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Results for January to October 2016

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

Estimates at current prices	January to October 2015	January to October 2016	Difference in value between January to October 2015 and January to October 2016	% change between January to October 2015 and January to October 2016
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	42 322 375	44 542 375	2 220 000	5,2
-Dwelling-houses	28 404 404	28 133 837	-270 567	-1,0
-Flats and townhouses	12 716 486	14 938 798	2 222 312	17,5
-Other residential buildings	1 201 485	1 469 740	268 255	22,3
Non-residential buildings	21 074 912	21 900 907	825 995	3,9
Additions and alterations	22 124 320	22 916 176	791 856	3,6
Total	85 521 607	89 359 458	3 837 851	4,5

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

Total value of recorded building plans passed at current prices

The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) increased by 4,5% (R3 837,9 million) during January to October 2016 compared with January to October 2015.

All three major building categories recorded increases. The largest increase was recorded for residential buildings (5,2% or R2 220,0 million), followed by non-residential buildings (3,9% or R826,0 million) and additions and alterations (3,6% or R791,9 million) – see Table A.

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

Estimates at current prices	January to October 2015	January to October 2016	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to October 2015	% change between January to October 2015 and January to October 2016	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January to October 2015 and January to October 2016	Difference in value between January to October 2015 and January to October 2016
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000				
Western Cape	21 116 509	24 206 281	24,7	14,6	3,6	3 089 772
Eastern Cape	4 384 769	3 956 006	5,1	-9,8	-0,5	-428 763
Northern Cape	565 222	794 685	0,7	40,6	0,3	229 463
Free State	3 135 290	2 928 881	3,7	-6,6	-0,2	-206 409
KwaZulu-Natal	14 365 069	17 083 060	16,8	18,9	3,2	2 717 991
North West	3 064 551	2 411 096	3,6	-21,3	-0,8	-653 455
Gauteng	33 435 023	33 014 809	39,1	-1,3	-0,5	-420 214
Mpumalanga	3 619 003	3 472 361	4,2	-4,1	-0,2	-146 642
Limpopo	1 836 171	1 492 279	2,1	-18,7	-0,4	-343 892
Total	85 521 607	89 359 458	100,0	4,5	4,5	3 837 851

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

The largest positive contributions to the total increase of 4,5% (R3 837,9 million) were made by Western Cape (contributing 3,6 percentage points or R3 089,8 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 3,2 percentage points or R2 718,0 million) – see Table B.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to October 2015	January to October 2016	Difference in value between January to October 2015 and January to October 2016	% change between January to October 2015 and January to October 2016
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	42 385 937	42 025 163	-360 774	-0,9
Non-residential buildings	21 092 890	20 748 101	-344 789	-1,6
Additions and alterations	22 159 779	21 605 642	-554 137	-2,5
Total	85 638 606	84 378 906	-1 259 700	-1,5

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Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 1,5% (-R1 259,7 million) year-on-year during January to October 2016. All three major building categories recorded decreases. The largest percentage decrease was recorded for additions and alterations (-2,5% or -R554,1 million), followed by non-residential buildings (-1,6% or -R344,8 million) and residential buildings (-0,9% or -R360,8 million) – see Table C.

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

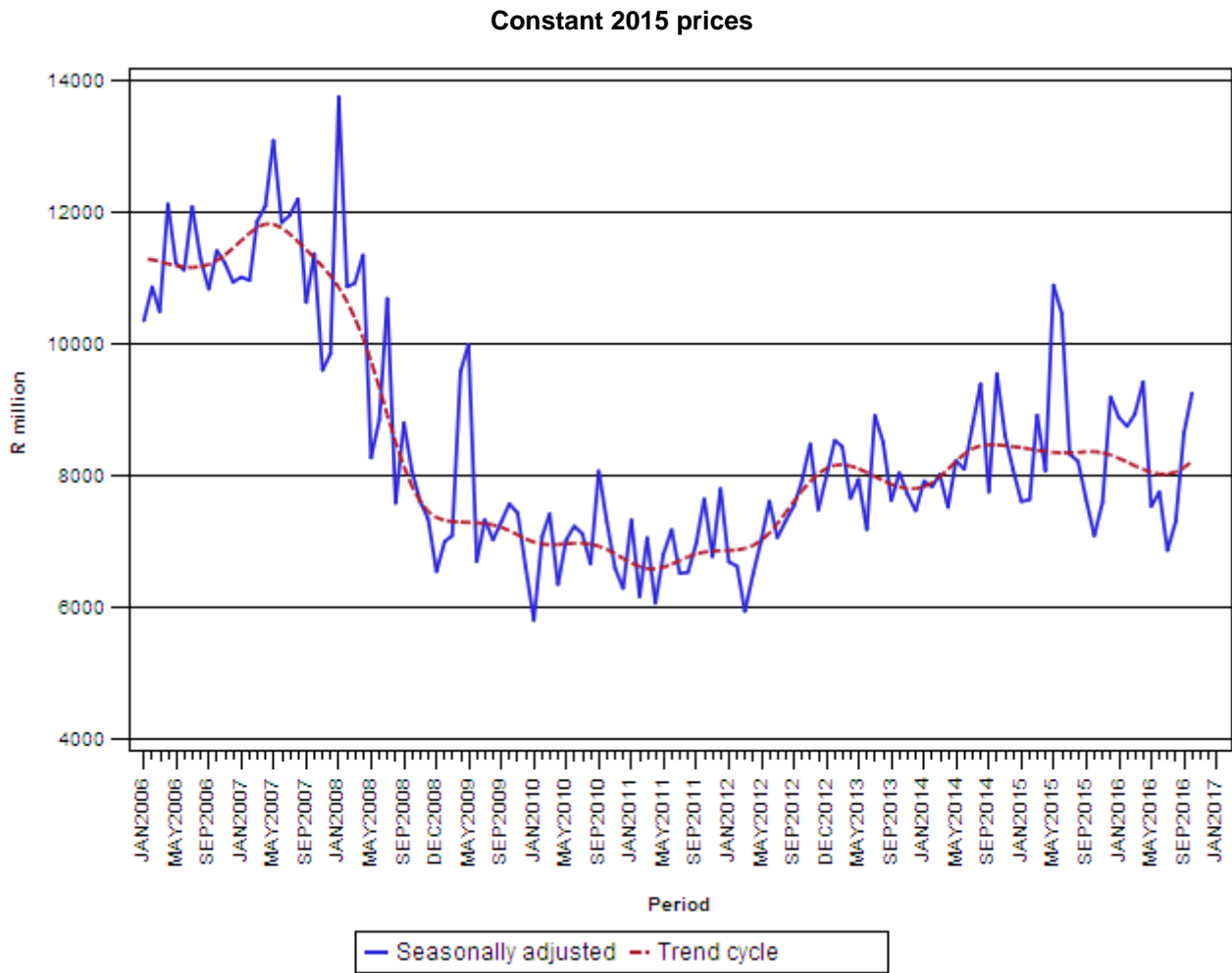
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	May to July 2016	August to October 2016	% change between May to July 2016 and August to October 2016
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	11 434 477	12 436 621	8,8
Non-residential buildings 1/	4 094 373	6 320 614	54,4
Additions and alterations	6 634 563	6 464 698	-2,6
Total	22 163 415	25 221 935	13,8

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed increased by 13,8% in the three months ended October 2016 compared with the previous three months. Non-residential buildings rose by 54,4% – see Table D.

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



**Table E – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices:
January to October 2015 versus January to October 2016**

Estimates at current prices	January to October 2015	January to October 2016	Difference in value between January to October 2015 and January to October 2016	% change between January to October 2015 and January to October 2016
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	25 958 176	27 439 492	1 481 316	5,7
-Dwelling-houses	18 993 213	18 896 874	-96 339	-0,5
-Flats and townhouses	6 533 165	8 044 177	1 511 012	23,1
-Other residential buildings	431 798	498 441	66 643	15,4
Non-residential buildings	11 277 660	13 287 879	2 010 219	17,8
Additions and alterations	8 164 739	8 568 845	404 106	4,9
Total	45 400 575	49 296 216	3 895 641	8,6

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

Total value of buildings reported as completed at current prices

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 8,6% (R3 895,6 million) during January to October 2016 compared with January to October 2015. The largest increases were recorded for non-residential buildings (17,8% or R2 010,2 million) and residential buildings (5,7% or R1 481,3 million) – see Table E.

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

Estimates at current prices	January to October 2015	January to October 2016	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to October 2015	% change between January to October 2015 and January to October 2016	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January to October 2015 and January to October 2016	Difference in value between January to October 2015 and January to October 2016
	1/	1/				
	R'000	R'000			2/	R'000
Western Cape	12 824 509	13 660 919	28,2	6,5	1,8	836 410
Eastern Cape	1 631 116	1 462 957	3,6	-10,3	-0,4	-168 159
Northern Cape	398 535	495 230	0,9	24,3	0,2	96 695
Free State	1 005 535	1 317 295	2,2	31,0	0,7	311 760
KwaZulu-Natal	6 680 477	8 061 019	14,7	20,7	3,0	1 380 542
North West	1 721 743	1 612 297	3,8	-6,4	-0,2	-109 446
Gauteng	18 704 746	20 354 164	41,2	8,8	3,6	1 649 418
Mpumalanga	1 853 255	1 610 393	4,1	-13,1	-0,5	-242 862
Limpopo	580 659	721 942	1,3	24,3	0,3	141 283
Total	45 400 575	49 296 216	100,0	8,6	8,6	3 895 641

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

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

Six provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to October 2016. The largest contributions were recorded for Gauteng (contributing 3,6 percentage points or R1 649,4 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 3,0 percentage points or R1 380,5 million) and Western Cape (contributing 1,8 percentage points or R836,4 million) – see Table F.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to October 2015	January to October 2016	Difference in value between January to October 2015 and January to October 2016	% change between January to October 2015 and January to October 2016
	1/	1/	R'000	
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	25 990 327	25 890 061	-100 266	-0,4
Non-residential buildings	11 283 813	12 546 422	1 262 609	11,2
Additions and alterations	8 176 907	8 088 045	-88 862	-1,1
Total	45 451 047	46 524 528	1 073 481	2,4

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

Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2015 prices) increased by 2,4% (R1 073,5 million) year-on-year during January to October 2016. Non-residential buildings rose by 11,2% (R1 262,6 million) – see Table G.

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

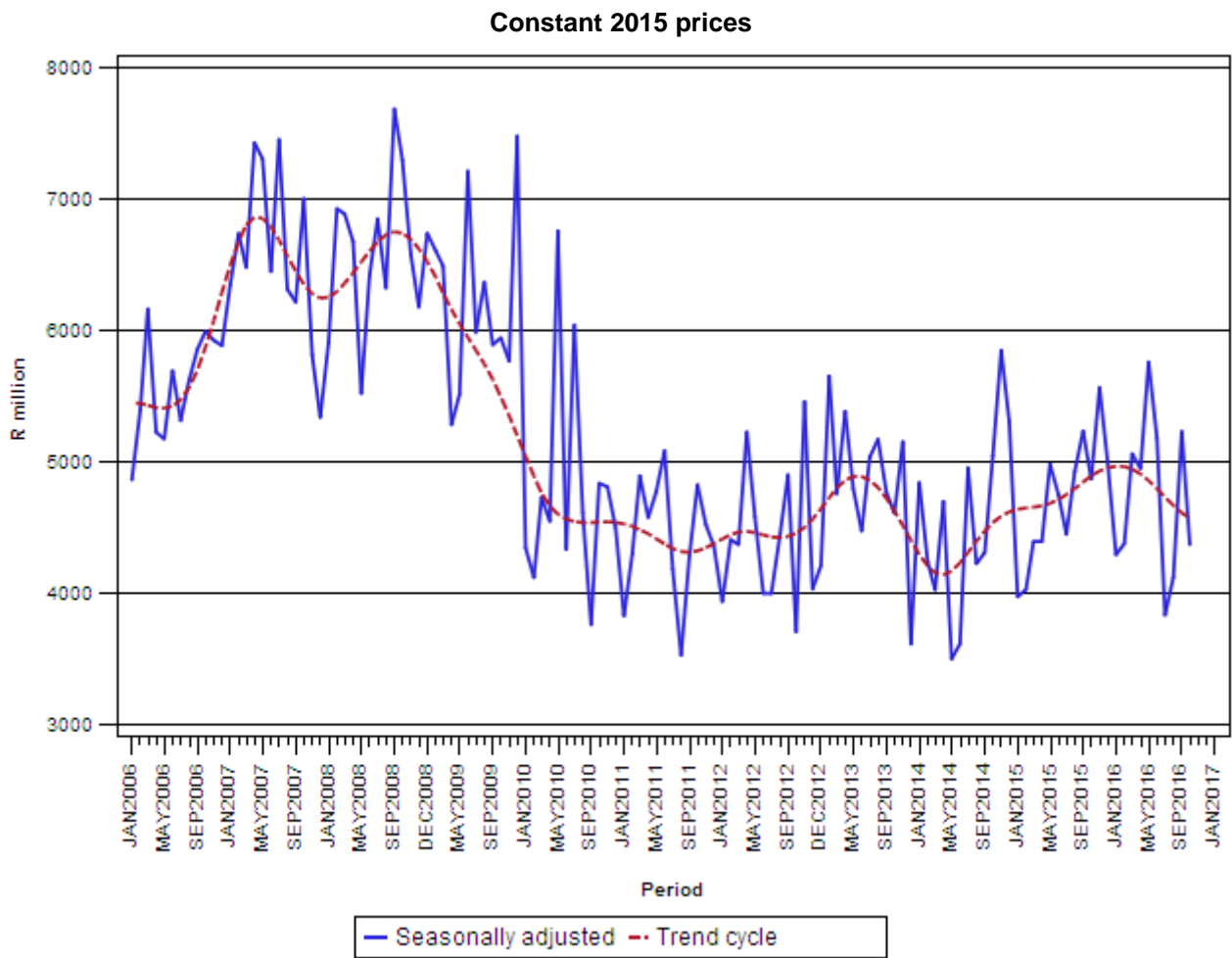
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	May to July 2016	August to October 2016	% change between May to July 2016 and August to October 2016
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 340 106	8 023 953	-3,8
Non-residential buildings 1/	4 036 261	3 220 349	-20,2
Additions and alterations	2 406 141	2 489 270	3,5
Total	14 782 508	13 733 573	-7,1

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased by 7,1% in the three months ended October 2016 compared with the previous three months. Non-residential buildings fell by 20,2% – see Table H.

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



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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2015	January	3 411 357	5,4	687 316	-48,9	1 669 101	8,7	5 767 774	-5,7
	February	3 825 309	17,1	1 310 712	-36,2	2 328 241	13,2	7 464 262	1,2
	March	4 215 260	21,5	2 150 503	-7,0	2 254 077	15,4	8 619 840	11,5
	April	4 231 730	38,5	1 939 405	12,3	1 979 962	0,2	8 151 097	20,6
	May	4 217 439	2,6	4 402 502	123,4	2 175 725	13,7	10 795 666	35,0
	June	4 515 235	15,4	3 972 054	95,3	2 213 891	15,4	10 701 180	36,1
	July	4 486 702	11,4	2 076 730	-31,2	2 655 555	15,4	9 218 987	-1,4
	August	4 255 093	-10,7	1 899 511	-13,2	2 292 582	-11,7	8 447 186	-11,5
	September	4 701 995	12,3	1 509 865	16,7	2 248 552	-14,2	8 460 412	4,4
	October	4 462 255	-15,2	1 126 314	-63,5	2 306 634	-0,9	7 895 203	-26,1
	November	4 369 235	5,3	1 327 186	-37,2	2 138 157	-6,2	7 834 578	-8,3
	December	3 715 285	25,7	2 006 222	7,1	2 171 504	15,7	7 893 011	17,7
	Total	50 406 895	8,6	24 408 320	-2,4	26 433 981	4,2	101 249 196	4,6
2016	January	2 849 293	-16,5	3 244 246	372,0	1 451 533	-13,0	7 545 072	30,8
	February	4 592 411	20,1	2 247 812	71,5	2 125 304	-8,7	8 965 527	20,1
	March	4 537 940	7,7	2 515 020	17,0	2 056 047	-8,8	9 109 007	5,7
	April	5 000 890	18,2	2 739 501	41,3	2 388 049	20,6	10 128 440	24,3
	May	4 208 361	-0,2	1 580 343	-64,1	2 241 429	3,0	8 030 133	-25,6
	June	4 978 546	10,3	1 445 606	-63,6	2 415 528	9,1	8 839 680	-17,4
	July	3 762 166	-16,1	1 334 132	-35,8	2 532 825	-4,6	7 629 123	-17,2
	August	4 389 007	3,1	1 796 343	-5,4	2 291 169	-0,1	8 476 519	0,3
	September	4 802 689	2,1	2 513 194	66,5	2 695 573	19,9	10 011 456	18,3
	October	5 421 072	21,5	2 484 710	120,6	2 718 719	17,9	10 624 501	34,6

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2015	January	4 545 784	16,6	687 316	-63,3	2 324 375	4,1	7 557 475	-5,6
	February	4 132 165	-9,1	1 310 712	90,7	2 327 831	0,1	7 770 708	2,8
	March	4 345 361	5,2	2 150 503	64,1	2 414 390	3,7	8 910 254	14,7
	April	4 154 033	-4,4	1 939 405	-9,8	1 917 148	-20,6	8 010 586	-10,1
	May	4 197 673	1,1	4 402 502	127,0	2 330 214	21,5	10 930 389	36,4
	June	4 269 596	1,7	3 972 054	-9,8	2 200 214	-5,6	10 441 864	-4,5
	July	4 042 470	-5,3	2 076 730	-47,7	2 306 166	4,8	8 425 366	-19,3
	August	4 169 468	3,1	1 899 511	-8,5	2 199 152	-4,6	8 268 130	-1,9
	September	4 264 605	2,3	1 509 865	-20,5	1 871 245	-14,9	7 645 714	-7,5
	October	3 839 916	-10,0	1 126 314	-25,4	2 168 969	15,9	7 135 198	-6,7
	November	4 500 638	17,2	1 327 186	17,8	1 980 896	-8,7	7 808 719	9,4
	December	4 831 712	7,4	2 006 222	51,2	2 589 545	30,7	9 427 479	20,7
2016	January	3 843 145	-20,5	3 244 246	61,7	2 085 969	-19,4	9 173 359	-2,7
	February	4 349 785	13,2	2 247 812	-30,7	2 107 520	1,0	8 705 116	-5,1
	March	4 574 234	5,2	2 515 020	11,9	2 185 258	3,7	9 274 512	6,5
	April	4 868 173	6,4	2 739 501	8,9	2 326 828	6,5	9 934 502	7,1
	May	4 149 588	-14,8	1 580 343	-42,3	2 269 874	-2,4	7 999 805	-19,5
	June	4 496 482	8,4	1 445 606	-8,5	2 420 154	6,6	8 362 241	4,5
	July	3 672 089	-18,3	1 334 132	-7,7	2 361 326	-2,4	7 367 547	-11,9
	August	4 011 429	9,2	1 796 343	34,6	1 990 518	-15,7	7 798 290	5,8
	September	4 496 500	12,1	2 513 194	39,9	2 340 100	17,6	9 349 795	19,9
	October	4 864 294	8,2	2 484 710	-1,1	2 617 572	11,9	9 966 576	6,6
	May – Jul. 16	12 318 159		4 360 081		7 051 354		23 729 593	
	Aug. – Oct. 16 2/	13 372 223	8,6	6 794 247	55,8	6 948 190	-1,5	27 114 661	14,3

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2015	January	3 459 794	-0,1	697 075	-51,6	1 692 800	3,0	5 849 669	-10,7
	February	3 887 509	12,8	1 332 024	-38,5	2 366 099	9,1	7 585 632	-2,5
	March	4 257 838	17,6	2 172 225	-10,0	2 276 845	11,7	8 706 908	7,9
	April	4 244 463	33,1	1 945 241	7,9	1 985 920	-3,8	8 175 624	15,9
	May	4 221 661	-1,3	4 406 909	114,9	2 177 903	9,4	10 806 473	29,9
	June	4 501 730	11,2	3 960 173	88,1	2 207 269	11,2	10 669 172	31,1
	July	4 455 513	7,7	2 062 294	-33,5	2 637 095	11,7	9 154 902	-4,6
	August	4 242 366	-12,9	1 893 830	-15,4	2 285 725	-13,9	8 421 921	-13,7
	September	4 692 610	9,7	1 506 851	14,0	2 244 064	-16,2	8 443 525	2,0
	October	4 422 453	-17,4	1 116 268	-64,4	2 286 059	-3,5	7 824 780	-28,0
	November	4 325 975	2,4	1 314 046	-38,9	2 116 987	-8,8	7 757 008	-10,8
	December	3 678 500	22,2	1 986 358	4,1	2 150 004	12,4	7 814 862	14,4
	Total	50 390 412	5,2	24 393 294	-5,6	26 426 770	0,9	101 210 476	1,3
2016	January	2 787 958	-19,4	3 174 409	355,4	1 420 287	-16,1	7 382 654	26,2
	February	4 403 079	13,3	2 155 141	61,8	2 037 684	-13,9	8 595 904	13,3
	March	4 338 375	1,9	2 404 417	10,7	1 965 628	-13,7	8 708 420	0,0
	April	4 744 677	11,8	2 599 147	33,6	2 265 701	14,1	9 609 525	17,5
	May	3 981 420	-5,7	1 495 121	-66,1	2 120 557	-2,6	7 597 098	-29,7
	June	4 661 560	3,6	1 353 564	-65,8	2 261 730	2,5	8 276 854	-22,4
	July	3 512 760	-21,2	1 245 688	-39,6	2 364 916	-10,3	7 123 364	-22,2
	August	4 094 223	-3,5	1 675 693	-11,5	2 137 285	-6,5	7 907 201	-6,1
	September	4 467 618	-4,8	2 337 855	55,1	2 507 510	11,7	9 312 983	10,3
	October	5 033 493	13,8	2 307 066	106,7	2 524 344	10,4	9 864 903	26,1

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2015	January	4 571 293	16,3	697 075	-63,5	2 343 662	3,8	7 612 030	-6,0
	February	3 945 445	-13,7	1 332 024	91,1	2 363 909	0,9	7 641 378	0,4
	March	4 310 553	9,3	2 172 225	63,1	2 441 343	3,3	8 924 122	16,8
	April	4 200 871	-2,5	1 945 241	-10,4	1 930 578	-20,9	8 076 690	-9,5
	May	4 155 651	-1,1	4 406 909	126,5	2 334 911	20,9	10 897 472	34,9
	June	4 315 890	3,9	3 960 173	-10,1	2 195 430	-6,0	10 471 493	-3,9
	July	3 968 628	-8,0	2 062 294	-47,9	2 299 762	4,8	8 330 684	-20,4
	August	4 135 589	4,2	1 893 830	-8,2	2 193 842	-4,6	8 223 261	-1,3
	September	4 255 510	2,9	1 506 851	-20,4	1 872 650	-14,6	7 635 010	-7,2
	October	3 828 667	-10,0	1 116 268	-25,9	2 147 826	14,7	7 092 762	-7,1
	November	4 340 054	13,4	1 314 046	17,7	1 951 416	-9,1	7 605 516	7,2
	December	4 663 062	7,4	1 986 358	51,2	2 551 183	30,7	9 200 602	21,0
2016	January	3 682 236	-21,0	3 174 409	59,8	2 031 299	-20,4	8 887 944	-3,4
	February	4 581 767	24,4	2 155 141	-32,1	2 016 006	-0,8	8 752 914	-1,5
	March	4 443 021	-3,0	2 404 417	11,6	2 091 674	3,8	8 939 112	2,1
	April	4 613 877	3,8	2 599 147	8,1	2 216 097	5,9	9 429 121	5,5
	May	3 894 701	-15,6	1 495 121	-42,5	2 147 238	-3,1	7 537 061	-20,1
	June	4 130 245	6,0	1 353 564	-9,5	2 274 330	5,9	7 758 139	2,9
	July	3 409 531	-17,4	1 245 688	-8,0	2 212 995	-2,7	6 868 215	-11,5
	August	3 773 163	10,7	1 675 693	34,5	1 860 466	-15,9	7 309 322	6,4
	September	4 141 254	9,8	2 337 855	39,5	2 177 763	17,1	8 656 873	18,4
	October	4 522 204	9,2	2 307 066	-1,3	2 426 469	11,4	9 255 740	6,9
	May – Jul. 16	11 434 477		4 094 373		6 634 563		22 163 415	
	Aug. – Oct. 16 2/	12 436 621	8,8	6 320 614	54,4	6 464 698	-2,6	25 221 935	13,8

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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 10 and 11 on page 38.

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2015	January	1 818 640	-2,5	785 616	-17,1	501 685	-35,0	3 105 941	-13,4
	February	2 087 746	9,8	1 019 816	-0,5	675 990	-29,4	3 783 552	-2,6
	March	2 568 046	15,4	858 760	-23,1	1 025 680	29,2	4 452 486	7,6
	April	2 608 404	16,7	730 600	-42,9	903 209	43,4	4 242 213	2,3
	May	3 119 539	67,9	968 348	45,1	797 255	4,0	4 885 142	48,4
	June	2 599 782	33,2	1 057 013	32,2	983 921	50,9	4 640 716	36,3
	July	2 635 346	4,5	1 095 693	-33,7	852 594	12,3	4 583 633	-7,1
	August	2 830 856	18,9	1 420 995	50,9	814 463	-13,1	5 066 314	18,9
	September	3 001 813	18,0	1 646 976	54,1	843 852	5,6	5 492 641	24,5
	October	2 688 004	-6,8	1 693 843	18,8	766 090	-14,9	5 147 937	-1,2
	November	3 436 641	11,9	1 971 370	-22,7	871 502	21,2	6 279 513	-1,0
	December	2 797 120	11,8	1 449 198	-28,3	764 722	10,9	5 011 040	-3,9
	Total	32 191 937	15,2	14 698 228	-5,2	9 800 963	4,5	56 691 128	7,3
2016	January	2 208 305	21,4	578 503	-26,4	651 330	29,8	3 438 138	10,7
	February	2 459 034	17,8	1 029 861	1,0	869 860	28,7	4 358 755	15,2
	March	2 523 781	-1,7	1 810 745	110,9	878 230	-14,4	5 212 756	17,1
	April	2 316 846	-11,2	2 113 528	189,3	822 389	-8,9	5 252 763	23,8
	May	3 275 280	5,0	1 819 266	87,9	913 420	14,6	6 007 966	23,0
	June	3 105 362	19,4	1 325 164	25,4	930 103	-5,5	5 360 629	15,5
	July	2 339 251	-11,2	1 150 587	5,0	705 601	-17,2	4 195 439	-8,5
	August	2 511 205	-11,3	1 205 852	-15,1	791 833	-2,8	4 508 890	-11,0
	September	3 647 566	21,5	1 326 114	-19,5	983 917	16,6	5 957 597	8,5
	October	3 052 862	13,6	928 259	-45,2	1 022 162	33,4	5 003 283	-2,8

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2015	January	2 492 238	4,6	785 616	-61,1	661 811	-20,8	3 939 666	-24,8
	February	2 322 853	-6,8	1 019 816	29,8	624 109	-5,7	3 966 778	0,7
	March	2 588 863	11,5	858 760	-15,8	896 871	43,7	4 344 494	9,5
	April	2 767 339	6,9	730 600	-14,9	866 952	-3,3	4 364 891	0,5
	May	3 174 362	14,7	968 348	32,5	815 180	-6,0	4 957 889	13,6
	June	2 740 154	-13,7	1 057 013	9,2	960 076	17,8	4 757 243	-4,0
	July	2 507 876	-8,5	1 095 693	3,7	864 698	-9,9	4 468 267	-6,1
	August	2 740 591	9,3	1 420 995	29,7	779 063	-9,9	4 940 649	10,6
	September	2 792 351	1,9	1 646 976	15,9	813 368	4,4	5 252 695	6,3
	October	2 491 335	-10,8	1 693 843	2,8	735 317	-9,6	4 920 495	-6,3
	November	2 812 673	12,9	1 971 370	16,4	857 836	16,7	5 641 879	14,7
	December	2 705 041	-3,8	1 449 198	-26,5	928 856	8,3	5 083 095	-9,9
2016	January	2 980 337	10,2	578 503	-60,1	853 794	-8,1	4 412 635	-13,2
	February	2 736 495	-8,2	1 029 861	78,0	801 044	-6,2	4 567 401	3,5
	March	2 663 425	-2,7	1 810 745	75,8	818 976	2,2	5 293 146	15,9
	April	2 344 166	-12,0	2 113 528	16,7	739 904	-9,7	5 197 598	-1,8
	May	3 317 954	41,5	1 819 266	-13,9	926 980	25,3	6 064 200	16,7
	June	3 284 551	-1,0	1 325 164	-27,2	910 952	-1,7	5 520 667	-9,0
	July	2 228 749	-32,1	1 150 587	-13,2	717 138	-21,3	4 096 474	-25,8
	August	2 448 463	9,9	1 205 852	4,8	766 559	6,9	4 420 875	7,9
	September	3 368 813	37,6	1 326 114	10,0	941 335	22,8	5 636 262	27,5
	October	2 819 072	-16,3	928 259	-30,0	968 867	2,9	4 716 199	-16,3
	May – Jul. 16	8 831 254		4 295 017		2 555 070		15 681 341	
	Aug. – Oct. 16 2/	8 636 348	-2,2	3 460 225	-19,4	2 676 761	4,8	14 773 336	-5,8

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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 10 and 11 on page 38.

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2015	January	1 844 462	-7,6	796 771	-21,5	508 808	-38,4	3 150 041	-17,9
	February	2 121 693	5,8	1 036 398	-4,1	686 982	-32,0	3 845 073	-6,1
	March	2 593 986	11,7	867 434	-25,6	1 036 040	25,1	4 497 460	4,2
	April	2 616 253	12,1	732 798	-45,1	905 927	37,8	4 254 978	-1,7
	May	3 122 662	61,5	969 317	39,6	798 053	0,0	4 890 032	42,7
	June	2 592 006	28,3	1 053 851	27,3	980 978	45,4	4 626 835	31,3
	July	2 617 027	1,1	1 088 076	-35,9	846 667	8,7	4 551 770	-10,2
	August	2 822 389	15,9	1 416 745	47,1	812 027	-15,2	5 051 161	16,0
	September	2 995 821	15,3	1 643 689	50,6	842 168	3,1	5 481 678	21,6
	October	2 664 028	-9,2	1 678 734	15,7	759 257	-17,0	5 102 019	-3,7
	November	3 402 615	8,8	1 951 851	-24,8	862 873	17,9	6 217 339	-3,7
	December	2 769 426	8,7	1 434 850	-30,3	757 150	7,8	4 961 426	-6,5
	Total	32 162 368	11,5	14 670 514	-8,2	9 796 930	1,0	56 629 812	3,9
2016	January	2 160 768	17,1	566 050	-29,0	637 309	25,3	3 364 127	6,8
	February	2 357 655	11,1	987 403	-4,7	833 998	21,4	4 179 056	8,7
	March	2 412 793	-7,0	1 731 114	99,6	839 608	-19,0	4 983 515	10,8
	April	2 198 146	-16,0	2 005 245	173,6	780 255	-13,9	4 983 646	17,1
	May	3 098 657	-0,8	1 721 160	77,6	864 163	8,3	5 683 980	16,2
	June	2 907 642	12,2	1 240 790	17,7	870 883	-11,2	5 019 315	8,5
	July	2 184 175	-16,5	1 074 311	-1,3	658 824	-22,2	3 917 310	-13,9
	August	2 342 542	-17,0	1 124 862	-20,6	738 650	-9,0	4 206 054	-16,7
	September	3 393 085	13,3	1 233 594	-24,9	915 272	8,7	5 541 951	1,1
	October	2 834 598	6,4	861 893	-48,7	949 083	25,0	4 645 574	-8,9

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2015	January	2 514 414	4,6	796 771	-61,3	665 122	-21,2	3 976 307	-25,1
	February	2 359 700	-6,2	1 036 398	30,1	635 163	-4,5	4 031 261	1,4
	March	2 620 823	11,1	867 434	-16,3	908 811	43,1	4 397 068	9,1
	April	2 790 092	6,5	732 798	-15,5	873 180	-3,9	4 396 070	0,0
	May	3 198 917	14,7	969 317	32,3	817 224	-6,4	4 985 458	13,4
	June	2 741 741	-14,3	1 053 851	8,7	960 996	17,6	4 756 588	-4,6
	July	2 502 283	-8,7	1 088 076	3,2	861 126	-10,4	4 451 485	-6,4
	August	2 734 093	9,3	1 416 745	30,2	778 022	-9,7	4 928 860	10,7
	September	2 781 736	1,7	1 643 689	16,0	811 516	4,3	5 236 941	6,3
	October	2 465 187	-11,4	1 678 734	2,1	727 639	-10,3	4 871 560	-7,0
	November	2 771 569	12,4	1 951 851	16,3	844 921	16,1	5 568 341	14,3
	December	2 654 180	-4,2	1 434 850	-26,5	912 460	8,0	5 001 490	-10,2
2016	January	2 900 865	9,3	566 050	-60,5	828 497	-9,2	4 295 412	-14,1
	February	2 623 388	-9,6	987 403	74,4	769 477	-7,1	4 380 268	2,0
	March	2 548 167	-2,9	1 731 114	75,3	784 696	2,0	5 063 976	15,6
	April	2 239 628	-12,1	2 005 245	15,8	705 741	-10,1	4 950 614	-2,2
	May	3 162 941	41,2	1 721 160	-14,2	878 397	24,5	5 762 498	16,4
	June	3 086 713	-2,4	1 240 790	-27,9	856 447	-2,5	5 183 950	-10,0
	July	2 090 452	-32,3	1 074 311	-13,4	671 297	-21,6	3 836 060	-26,0
	August	2 284 137	9,3	1 124 862	4,7	716 005	6,7	4 125 005	7,5
	September	3 126 246	36,9	1 233 594	9,7	875 046	22,2	5 234 886	26,9
	October	2 613 570	-16,4	861 893	-30,1	898 219	2,6	4 373 682	-16,5
	May – Jul. 16	8 340 106		4 036 261		2 406 141		14 782 508	
	Aug. – Oct. 16 2/	8 023 953	-3,8	3 220 349	-20,2	2 489 270	3,5	13 733 573	-7,1

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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 10 and 11 on page 38.

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

			Oct. 2015	Sep. 2016	Oct. 2016	Jan. - Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 874	1 052	2 057	19 628	15 113	-23,0
		square metres	93 345	55 388	100 527	933 416	732 171	-21,6
		R'000	367 717	304 278	505 104	3 321 389	3 487 104	5,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 492	1 507	1 371	14 334	13 440	-6,2
		square metres	388 655	412 480	393 769	3 904 837	3 667 471	-6,1
		R'000	2 482 306	2 853 571	2 708 199	25 083 015	24 646 733	-1,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 777	1 833	2 027	17 225	18 051	4,8
		square metres	191 091	201 132	258 584	1 740 024	1 869 624	7,4
		R'000	1 257 276	1 610 029	2 042 206	12 716 486	14 938 798	17,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	31 527	6 632	22 082	148 005	186 497	26,0
		R'000	354 956	34 811	165 563	1 201 485	1 469 740	22,3
Total residential buildings	R'000	4 462 255	4 802 689	5 421 072	42 322 375	44 542 375	5,2	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	38 084	60 076	36 523	613 830	450 499	-26,6
		R'000	279 547	496 293	321 912	4 919 185	3 903 687	-20,6
	Shopping space	square metres	31 148	44 636	36 872	999 304	788 587	-21,1
		R'000	192 485	294 108	259 598	7 404 812	6 271 280	-15,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	91 278	228 300	317 068	1 226 658	1 561 519	27,3
		R'000	454 306	1 367 949	1 689 641	6 397 127	8 601 650	34,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	35 043	55 790	36 645	402 709	478 031	18,7
		R'000	199 976	354 844	213 559	2 353 788	3 124 290	32,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 126 314	2 513 194	2 484 710	21 074 912	21 900 907	3,9
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	293 618	287 838	302 423	2 652 475	2 551 522
R'000			1 834 266	1 905 046	2 050 722	16 027 057	16 742 800	4,5
Other buildings 4/		square metres	52 073	76 705	71 425	778 868	668 031	-14,2
		R'000	472 368	790 527	667 997	6 097 263	6 173 376	1,2
Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 306 634	2 695 573	2 718 719	22 124 320	22 916 176	3,6	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	7 895 203	10 011 456	10 624 501	85 521 607	89 359 458	4,5

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct. 2015	Sep. 2016	Oct. 2016	Jan. - Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	498	389	890	4 836	6 014	24,4	
		square metres	22 443	19 029	41 645	211 867	275 298	29,9	
		R'000	120 734	110 948	251 672	1 135 977	1 554 130	36,8	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	398	442	450	3 680	3 905	6,1	
		square metres	96 276	111 152	104 307	929 692	960 171	3,3	
		R'000	604 388	765 522	702 437	5 846 552	6 368 664	8,9	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	562	602	472	4 651	4 279	-8,0	
		square metres	60 189	77 423	82 894	425 878	539 816	26,8	
		R'000	429 026	611 294	633 357	3 119 240	4 113 276	31,9	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 857	0	19 220	62 336	61 410	-1,5	
		R'000	18 571	0	148 514	494 570	467 918	-5,4	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 172 719	1 487 764	1 735 980	10 596 339	12 503 988	18,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	8 341	36 975	0	139 032	91 251	-34,4	
		R'000	57 073	303 099	0	1 051 006	759 055	-27,8	
	Shopping space	square metres	3 290	8 391	6 786	87 511	127 206	45,4	
		R'000	24 489	67 336	50 000	712 116	1 031 311	44,8	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	21 754	66 286	10 073	276 286	296 169	7,2	
		R'000	131 944	459 194	69 360	1 745 669	1 982 576	13,6	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	7 589	42 894	22 771	125 489	161 079	28,4	
		R'000	48 862	286 932	115 955	765 704	1 038 376	35,6	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	262 368	1 116 561	235 315	4 274 495	4 811 318	12,6
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	82 842	88 795	78 085	762 760	733 035	-3,9
R'000			470 468	574 452	505 595	4 318 592	4 671 244	8,2	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	15 575	26 445	23 659	189 117	217 106	14,8	
		R'000	176 991	256 986	232 133	1 927 083	2 219 731	15,2	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	647 459	831 438	737 728	6 245 675	6 890 975	10,3	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices		R'000	2 082 546	3 435 763	2 709 023	21 116 509	24 206 281	14,6

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct. 2015	Sep. 2016	Oct. 2016	Jan. - Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	47	65	455	1 532	1 107	-27,7
		square metres	2 949	4 584	19 690	67 549	53 366	-21,0
		R'000	14 446	25 795	68 149	185 797	222 988	20,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	113	131	116	845	934	10,5
		square metres	24 303	33 026	25 583	202 927	212 570	4,8
		R'000	132 987	185 023	149 142	1 145 101	1 218 256	6,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	23	58	39	283	751	165,4
		square metres	3 812	12 517	4 539	32 875	65 463	99,1
		R'000	21 266	72 173	26 532	181 846	366 116	101,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	161	0	2 415	2 225	-7,9
		R'000	0	900	0	14 203	9 526	-32,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	168 699	283 891	243 823	1 526 947	1 816 886	19,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	467	0	12 508	5 768	13 671	137,0
		R'000	2 569	0	88 173	30 945	93 460	202,0
	Shopping space	square metres	2 732	1 421	327	94 422	5 326	-94,4
		R'000	15 026	9 589	2 184	591 677	30 080	-94,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	16 221	12 555	2 090	70 201	85 411	21,7
		R'000	89 216	66 459	12 300	355 744	413 722	16,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	5 056	1 895	0	29 922	30 545	2,1
		R'000	23 381	9 475	0	143 926	148 997	3,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	130 192	85 523	102 657	1 122 292	686 259	-38,9
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	32 187	32 717	37 731	272 124	228 667
R'000			171 619	165 804	204 113	1 392 229	1 193 907	-14,2
Other buildings 4/		square metres	4 369	3 427	4 980	70 312	56 808	-19,2
		R'000	23 304	22 613	26 131	343 301	258 954	-24,6
Total additions and alterations	R'000	194 923	188 417	230 244	1 735 530	1 452 861	-16,3	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	493 814	557 831	576 724	4 384 769	3 956 006	-9,8

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct. 2015	Sep. 2016	Oct. 2016	Jan. - Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	3	4	25	28	12,0
		square metres	136	198	236	1 370	1 888	37,8
		R'000	816	1 170	1 416	8 226	11 273	37,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	21	11	11	146	162	11,0
		square metres	4 540	2 117	2 571	30 356	30 278	-0,3
		R'000	26 444	13 676	15 667	167 108	193 092	15,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	4	10	0	4	61	1 425,0
		square metres	648	361	0	648	6 217	859,4
		R'000	4 536	2 347	0	4 536	37 970	737,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	652	0	0	6 252	822	-86,9
		R'000	3 912	0	0	48 550	5 343	-89,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	35 708	17 193	17 083	228 420	247 678	8,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	721	903	102	10 827	10 514,7
		R'000	0	4 687	4 198	612	64 035	10 363,2
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	228	4 585	1 911,0
		R'000	0	0	0	1 186	26 902	2 168,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	3 090	0	1 993	13 071	555,8
		R'000	0	18 693	0	10 962	76 878	601,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	364	0	0	2 078	1 511	-27,3
		R'000	1 965	0	0	10 820	9 000	-16,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 965	23 380	4 198	23 580	176 815	649,9
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 482	5 036	4 046	46 571	45 025
R'000			40 920	32 986	28 834	269 297	315 331	17,1
Other buildings 4/		square metres	923	34	3 080	6 557	5 551	-15,3
		R'000	7 700	1 321	17 879	43 925	54 861	24,9
Total additions and alterations	R'000	48 620	34 307	46 713	313 222	370 192	18,2	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	86 293	74 880	67 994	565 222	794 685	40,6

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct. 2015	Sep. 2016	Oct. 2016	Jan. - Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	193	32	99	1 553	774	-50,2
		square metres	10 798	1 683	5 567	84 689	41 204	-51,3
		R'000	29 156	3 996	18 052	221 821	142 203	-35,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	80	75	76	736	706	-4,1
		square metres	14 353	16 695	19 604	147 496	163 523	10,9
		R'000	75 242	93 942	106 586	769 084	889 963	15,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	56	0	15	390	363	-6,9
		square metres	5 357	0	1 044	38 779	42 252	9,0
		R'000	32 137	0	6 708	240 341	277 368	15,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 944	608	1 344	23 906	10 443	-56,3
		R'000	13 999	2 736	9 295	135 642	62 734	-53,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	150 534	100 674	140 641	1 366 888	1 372 268	0,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	506	2 436	382	7 687	15 929	107,2
		R'000	4 048	19 480	2 375	52 389	124 819	138,3
	Shopping space	square metres	9 291	870	300	87 657	11 468	-86,9
		R'000	69 713	3 916	2 400	526 913	77 932	-85,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 793	2 909	2 599	60 726	50 449	-16,9
		R'000	8 945	13 091	15 364	298 138	239 246	-19,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	239	0	826	9 736	12 401	27,4
		R'000	1 386	0	3 717	52 882	88 296	67,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	84 092	36 487	23 856	930 322	530 293	-43,0
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 729	11 584	19 037	127 749	127 342
R'000			59 789	61 940	96 826	624 016	663 726	6,4
Other buildings 4/		square metres	849	3 294	6 555	28 848	23 756	-17,7
		R'000	10 866	138 975	48 889	214 064	362 594	69,4
Total additions and alterations	R'000	70 655	200 915	145 715	838 080	1 026 320	22,5	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	305 281	338 076	310 212	3 135 290	2 928 881	-6,6

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct. 2015	Sep. 2016	Oct. 2016	Jan. - Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	19	21	10	244	287	17,6
		square metres	1 127	1 002	482	14 178	14 637	3,2
		R'000	8 286	8 572	3 003	105 843	106 085	0,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	136	148	105	1 334	1 182	-11,4
		square metres	41 048	46 797	32 319	411 137	365 659	-11,1
		R'000	345 588	448 698	308 783	3 511 753	3 222 872	-8,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	109	573	99	1 965	3 037	54,6
		square metres	21 349	54 707	13 714	268 809	305 722	13,7
		R'000	169 945	540 793	112 891	2 229 304	2 839 867	27,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	24 165	1 904	616	30 934	6 314	-79,6
		R'000	314 056	9 520	3 696	382 087	34 299	-91,0
Total residential buildings	R'000	837 875	1 007 583	428 373	6 228 987	6 203 123	-0,4	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	24 522	3 267	0	110 920	96 985	-12,6
		R'000	177 859	24 044	0	784 055	927 738	18,3
	Shopping space	square metres	9 193	22 620	11 983	144 513	318 342	120,3
		R'000	45 704	154 512	79 541	1 191 287	2 891 378	142,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	17 425	71 085	131 772	316 869	364 011	14,9
		R'000	77 025	401 659	758 028	1 639 633	2 044 956	24,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	688	3 404	9 721	55 560	88 169	58,7
		R'000	3 096	23 666	76 502	367 967	613 035	66,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	303 684	603 881	914 071	3 982 942	6 477 107	62,6
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	34 354	35 241	33 386	293 819	303 950
R'000			291 947	325 400	326 487	2 382 960	2 706 459	13,6
Other buildings 4/		square metres	12 330	13 308	11 938	208 101	169 295	-18,6
		R'000	116 131	149 924	181 615	1 770 180	1 696 371	-4,2
Total additions and alterations	R'000	408 078	475 324	508 102	4 153 140	4 402 830	6,0	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 549 637	2 086 788	1 850 546	14 365 069	17 083 060	18,9

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct. 2015	Sep. 2016	Oct. 2016	Jan. - Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	6	4	1 075	105	-90,2
		square metres	207	378	210	56 022	6 339	-88,7
		R'000	950	1 781	1 113	179 003	29 289	-83,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	79	97	77	890	780	-12,4
		square metres	19 868	25 639	21 361	212 682	196 997	-7,4
		R'000	98 972	134 657	110 140	1 051 691	1 014 857	-3,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	181	107	13	1 108	771	-30,4
		square metres	25 170	8 398	1 773	98 997	59 423	-40,0
		R'000	125 197	35 272	9 405	529 919	304 726	-42,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	121	0	304	1 431	1 629	13,8
		R'000	508	0	1 368	7 349	9 322	26,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	225 627	171 710	122 026	1 767 962	1 358 194	-23,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	427	8 640	1 739	-79,9
		R'000	0	0	2 135	46 526	8 629	-81,5
	Shopping space	square metres	2 291	768	652	39 094	23 487	-39,9
		R'000	11 884	4 491	3 235	211 506	126 763	-40,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 709	20 133	400	26 282	43 244	64,5
		R'000	23 171	85 094	1 800	122 321	193 047	57,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	17 814	1 444	0	36 653	10 744	-70,7
		R'000	104 124	6 498	0	188 514	57 209	-69,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	139 179	96 083	7 170	568 867	385 648	-32,2
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	15 237	15 848	10 225	123 969	121 825
R'000			77 707	80 742	48 816	587 153	585 205	-0,3
Other buildings 4/		square metres	1 402	854	2 206	21 234	13 382	-37,0
		R'000	21 933	4 308	10 969	140 569	82 049	-41,6
Total additions and alterations	R'000	99 640	85 050	59 785	727 722	667 254	-8,3	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	464 446	352 843	188 981	3 064 551	2 411 096	-21,3

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct. 2015	Sep. 2016	Oct. 2016	Jan. - Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	990	430	537	9 164	5 671	-38,1	
		square metres	49 124	22 330	29 314	435 069	278 106	-36,1	
		R'000	165 536	121 424	144 667	1 209 874	1 170 088	-3,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	499	430	404	4 707	4 132	-12,2	
		square metres	145 145	130 867	146 054	1 464 570	1 320 020	-9,9	
		R'000	986 115	994 361	1 079 266	10 187 772	9 609 088	-5,7	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	781	474	1 174	7 962	8 261	3,8	
		square metres	70 191	45 280	131 145	789 392	793 427	0,5	
		R'000	454 846	336 396	1 141 389	6 009 348	6 708 006	11,6	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 822	0	5 831	93 395	1 501,7	
		R'000	0	12 038	0	44 550	833 224	1 770,3	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 606 497	1 464 219	2 365 322	17 451 544	18 320 406	5,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	3 019	10 214	21 075	317 882	179 957	-43,4	
		R'000	29 192	106 724	218 891	2 814 648	1 707 841	-39,3	
	Shopping space	square metres	2 370	4 267	13 227	457 547	230 869	-49,5	
		R'000	15 894	25 407	104 668	3 712 943	1 745 357	-53,0	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	16 506	50 339	156 962	384 244	619 182	61,1	
		R'000	69 808	316 350	767 262	1 789 486	3 223 016	80,1	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 468	902	679	114 672	140 644	22,6	
		R'000	8 949	4 059	5 107	687 645	1 009 394	46,8	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	123 843	452 540	1 095 928	9 004 722	7 685 608	-14,6
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	92 418	77 752	102 859	823 359	803 272	-2,4
R'000			640 320	570 184	761 174	5 535 771	5 726 735	3,4	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	8 534	20 711	16 657	217 114	153 365	-29,4	
		R'000	74 436	156 172	131 212	1 442 986	1 282 060	-11,2	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	714 756	726 356	892 386	6 978 757	7 008 795	0,4	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices		R'000	2 445 096	2 643 115	4 353 636	33 435 023	33 014 809	-1,3

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

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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. 2015	Sep. 2016	Oct. 2016	Jan. - Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	111	74	33	939	954	1,6
		square metres	5 979	4 249	1 862	48 138	50 920	5,8
		R'000	24 883	20 982	9 497	200 128	199 704	-0,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	107	105	73	1 452	1 095	-24,6
		square metres	27 830	25 029	23 317	352 102	258 112	-26,7
		R'000	143 310	118 210	145 103	1 685 666	1 349 675	-19,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	45	0	194	321	423	31,8
		square metres	2 897	0	20 892	20 580	39 208	90,5
		R'000	12 933	0	99 456	91 332	200 443	119,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	586	2 137	598	8 648	8 818	2,0
		R'000	2 900	9 617	2 690	46 507	39 909	-14,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	184 026	148 809	256 746	2 023 633	1 789 731	-11,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	987	5 677	0	16 552	33 030	99,6
		R'000	7 717	34 329	0	104 831	183 700	75,2
	Shopping space	square metres	310	2 640	2 084	55 196	52 993	-4,0
		R'000	1 420	10 562	10 005	267 195	270 539	1,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 717	887	13 172	71 205	70 864	-0,5
		R'000	30 027	3 548	65 527	352 542	335 074	-5,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	4 815	1 809	9 255	26 153	182,6
		R'000	0	22 034	8 189	44 600	121 009	171,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	39 164	70 473	83 721	769 168	910 322	18,4
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 055	14 349	10 792	155 319	132 975
R'000			60 855	62 743	48 422	695 014	610 009	-12,2
Other buildings 4/		square metres	6 072	7 458	1 876	24 048	20 795	-13,5
		R'000	29 767	52 696	16 540	131 188	162 299	23,7
Total additions and alterations	R'000	90 622	115 439	64 962	826 202	772 308	-6,5	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	313 812	334 721	405 429	3 619 003	3 472 361	-4,1

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct. 2015	Sep. 2016	Oct. 2016	Jan. - Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	9	32	25	260	173	-33,5
		square metres	582	1 935	1 521	14 534	10 413	-28,4
		R'000	2 910	9 610	7 535	74 720	51 344	-31,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	59	68	59	544	544	0,0
		square metres	15 292	21 158	18 653	153 875	160 141	4,1
		R'000	69 260	99 482	91 075	718 288	780 266	8,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	16	9	21	541	105	-80,6
		square metres	1 478	2 446	2 583	64 066	18 096	-71,8
		R'000	7 390	11 754	12 468	310 620	91 026	-70,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	202	0	0	6 252	1 441	-77,0
		R'000	1 010	0	0	28 027	7 465	-73,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	80 570	120 846	111 078	1 131 655	930 101	-17,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	242	786	1 228	7 247	7 110	-1,9
		R'000	1 089	3 930	6 140	34 173	34 410	0,7
	Shopping space	square metres	1 671	3 659	1 513	33 136	14 311	-56,8
		R'000	8 355	18 295	7 565	189 989	71 018	-62,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 153	1 016	0	18 852	19 118	1,4
		R'000	24 170	3 861	0	82 632	93 135	12,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 825	436	839	19 344	6 785	-64,9
		R'000	8 213	2 180	4 089	91 730	38 974	-57,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	41 827	28 266	17 794	398 524	237 537	-40,4
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 314	6 516	6 262	46 805	55 431
R'000			20 641	30 795	30 455	222 025	270 184	21,7
Other buildings 4/		square metres	2 019	1 174	474	13 537	7 973	-41,1
		R'000	11 240	7 532	2 629	83 967	54 457	-35,1
Total additions and alterations	R'000	31 881	38 327	33 084	305 992	324 641	6,1	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	154 278	187 439	161 956	1 836 171	1 492 279	-18,7

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct. 2015	Sep. 2016	Oct. 2016	Jan. - Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 117	1 451	1 806	12 738	12 569	-1,3	
		square metres	53 288	69 826	83 097	633 543	610 143	-3,7	
		R'000	227 369	330 859	378 980	2 449 339	2 653 724	8,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 050	1 244	897	9 989	10 073	0,8	
		square metres	267 770	296 857	227 732	2 610 672	2 465 579	-5,6	
		R'000	1 743 836	2 005 128	1 516 877	16 543 874	16 243 150	-1,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	816	1 357	918	9 114	10 635	16,7	
		square metres	93 518	158 386	112 506	911 450	1 059 210	16,2	
		R'000	712 915	1 295 696	847 328	6 533 165	8 044 177	23,1	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	632	1 698	23 278	66 282	51 010	-23,0	
		R'000	3 884	15 883	309 677	431 798	498 441	15,4	
Total residential buildings		R'000	2 688 004	3 647 566	3 052 862	25 958 176	27 439 492	5,7	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	57 754	30 925	16 861	434 796	434 057	-0,2	
		R'000	378 777	267 648	147 163	3 249 693	3 591 185	10,5	
	Shopping space	square metres	56 333	70 156	17 295	373 836	420 811	12,6	
		R'000	426 764	479 173	98 575	2 591 391	3 338 679	28,8	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	146 222	95 482	105 741	848 593	926 975	9,2	
		R'000	794 829	538 047	573 177	4 358 187	5 017 705	15,1	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	15 831	7 303	20 339	169 071	215 977	27,7	
		R'000	93 473	41 246	109 344	1 078 389	1 340 310	24,3	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 693 843	1 326 114	928 259	11 277 660	13 287 879	17,8
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	93 573	125 934	116 552	988 312	1 021 854	3,4
R'000			559 486	707 317	672 774	5 410 240	5 979 479	10,5	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	24 961	31 634	36 435	352 490	303 783	-13,8	
		R'000	206 604	276 600	349 388	2 754 499	2 589 366	-6,0	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	766 090	983 917	1 022 162	8 164 739	8 568 845	4,9	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	5 147 937	5 957 597	5 003 283	45 400 575	49 296 216	8,6

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct. 2015	Sep. 2016	Oct. 2016	Jan. - Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	407	603	702	4 297	3 572	-16,9	
		square metres	17 148	26 846	30 841	198 467	160 483	-19,1	
		R'000	72 754	106 545	129 383	837 854	757 745	-9,6	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	299	349	298	2 712	2 832	4,4	
		square metres	71 799	80 966	62 191	645 725	655 596	1,5	
		R'000	451 286	500 550	399 147	3 886 481	4 095 923	5,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	328	425	349	2 467	3 179	28,9	
		square metres	34 657	48 191	38 024	250 704	325 033	29,6	
		R'000	255 735	368 797	291 038	1 807 588	2 483 690	37,4	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	477	477	0	13 849	6 356	-54,1	
		R'000	3 186	3 186	0	86 147	50 483	-41,4	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	782 961	979 078	819 568	6 618 070	7 387 841	11,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	36 079	3 824	7 390	152 825	94 522	-38,2	
		R'000	243 791	24 496	70 778	1 009 111	612 545	-39,3	
	Shopping space	square metres	861	9 233	0	83 058	40 134	-51,7	
		R'000	7 068	80 098	0	590 347	285 971	-51,6	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	33 989	47 775	19 030	209 065	217 301	3,9	
		R'000	213 654	305 568	107 856	1 256 808	1 378 238	9,7	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	12 884	3 388	3 088	71 577	75 720	5,8	
		R'000	79 149	16 523	20 260	437 435	502 630	14,9	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	543 662	426 685	198 894	3 293 701	2 779 384	-15,6
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	39 127	67 706	61 135	401 001	449 319	12,0
R'000			200 259	328 792	294 786	1 922 551	2 297 042	19,5	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	11 696	23 778	13 111	102 993	123 605	20,0	
		R'000	113 389	192 874	158 225	990 187	1 196 652	20,9	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	313 648	521 666	453 011	2 912 738	3 493 694	19,9	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	1 640 271	1 927 429	1 471 473	12 824 509	13 660 919	6,5

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct. 2015	Sep. 2016	Oct. 2016	Jan. - Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	242	446	744	1 144	53,8	
		square metres	880	10 103	19 499	34 331	52 235	52,2	
		R'000	3 813	66 643	70 146	96 746	221 114	128,6	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	31	254	82	508	609	19,9	
		square metres	5 426	32 411	26 251	101 525	115 745	14,0	
		R'000	29 756	206 572	127 177	498 026	643 239	29,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	9	61	17	131	345	163,4	
		square metres	1 113	3 957	823	13 333	32 341	142,6	
		R'000	6 021	23 741	7 320	69 096	179 306	159,5	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	8 838	3 130	-64,6	
		R'000	0	0	0	43 639	15 556	-64,4	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	39 590	296 956	204 643	707 507	1 059 215	49,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 187	0	859	4 636	439,7	
		R'000	0	6 703	0	4 500	26 689	493,1	
	Shopping space	square metres	6 247	4 068	0	13 426	6 470	-51,8	
		R'000	26 237	19 776	0	61 384	32 182	-47,6	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	1 076	92 660	7 877	-91,5	
		R'000	0	0	5 317	443 493	35 705	-91,9	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	73	4 343	446	-89,7	
		R'000	0	0	492	21 300	2 198	-89,7	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	26 237	26 479	5 809	530 677	96 774	-81,8
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 550	4 474	6 380	69 657	45 951	-34,0
R'000			26 111	21 308	42 362	295 050	221 973	-24,8	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	916	907	3 150	17 590	17 413	-1,0	
		R'000	3 964	5 896	14 964	97 882	84 995	-13,2	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	30 075	27 204	57 326	392 932	306 968	-21,9	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	95 902	350 639	267 778	1 631 116	1 462 957	-10,3	

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct. 2015	Sep. 2016	Oct. 2016	Jan. - Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	2	1	38	4	-89,5	
		square metres	0	156	37	2 111	263	-87,5	
		R'000	0	936	165	11 761	1 416	-88,0	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	12	16	11	171	88	-48,5	
		square metres	2 801	2 202	2 765	25 694	16 950	-34,0	
		R'000	16 518	16 302	20 746	145 377	116 554	-19,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	4	0	42	5	-88,1	
		square metres	0	612	0	2 940	761	-74,1	
		R'000	0	3 978	0	16 170	5 006	-69,0	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	158	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	948	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	16 518	21 216	20 911	173 308	123 924	-28,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	350	0	0	2 469	325	-86,8	
		R'000	1 575	0	0	14 155	1 463	-89,7	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	265	0	678	540	-20,4	
		R'000	0	1 193	0	4 102	2 431	-40,7	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	7 081	3 198	7 081	121,4	
		R'000	0	0	46 027	16 363	46 027	181,3	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	802	0	0	802	..	
		R'000	0	4 010	0	0	4 010	..	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 575	5 203	46 027	34 620	53 931	55,8
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 179	3 519	3 568	22 560	37 404	65,8
R'000			14 156	25 374	25 966	128 450	271 350	111,2	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	10	0	1 443	10 733	5 353	-50,1	
		R'000	90	787	6 741	62 157	46 025	-26,0	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	14 246	26 161	32 707	190 607	317 375	66,5	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	32 339	52 580	99 645	398 535	495 230	24,3

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct. 2015	Sep. 2016	Oct. 2016	Jan. - Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	76	22	0	1 574	226	-85,6	
		square metres	4 233	1 124	0	86 521	12 412	-85,7	
		R'000	15 555	3 074	0	205 808	32 643	-84,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	26	20	21	228	265	16,2	
		square metres	4 782	4 589	4 869	40 173	52 565	30,8	
		R'000	23 761	25 874	28 695	192 485	279 236	45,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	11	20	201	1 324	558,7	
		square metres	0	1 598	4 147	25 713	75 669	194,3	
		R'000	0	11 160	29 029	126 428	434 441	243,6	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	24 876	308	-98,8	
		R'000	0	0	0	143 813	1 642	-98,9	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	39 316	40 108	57 724	668 534	747 962	11,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	2 405	6 572	173,3	
		R'000	0	0	0	14 382	46 510	223,4	
	Shopping space	square metres	480	0	0	13 065	18 668	42,9	
		R'000	2 880	0	0	74 394	139 582	87,6	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	463	0	0	5 060	40 159	693,7	
		R'000	2 084	0	0	21 894	197 716	803,1	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	480	0	4 453	480	-89,2	
		R'000	0	2 400	0	26 615	2 400	-91,0	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	4 964	2 400	0	137 285	386 208	181,3
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 122	3 608	4 130	27 860	28 692	3,0
R'000			9 550	16 713	19 185	127 613	132 289	3,7	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	447	0	1 076	8 085	7 203	-10,9	
		R'000	3 897	2 178	5 399	72 103	50 836	-29,5	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	13 447	18 891	24 584	199 716	183 125	-8,3	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	57 727	61 399	82 308	1 005 535	1 317 295	31,0

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct. 2015	Sep. 2016	Oct. 2016	Jan. - Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	22	15	6	208	199	-4,3	
		square metres	1 250	727	315	12 332	11 555	-6,3	
		R'000	13 063	6 601	2 551	110 663	97 901	-11,5	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	95	68	60	665	625	-6,0	
		square metres	24 482	21 401	19 029	173 420	172 699	-0,4	
		R'000	193 446	188 496	166 149	1 380 645	1 433 479	3,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	52	185	15	779	653	-16,2	
		square metres	8 967	25 811	4 643	131 043	111 535	-14,9	
		R'000	81 325	264 421	39 930	1 064 049	1 015 541	-4,6	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	23 278	3 983	32 074	705,3	
		R'000	0	0	309 677	32 601	358 354	999,2	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	287 834	459 518	518 307	2 587 958	2 905 275	12,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	2 100	0	48 038	96 354	100,6	
		R'000	0	22 051	0	449 878	829 774	84,4	
	Shopping space	square metres	1 552	3 013	0	96 211	172 686	79,5	
		R'000	9 569	14 335	0	841 502	1 623 852	93,0	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	91 376	8 792	13 447	193 836	206 973	6,8	
		R'000	491 162	46 966	70 492	1 026 128	1 105 930	7,8	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 267	372	0	14 034	5 446	-61,2	
		R'000	6 202	3 460	0	99 243	39 087	-60,6	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	506 933	86 812	70 492	2 416 751	3 598 643	48,9
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 279	11 892	10 121	125 703	118 023	-6,1
R'000			132 320	107 452	89 319	1 109 494	1 058 359	-4,6	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	5 178	2 245	11 595	71 562	64 140	-10,4	
		R'000	37 063	38 727	108 261	566 274	498 742	-11,9	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	169 383	146 179	197 580	1 675 768	1 557 101	-7,1	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	964 150	692 509	786 379	6 680 477	8 061 019	20,7

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct. 2015	Sep. 2016	Oct. 2016	Jan. - Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	39	1	66	379	474,2	
		square metres	57	2 310	65	4 234	23 181	447,5	
		R'000	285	9 207	260	17 478	86 801	396,6	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	44	34	33	689	1 024	48,6	
		square metres	12 710	7 392	6 895	145 124	169 516	16,8	
		R'000	64 888	33 831	34 616	676 439	786 091	16,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	86	12	0	696	500	-28,2	
		square metres	7 064	1 521	0	55 363	39 629	-28,4	
		R'000	41 245	6 780	0	257 517	197 731	-23,2	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	1 227	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	4 908	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	106 418	49 818	34 876	956 342	1 070 623	11,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 741	0	328	10 984	7 360	-33,0	
		R'000	7 834	0	1 476	57 933	38 280	-33,9	
	Shopping space	square metres	3 136	0	0	36 852	22 071	-40,1	
		R'000	15 612	0	0	181 735	110 971	-38,9	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	3 662	16 701	6 602	-60,5	
		R'000	0	0	16 479	70 202	32 589	-53,6	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	399	0	5 104	6 571	28,7	
		R'000	0	1 995	0	25 192	31 487	25,0	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	23 446	1 995	17 955	335 062	213 327	-36,3
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 010	1 642	747	84 686	68 076	-19,6
R'000			8 426	7 019	3 604	348 182	292 519	-16,0	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	202	0	1 069	16 508	7 702	-53,3	
		R'000	1 982	200	4 723	82 157	35 828	-56,4	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	10 408	7 219	8 327	430 339	328 347	-23,7	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	140 272	59 032	61 158	1 721 743	1 612 297	-6,4

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct. 2015	Sep. 2016	Oct. 2016	Jan. - Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	482	448	574	4 880	6 045	23,9	
		square metres	24 475	23 489	28 387	246 276	298 343	21,1	
		R'000	100 648	118 972	160 946	967 505	1 249 565	29,2	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	433	408	284	3 993	3 671	-8,1	
		square metres	117 844	124 229	80 707	1 243 007	1 058 911	-14,8	
		R'000	838 452	925 854	623 785	8 685 399	7 856 919	-9,5	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	311	627	481	4 294	4 239	-1,3	
		square metres	36 771	74 191	62 269	393 379	442 589	12,5	
		R'000	304 434	604 294	465 412	3 008 361	3 573 005	18,8	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 221	0	11 415	7 639	-33,1	
		R'000	0	12 697	0	111 199	65 233	-41,3	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 243 534	1 661 817	1 250 143	12 772 464	12 744 722	-0,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	9 604	23 505	7 201	199 959	211 484	5,8	
		R'000	84 197	212 853	65 809	1 620 757	1 969 493	21,5	
	Shopping space	square metres	44 057	25 414	13 690	89 822	117 164	30,4	
		R'000	365 398	220 560	80 636	668 971	919 765	37,5	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	14 025	36 709	57 043	289 416	405 098	40,0	
		R'000	62 450	172 457	306 295	1 350 169	2 040 878	51,2	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 260	1 848	9 352	51 836	111 332	114,8	
		R'000	5 922	12 785	49 468	379 599	686 992	81,0	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	517 967	618 655	502 208	4 019 496	5 617 128	39,7
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	18 692	24 839	23 458	159 898	203 681	27,4
R'000			126 376	164 977	168 068	1 064 385	1 403 391	31,8	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	5 802	4 370	3 356	117 861	65 217	-44,7	
		R'000	42 059	33 954	34 959	848 401	588 923	-30,6	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	168 435	198 931	203 027	1 912 786	1 992 314	4,2	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	1 929 936	2 479 403	1 955 378	18 704 746	20 354 164	8,8

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct. 2015	Sep. 2016	Oct. 2016	Jan. - Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2016	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	102	73	64	752	869	15,6
		square metres	4 637	4 587	3 190	39 144	43 649	11,5
		R'000	18 211	16 643	11 789	152 311	166 779	9,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	90	77	84	832	727	-12,6
		square metres	22 097	18 232	19 629	186 185	164 308	-11,8
		R'000	97 011	80 637	90 163	837 533	745 999	-10,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	3	0	24	308	172	-44,2
		square metres	276	0	1 999	16 913	11 885	-29,7
		R'000	1 244	0	11 594	76 247	55 934	-26,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	155	0	0	1 959	1 001	-48,9
		R'000	698	0	0	8 816	4 505	-48,9
Total residential buildings	R'000	117 164	97 280	113 546	1 074 907	973 217	-9,5	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	9 771	0	610	12 625	9 265	-26,6
		R'000	40 335	0	2 440	55 918	48 780	-12,8
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 597	173	36 736	10 041	-72,7
		R'000	0	10 381	779	151 657	62 386	-58,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 369	2 206	3 247	29 786	28 872	-3,1
		R'000	25 479	13 056	14 936	135 296	145 792	7,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	420	0	9	2 036	6 491	218,8
		R'000	2 200	0	39	10 790	28 018	159,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	68 014	23 437	18 194	353 661	284 976	-19,4
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 305	7 437	6 946	93 578	65 288
R'000			40 992	31 668	29 149	399 518	276 531	-30,8
Other buildings 4/		square metres	710	0	1 214	5 615	11 859	111,2
		R'000	3 160	636	13 511	25 169	75 669	200,6
Total additions and alterations		R'000	44 152	32 304	42 660	424 687	352 200	-17,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	229 330	153 021	174 400	1 853 255	1 610 393	-13,1

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct. 2015	Sep. 2016	Oct. 2016	Jan. - Oct. 2015	Jan. - Oct. 2016	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	12	7	12	179	131	-26,8	
		square metres	608	484	763	10 127	8 022	-20,8	
		R'000	3 040	2 238	3 740	49 213	39 760	-19,2	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	20	18	24	191	232	21,5	
		square metres	5 829	5 435	5 396	49 819	59 289	19,0	
		R'000	28 718	27 012	26 399	241 489	285 710	18,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	27	32	12	196	218	11,2	
		square metres	4 670	2 505	601	22 062	19 768	-10,4	
		R'000	22 911	12 525	3 005	107 709	99 523	-7,6	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	135	344	154,8	
		R'000	0	0	0	675	1 720	154,8	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	54 669	41 775	33 144	399 086	426 713	6,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	209	309	1 332	4 632	3 539	-23,6	
		R'000	1 045	1 545	6 660	23 059	17 651	-23,5	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	26 566	3 432	3 988	33 037	728,4	
		R'000	0	132 830	17 160	17 299	161 539	833,8	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	1 155	8 871	7 012	-21,0	
		R'000	0	0	5 775	37 834	34 830	-7,9	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	14	7 817	15 688	8 689	-44,6	
		R'000	0	73	39 085	78 215	43 488	-44,4	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 045	134 448	68 680	156 407	257 508	64,6	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	309	817	67	3 369	5 420	60,9	
		R'000	1 296	4 014	335	14 997	26 025	73,5	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	334	421	1 543	1 291	-16,3	
		R'000	1 000	1 348	2 605	10 169	11 696	15,0	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	2 296	5 362	2 940	25 166	37 721	49,9	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	58 010	181 585	104 764	580 659	721 942	24,3

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

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

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

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

Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
	2	In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
Purpose of the survey	3	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
Scope of the survey	4	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	5	Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities, (SIC) Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02</i> . The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC)</i> with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
Collection rate	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for October 2016 was 92,7%. The collection rate for September 2016 was 95,5%.
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 2015. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: <i>Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP) Work Groups and Selected Materials Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base February 1991=100) are converted to the base year 2015=100.

- Seasonal adjustment** 10 Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by US Bureau of the Census Economic Research and Analyses Division, 1968.
- 11 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore, the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for building statistics is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at [Click to download building statistics seasonal adjustment May 2016.pdf](#)
- Trend cycle** 12 The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.
- Revised figures** 13 Revised figures are due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or to respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. Figures for the latest two years are therefore preliminary. Data are edited at municipal level.
- 14 Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* is published with the revised and updated information at provincial and municipal level for the previous calendar year. Due to this comprehensive revision, the monthly statistical release P5041.1 reflects provincial revision where applicable.
- Related publications** 15 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:
- P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* issued annually.
 - P9101.2: *Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region* issued annually.
 - *Building Statistics* (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.
- Rounding-off of figures** 16 Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.

Symbols and abbreviations

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

Glossary

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

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

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