3	
		R'000	322 128	168 128	206 136	2 800 848	2 753 735	-1,7	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	899 738	844 951	763 568	7 966 212	8 163 316	2,5	
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	5 208 677	5 495 802	5 121 598	41 259 896	45 377 397	10,0	

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

			Oct. 2014	Sep. 2015	Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2014	Jan. - Oct. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	317	318	407	4 632	4 297	-7,2
		Square metres	14 125	14 096	17 148	202 466	198 467	-2,0
		R'000	58 057	58 463	72 754	592 583	837 854	41,4
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	269	307	298	1 741	2 711	55,7
		Square metres	61 713	67 170	71 770	436 252	645 696	48,0
		R'000	369 085	395 902	450 921	2 475 091	3 886 116	57,0
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	46	182	328	1 572	2 467	56,9
		Square metres	7 226	22 903	34 657	176 140	250 704	42,3
		R'000	46 536	166 711	255 735	1 122 666	1 807 588	61,0
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	13 402	0	477	35 179	13 849	-60,6
		R'000	121 470	0	3 186	245 599	86 147	-64,9
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	595 148	621 076	782 596	4 435 939	6 617 705	49,2	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	1 463	38 335	36 079	75 144	152 825	103,4
		R'000	8 158	244 036	243 791	495 084	1 009 111	103,8
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	1 575	16 162	861	15 596	83 058	432,6
		R'000	7 704	116 736	7 068	84 301	590 347	600,3
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	22 415	3 689	33 989	99 938	209 065	109,2
		R'000	139 227	23 270	213 654	541 912	1 256 808	131,9
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	1 022	8 149	12 884	41 066	71 577	74,3
		R'000	5 897	61 455	79 149	229 076	437 435	91,0
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	160 986	445 497	543 662	1 350 373	3 293 701	143,9
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	36 666	49 401	38 354	321 800	400 228
R'000			173 195	235 929	196 155	1 490 807	1 918 447	28,7
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	13 898	5 162	11 611	171 755	102 908	-40,1
		R'000	107 212	59 694	112 921	1 115 365	989 719	-11,3
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	280 407	295 623	309 076	2 606 172	2 908 166	11,6
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 036 541	1 362 196	1 635 334	8 392 484	12 819 572	52,8

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

			Oct. 2014	Sep. 2015	Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2014	Jan. - Oct. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	65	31	15	415	744	79,3	
		Square metres	3 019	1 636	880	20 598	34 331	66,7	
		R'000	7 073	6 221	3 813	61 623	96 746	57,0	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	65	51	31	522	508	-2,7	
		Square metres	13 142	9 378	5 426	103 289	101 525	-1,7	
		R'000	53 408	47 543	29 756	482 705	498 026	3,2	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	23	14	9	453	131	-71,1	
		Square metres	2 828	1 511	1 113	35 437	13 333	-62,4	
		R'000	12 962	8 153	6 021	166 379	69 096	-58,5	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	195	0	0	3 174	8 838	178,4	
		R'000	1 268	0	0	20 632	43 639	111,5	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	74 711	61 917	39 590	731 339	707 507	-3,3	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	6 367	0	0	11 047	859	-92,2	
		R'000	25 738	0	0	44 749	4 500	-89,9	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	8 983	0	0	40 540	7 179	-82,3	
		R'000	37 964	0	0	183 204	35 147	-80,8	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	0	23 081	0	96 756	92 660	-4,2	
		R'000	0	103 865	0	394 163	443 493	12,5	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	1 105	0	0	7 463	4 343	-41,8	
		R'000	4 078	0	0	28 623	21 300	-25,6	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	67 780	103 865	0	650 739	504 440	-22,5
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	13 495	4 580	5 550	83 046	69 657	-16,1
R'000			54 636	21 462	26 111	333 385	295 050	-11,5	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	4 210	1 885	916	40 789	17 590	-56,9	
		R'000	13 018	8 004	3 964	165 496	97 882	-40,9	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	67 654	29 466	30 075	498 881	392 932	-21,2	
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	210 145	195 248	69 665	1 880 959	1 604 879	-14,7	

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

			Oct. 2014	Sep. 2015	Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2014	Jan. - Oct. 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	0	74	38	-48,6
		Square metres	1 394	0	0	3 846	2 111	-45,1
		R'000	7 667	0	0	20 835	11 761	-43,6
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	14	5	12	94	171	81,9
		Square metres	3 325	847	2 801	19 881	25 694	29,2
		R'000	16 781	4 578	16 518	94 824	145 377	53,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	22	42	90,9
		Square metres	0	0	0	2 944	2 940	-0,1
		R'000	0	0	0	12 689	16 170	27,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	640	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	3 520	0	..
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	24 448	4 578	16 518	131 868	173 308	31,4	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	1 461	350	14 879	2 469	-83,4
		R'000	0	8 766	1 575	50 589	14 155	-72,0
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	0	0	2 398	678	-71,7
		R'000	0	0	0	11 238	4 102	-63,5
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	704	925	0	9 719	3 198	-67,1
		R'000	3 168	5 550	0	50 110	16 363	-67,3
	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	3 168	14 316	1 575	113 026	34 620	-69,4
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	1 933	2 613	2 179	21 458	22 560
R'000			9 948	16 970	14 156	102 408	128 450	25,4
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	0	263	10	12 254	10 733	-12,4
		R'000	0	2 452	90	61 505	62 157	1,1
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	9 948	19 422	14 246	163 913	190 607	16,3
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	37 564	38 316	32 339	408 807	398 535	-2,5

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

			Oct. 2014	Sep. 2015	Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2014	Jan. - Oct. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	112	254	76	539	1 574	192,0	
		Square metres	5 865	14 230	4 233	28 691	86 521	201,6	
		R'000	12 040	38 501	15 555	68 016	205 808	202,6	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	24	22	26	164	228	39,0	
		Square metres	3 683	3 744	4 782	33 868	40 173	18,6	
		R'000	16 848	19 714	23 761	160 542	192 485	19,9	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	168	201	19,6	
		Square metres	0	0	0	18 431	25 713	39,5	
		R'000	0	0	0	91 480	126 428	38,2	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	290	0	7 274	24 876	242,0	
		R'000	0	1 305	0	32 916	143 813	336,9	
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	28 888	59 520	39 316	352 954	668 534	89,4		
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	0	0	895	2 405	168,7	
		R'000	0	0	0	4 923	14 382	192,1	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	216	6 379	480	1 682	13 065	676,8	
		R'000	972	42 452	2 880	6 702	74 394	1 010,0	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	0	790	463	0	5 060	..	
		R'000	0	4 582	2 084	0	21 894	..	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	162	0	0	1 252	4 453	255,7	
		R'000	972	0	0	4 986	26 615	433,8	
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 944	47 034	4 964	16 611	137 285	726,5	
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	1 424	2 261	2 122	18 606	27 860	49,7
			R'000	6 451	11 069	9 550	82 109	127 613	55,4
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	143	275	447	3 514	8 085	130,1	
		R'000	3 039	3 553	3 897	42 256	72 103	70,6	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	9 490	14 622	13 447	124 365	199 716	60,6	
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	40 322	121 176	57 727	493 930	1 005 535	103,6	

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

			Oct. 2014	Sep. 2015	Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2014	Jan. - Oct. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	11	26	22	156	208	33,3
		Square metres	617	1 451	1 250	8 931	12 332	38,1
		R'000	3 744	13 880	13 063	58 961	110 663	87,7
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	81	68	95	663	665	0,3
		Square metres	27 194	15 770	24 482	198 283	173 420	-12,5
		R'000	200 072	118 344	193 446	1 530 985	1 380 645	-9,8
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	27	48	52	1 057	779	-26,3
		Square metres	4 149	8 886	8 967	119 297	131 043	9,8
		R'000	33 732	74 899	81 325	875 679	1 064 049	21,5
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	0	3 983	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	32 601	..
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	237 548	207 123	287 834	2 465 625	2 587 958	5,0	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	0	0	56 894	48 038	-15,6
		R'000	0	0	0	485 927	449 878	-7,4
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	934	35 335	1 552	20 197	96 211	376,4
		R'000	4 130	353 350	9 569	157 424	841 502	434,5
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	6 238	16 871	91 376	74 211	193 836	161,2
		R'000	33 934	92 603	491 162	383 895	1 026 128	167,3
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	33 830	3 938	1 267	42 673	14 034	-67,1
		R'000	227 429	28 602	6 202	282 068	99 243	-64,8
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	265 493	474 555	506 933	1 309 314	2 416 751	84,6
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	16 525	16 862	14 279	124 066	125 703
R'000			144 413	134 804	132 320	1 047 443	1 109 494	5,9
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	13 084	4 746	5 178	48 070	71 562	48,9
		R'000	132 275	30 671	37 063	413 153	566 274	37,1
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	276 688	165 475	169 383	1 460 596	1 675 768	14,7
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	779 729	847 153	964 150	5 235 535	6 680 477	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 25 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: North West

			Oct. 2014	Sep. 2015	Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2014	Jan. - Oct. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	37	14	1	198	66	-66,7	
		Square metres	2 207	818	57	11 363	4 234	-62,7	
		R'000	8 977	5 054	285	43 122	17 478	-59,5	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	73	82	44	864	689	-20,3	
		Square metres	18 267	21 160	12 710	143 378	145 124	1,2	
		R'000	81 615	97 974	64 888	654 548	676 439	3,3	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	51	40	86	694	696	0,3	
		Square metres	3 951	3 407	7 064	55 085	55 363	0,5	
		R'000	17 708	16 114	41 245	269 021	257 517	-4,3	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	505	0	0	1 920	1 227	-36,1	
		R'000	2 525	0	0	8 333	4 908	-41,1	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	110 825	119 142	106 418	975 024	956 342	-1,9	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	338	2 418	1 741	7 574	10 984	45,0	
		R'000	1 690	13 411	7 834	37 763	57 933	53,4	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	9 245	255	3 136	49 204	36 852	-25,1	
		R'000	45 958	1 140	15 612	265 705	181 735	-31,6	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	0	1 524	0	20 194	16 701	-17,3	
		R'000	0	8 534	0	74 852	70 202	-6,2	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	85	0	0	4 759	5 104	7,2	
		R'000	255	0	0	23 563	25 192	6,9	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	47 903	23 085	23 446	401 883	335 062	-16,6
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	4 874	14 375	2 010	22 858	84 686	270,5
R'000			21 120	63 773	8 426	99 454	348 182	250,1	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	2 831	2 152	202	16 551	16 508	-0,3	
		R'000	11 721	12 149	1 982	86 257	82 157	-4,8	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	32 841	75 922	10 408	185 711	430 339	131,7	
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	191 569	218 149	140 272	1 562 618	1 721 743	10,2	

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

			Oct. 2014	Sep. 2015	Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2014	Jan. - Oct. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	1 570	706	482	5 210	4 880	-6,3
		Square metres	88 079	34 814	24 475	275 360	246 276	-10,6
		R'000	414 087	134 208	100 648	1 146 796	967 505	-15,6
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	424	517	433	3 716	3 993	7,5
		Square metres	135 977	151 953	117 844	1 100 750	1 243 007	12,9
		R'000	915 118	1 075 942	838 452	7 378 405	8 685 399	17,7
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	224	710	311	4 031	4 294	6,5
		Square metres	26 735	66 440	36 771	409 781	393 379	-4,0
		R'000	193 516	590 226	304 434	2 820 832	3 008 361	6,6
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	11 192	11 415	2,0
		R'000	0	0	0	72 600	111 199	53,2
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	1 522 721	1 800 376	1 243 534	11 418 633	12 772 464	11,9
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	22 538	44 160	9 604	216 765	199 959	-7,8
		R'000	197 627	347 828	84 197	1 847 643	1 620 757	-12,3
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	76 547	2 612	44 057	257 488	89 822	-65,1
		R'000	475 132	18 785	365 398	1 802 751	668 971	-62,9
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	33 083	26 536	14 025	495 402	289 416	-41,6
		R'000	165 786	117 522	62 450	2 350 265	1 350 169	-42,6
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	2 807	63	1 260	66 058	51 836	-21,5
		R'000	15 526	403	5 922	464 432	379 599	-18,3
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	854 071	484 538	517 967	6 465 091	4 019 496	-37,8
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	18 392	22 248	18 692	259 441	159 898
R'000			115 163	148 395	126 376	1 596 675	1 064 385	-33,3
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	5 270	5 175	5 802	115 988	117 861	1,6
		R'000	42 907	44 628	42 059	816 954	848 401	3,8
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	158 070	193 023	168 435	2 413 629	1 912 786	-20,8
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	2 534 862	2 477 937	1 929 936	20 297 353	18 704 746	-7,8

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct. 2014	Sep. 2015	Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2014	Jan. - Oct. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	192	44	59	1 295	719	-44,5
		Square metres	9 749	2 454	3 243	67 588	38 402	-43,2
		R'000	40 588	10 928	14 670	255 727	151 705	-40,7
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	124	65	95	703	841	19,6
		Square metres	31 678	15 991	22 904	150 744	187 632	24,5
		R'000	150 831	69 899	100 646	665 826	844 050	26,8
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	35	48	16	1 005	314	-68,8
		Square metres	4 447	2 972	1 029	66 877	16 832	-74,8
		R'000	20 341	13 372	4 633	388 183	75 881	-80,5
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	18 395	1 804	-90,2
		R'000	0	0	0	88 089	8 118	-90,8
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	211 760	94 199	119 949	1 397 825	1 079 754	-22,8
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	1 534	9 771	5 363	12 625	135,4
		R'000	0	9 511	40 335	25 102	55 918	122,8
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	6 715	0	22 044	36 736	66,6
		R'000	0	28 760	0	234 477	151 657	-35,3
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	3 147	0	6 369	43 326	29 786	-31,3
		R'000	14 266	0	25 479	193 178	135 296	-30,0
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	0	420	13 555	2 036	-85,0
		R'000	0	0	2 200	60 692	10 790	-82,2
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	14 266	38 271	68 014	513 449	353 661	-31,1
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	11 835	9 499	9 761	91 055	94 344
R'000			50 270	41 306	43 042	388 896	402 963	3,6
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	273	1 562	710	16 841	5 549	-67,1
		R'000	1 700	6 683	3 160	86 573	24 873	-71,3
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	51 970	47 989	46 202	475 469	427 836	-10,0
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	277 996	180 459	234 165	2 386 743	1 861 251	-22,0

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct. 2014	Sep. 2015	Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2014	Jan. - Oct. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	14	13	12	160	179	11,9	
		Square metres	759	687	608	8 645	10 127	17,1	
		R'000	3 362	3 354	3 040	38 742	49 213	27,0	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	21	20	20	209	191	-8,6	
		Square metres	5 605	4 549	5 829	52 793	49 819	-5,6	
		R'000	24 485	22 625	28 718	234 371	241 489	3,0	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	7	18	27	310	196	-36,8	
		Square metres	1 203	1 858	4 670	31 388	22 062	-29,7	
		R'000	5 414	9 290	22 911	139 196	107 709	-22,6	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	9 630	135	0	9 954	135	-98,6	
		R'000	43 335	675	0	44 631	675	-98,5	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	76 596	35 944	54 669	456 940	399 086	-12,7	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	2 392	0	209	3 710	4 632	24,9	
		R'000	10 683	0	1 045	15 958	23 059	44,5	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	2 693	0	10 951	3 988	-63,6	
		R'000	0	12 119	0	50 653	17 299	-65,8	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	0	973	0	9 052	8 871	-2,0	
		R'000	0	3 696	0	40 167	37 834	-5,8	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	0	0	78	15 688	20 012,8	
		R'000	0	0	0	273	78 215	28 550,2	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	10 683	15 815	1 045	107 051	156 407	46,1
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	553	692	309	5 757	3 369	-41,5
R'000			2 414	3 115	1 296	24 187	14 997	-38,0	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	0	77	0	225	1 543	585,8	
		R'000	10 256	294	1 000	13 289	10 169	-23,5	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	12 670	3 409	2 296	37 476	25 166	-32,8	
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	99 949	55 168	58 010	601 467	580 659	-3,5	

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.

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 October 2015 was 91,8%. The improved collection rate for September 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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