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Results for January to September 2015

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

Estimates at current prices	January to September 2014	January to September 2015	Difference in value between January to September 2014 and January to September 2015	% change between January to September 2014 and January to September 2015
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	34 013 292	37 813 633	3 800 341	11,2
-Dwelling-houses	23 653 295	25 558 966	1 905 671	8,1
-Flats and townhouses	9 544 410	11 411 059	1 866 649	19,6
-Other residential buildings	815 587	843 608	28 021	3,4
Non-residential buildings	17 907 271	19 110 839	1 203 568	6,7
Additions and alterations	18 871 863	19 818 857	946 994	5,0
Total	70 792 426	76 743 329	5 950 903	8,4

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

Total value of recorded building plans passed at current prices

The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) increased by 8,4% (R5 950,9 million) during January to September 2015 compared with January to September 2014 (see Table A).

Increases were reported for residential buildings (11,2% or R3 800,3 million), non-residential buildings (6,7% or R1 203,6 million) and additions and alterations (5,0% or R947,0 million).

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

Estimates at current prices	January to September 2014	January to September 2015	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to September 2014	% change between January to September 2014 and January to September 2015	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January to September 2014 and January to September 2015	Difference in value between January to September 2014 and January to September 2015
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000				
Western Cape	16 648 821	19 016 587	23,5	14,2	3,3	2 367 766
Eastern Cape	3 698 320	3 890 955	5,2	5,2	0,3	192 635
Northern Cape	867 732	478 929	1,2	-44,8	-0,5	-388 803
Free State	2 861 991	2 784 379	4,0	-2,7	-0,1	-77 612
KwaZulu-Natal	13 003 211	12 611 480	18,4	-3,0	-0,6	-391 731
North West	2 427 259	2 600 105	3,4	7,1	0,2	172 846
Gauteng	26 785 077	30 537 274	37,8	14,0	5,3	3 752 197
Mpumalanga	3 196 457	3 301 123	4,5	3,3	0,1	104 666
Limpopo	1 303 558	1 522 497	1,8	16,8	0,3	218 939
Total	70 792 426	76 743 329	100,0	8,4	8,4	5 950 903

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

Six provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of building plans passed during January to September 2015. The increase in the value of building plans passed was dominated by Gauteng (contributing 5,3 percentage points or R3 752,2 million) and Western Cape (contributing 3,3 percentage points or R2 367,8 million) (see Table B).

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

Estimates at constant 2010 prices	January to September 2014	January to September 2015	Difference in value between January to September 2014 and January to September 2015	% change between January to September 2014 and January to September 2015
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	27 058 087	29 052 281	1 994 194	7,4
Non-residential buildings	14 250 276	14 661 866	411 590	2,9
Additions and alterations	15 007 129	15 228 639	221 510	1,5
Total	56 315 492	58 942 786	2 627 294	4,7

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

Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2010 prices) increased by 4,7% (R2 627,3 million) year-on-year during January to September 2015. Increases were recorded for residential buildings (7,4% or R1 994,2 million), non-residential buildings (2,9% or R411,6 million) and additions and alterations (1,5% or R221,5 million) (see Table C).

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

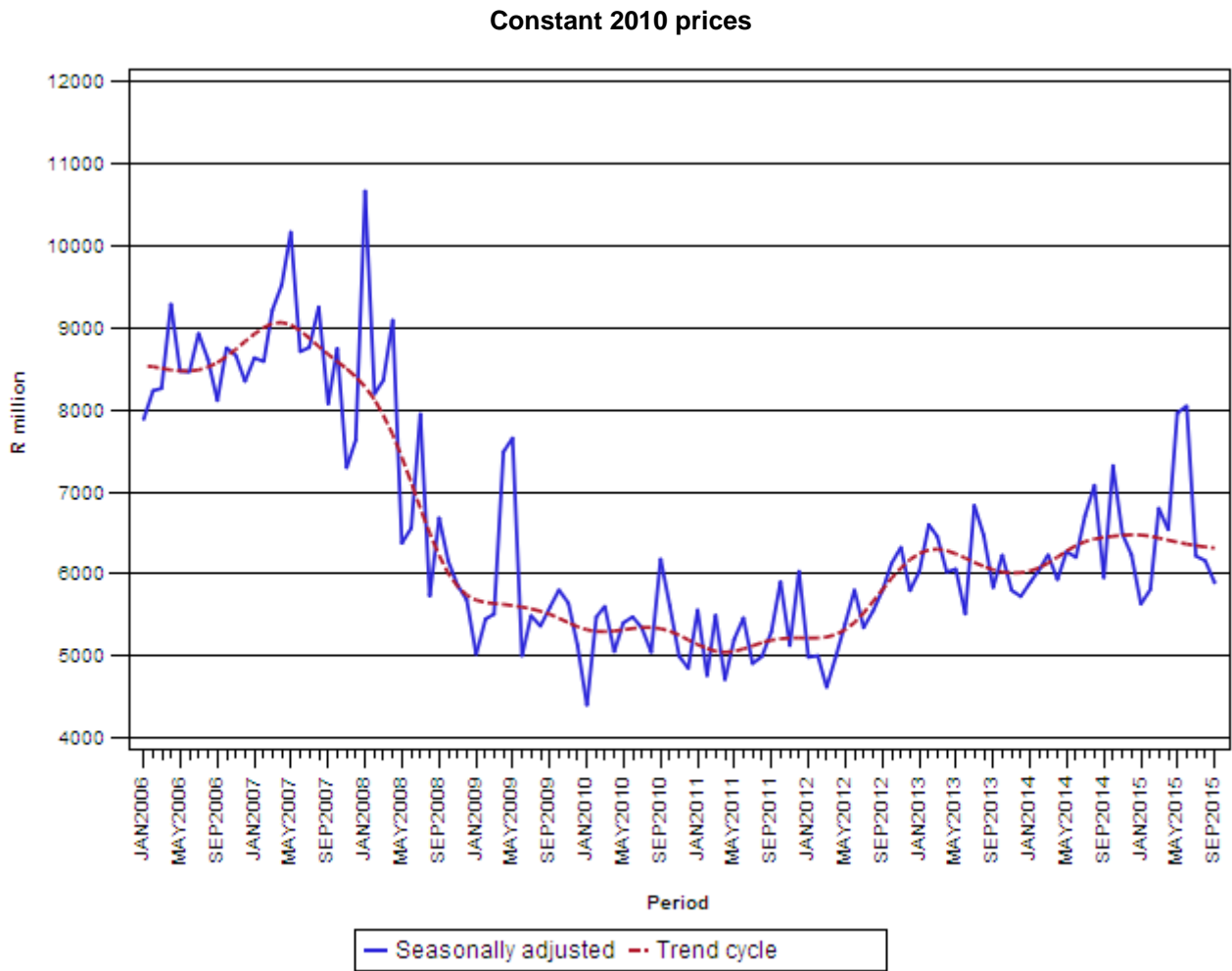
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2010 prices	April to June 2015	July to September 2015	% change between April to June 2015 and July to September 2015
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 796 979	9 386 611	-4,2
Non-residential buildings 1/	7 597 502	4 011 666	-47,2
Additions and alterations	5 154 846	4 879 942	-5,3
Total	22 549 326	18 278 219	-18,9

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed decreased by 18,9% during the third quarter of 2015 compared with the previous quarter. Non-residential buildings fell by 47,2% (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 September 2014 versus January to September 2015**

Estimates at current prices	January to September 2014	January to September 2015	Difference in value between January to September 2014 and January to September 2015	% change between January to September 2014 and January to September 2015
	1/	1/	R'000	
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	19 483 502	23 274 234	3 790 732	19,5
-Dwelling-houses	13 579 864	17 029 825	3 449 961	25,4
-Flats and townhouses	5 555 916	5 816 495	260 579	4,7
-Other residential buildings	347 722	427 914	80 192	23,1
Non-residential buildings	9 501 243	9 583 817	82 574	0,9
Additions and alterations	7 066 474	7 399 748	333 274	4,7
Total	36 051 219	40 257 799	4 206 580	11,7

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

Total value of buildings reported as completed at current prices

As indicated in Table E, the value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 11,7% (R4 206,6 million) during January to September 2015 compared with January to September 2014.

Residential buildings rose by 19,5% (R3 790,7 million).

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

Estimates at current prices	January to September 2014	January to September 2015	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to September 2014	% change between January to September 2014 and January to September 2015	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January to September 2014 and January to September 2015	Difference in value between January to September 2014 and January to September 2015
	1/	1/				
Western Cape	7 355 943	11 184 238	20,4	52,0	10,6	3 828 295
Eastern Cape	1 670 814	1 535 214	4,6	-8,1	-0,4	-135 600
Northern Cape	371 243	366 196	1,0	-1,4	0,0	-5 047
Free State	453 608	949 808	1,3	109,4	1,4	496 200
KwaZulu-Natal	4 455 806	5 716 327	12,4	28,3	3,5	1 260 521
North West	1 371 049	1 581 471	3,8	15,3	0,6	210 422
Gauteng	17 762 491	16 774 810	49,3	-5,6	-2,7	-987 681
Mpumalanga	2 108 747	1 627 086	5,8	-22,8	-1,3	-481 661
Limpopo	501 518	522 649	1,4	4,2	0,1	21 131
Total	36 051 219	40 257 799	100,0	11,7	11,7	4 206 580

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

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

Five provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to September 2015. Western Cape contributed 10,6 percentage points (R3 828,3 million) (see Table F).

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

Estimates at constant 2010 prices	January to September 2014	January to September 2015	Difference in value between January to September 2014 and January to September 2015	% change between January to September 2014 and January to September 2015
	1/	1/	R'000	
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	16 174 856	18 244 179	2 069 323	12,8
Non-residential buildings	8 360 917	7 866 281	-494 636	-5,9
Additions and alterations	6 006 133	5 886 379	-119 754	-2,0
Total	30 541 906	31 996 839	1 454 933	4,8

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

Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2010 prices) increased by 4,8% (R1 454,9 million) year-on-year during January to September 2015. Residential buildings rose by 12,8% (R2 069,3 million) (see Table G).

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

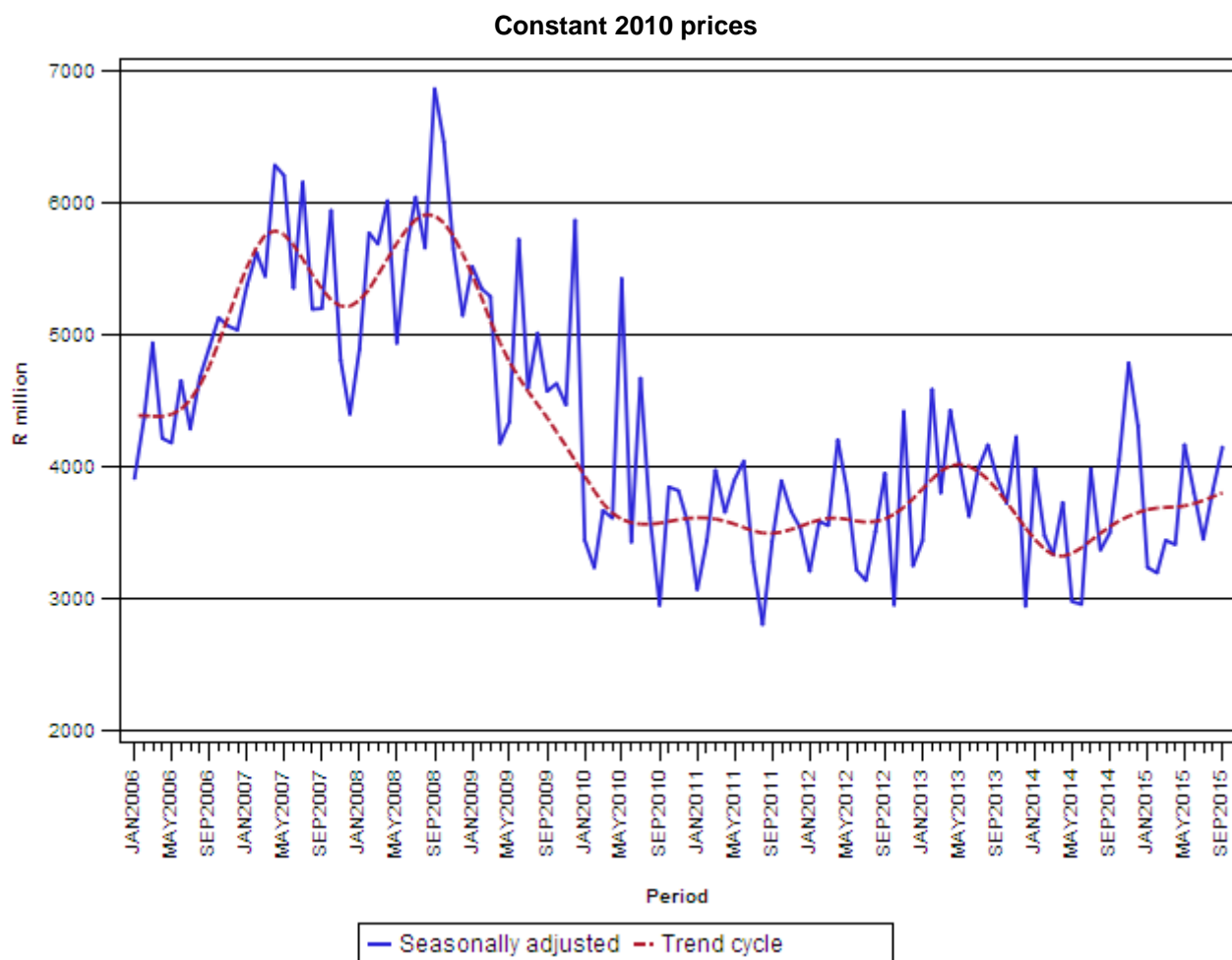
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2010 prices	April to June 2015	July to September 2015	% change between April to June 2015 and July to September 2015
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 993 137	6 203 558	-11,3
Non-residential buildings 1/	2 278 594	3 363 380	47,6
Additions and alterations	2 117 421	1 859 827	-12,2
Total	11 389 151	11 426 765	0,3

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 0,3% during the third quarter of 2015 compared with the previous quarter. Non-residential buildings rose by 47,6% (see Table H).

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



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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	3 235 268	48,9	1 344 728	-43,7	1 535 551	3,0	6 115 547	1,1
	February	3 267 441	-1,3	2 053 955	-5,3	2 056 519	2,3	7 377 915	-1,5
	March	3 468 612	17,4	2 275 160	7,6	1 952 793	15,3	7 696 565	13,8
	April	3 041 339	-2,6	1 726 454	2,1	1 976 731	-10,7	6 744 524	-4,0
	May	4 110 707	15,7	1 970 370	-1,5	1 913 499	-6,1	7 994 576	5,3
	June	3 911 224	20,4	2 034 001	59,6	1 918 240	3,5	7 863 465	23,3
	July	4 028 934	3,7	3 020 132	14,7	2 300 350	-1,6	9 349 416	5,6
	August	4 763 279	34,2	2 188 628	-12,4	2 596 407	20,7	9 548 314	16,5
	September	4 186 488	33,6	1 293 843	-32,0	2 621 773	13,8	8 102 104	10,4
	October	5 263 607	32,0	3 057 974	30,2	2 328 749	4,9	10 650 330	24,5
	November	4 150 427	40,9	2 113 168	3,1	2 278 644	-3,1	8 542 239	16,2
	December	2 955 810	21,2	1 872 912	15,4	1 877 595	14,8	6 706 317	17,7
	Total	46 383 136	21,1	24 951 325	1,1	25 356 851	4,3	96 691 312	10,8
2015	January	3 411 357	5,4	605 147	-55,0	1 669 101	8,7	5 685 605	-7,0
	February	3 825 309	17,1	1 179 924	-42,6	2 328 241	13,2	7 333 474	-0,6
	March	4 171 252	20,3	2 150 503	-5,5	2 254 077	15,4	8 575 832	11,4
	April	4 231 730	39,1	1 939 405	12,3	1 979 962	0,2	8 151 097	20,9
	May	4 217 439	2,6	4 007 877	103,4	2 175 725	13,7	10 401 041	30,1
	June	4 515 235	15,4	3 972 054	95,3	2 213 891	15,4	10 701 180	36,1
	July	4 486 702	11,4	1 898 845	-37,1	2 655 555	15,4	9 041 102	-3,3
	August	4 255 093	-10,7	1 850 190	-15,5	2 292 582	-11,7	8 397 865	-12,0
	September	4 699 516	12,3	1 506 894	16,5	2 249 723	-14,2	8 456 133	4,4

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	3 869 156	16,5	1 344 728	-17,2	1 998 941	-3,1	7 212 825	2,9
	February	3 420 443	-11,6	2 053 955	52,7	2 038 685	2,0	7 513 083	4,2
	March	3 374 177	-1,4	2 275 160	10,8	2 066 544	1,4	7 715 881	2,7
	April	3 527 913	4,6	1 726 454	-24,1	2 159 707	4,5	7 414 074	-3,9
	May	3 931 271	11,4	1 970 370	14,1	1 998 800	-7,5	7 900 441	6,6
	June	3 834 869	-2,5	2 034 001	3,2	1 951 872	-2,3	7 820 742	-1,0
	July	3 450 186	-10,0	3 020 132	48,5	2 010 969	3,0	8 481 287	8,4
	August	4 307 145	24,8	2 188 628	-27,5	2 490 950	23,9	8 986 723	6,0
	September	4 102 263	-4,8	1 293 843	-40,9	2 241 536	-10,0	7 637 643	-15,0
	October	4 304 362	4,9	3 057 974	136,3	2 036 666	-9,1	9 399 002	23,1
	November	4 125 106	-4,2	2 113 168	-30,9	2 108 004	3,5	8 346 278	-11,2
	December	3 899 880	-5,5	1 872 912	-11,4	2 246 680	6,6	8 019 472	-3,9
2015	January	4 377 286	12,2	605 147	-67,7	2 321 813	3,3	7 304 247	-8,9
	February	4 000 046	-8,6	1 179 924	95,0	2 311 365	-0,4	7 491 336	2,6
	March	4 385 800	9,6	2 150 503	82,3	2 270 586	-1,8	8 806 889	17,6
	April	4 386 085	0,0	1 939 405	-9,8	2 154 009	-5,1	8 479 498	-3,7
	May	4 018 291	-8,4	4 007 877	106,7	2 324 639	7,9	10 350 807	22,1
	June	4 339 061	8,0	3 972 054	-0,9	2 204 139	-5,2	10 515 254	1,6
	July	3 913 529	-9,8	1 898 845	-52,2	2 284 613	3,7	8 096 987	-23,0
	August	4 044 033	3,3	1 850 190	-2,6	2 160 399	-5,4	8 054 622	-0,5
	September	4 235 104	4,7	1 506 894	-18,6	1 929 826	-10,7	7 671 824	-4,8
	Apr. – Jun. 15	12 743 437		9 919 336		6 682 787		29 345 559	
	Jul. – Sep. 15 2/	12 192 666	-4,3	5 255 929	-47,0	6 374 838	-4,6	23 823 433	-18,8

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	2 651 859	39,9	1 102 236	-47,1	1 258 648	-3,2	5 012 743	-5,1
	February	2 641 424	-8,0	1 660 432	-11,7	1 662 505	-4,7	5 964 361	-8,2
	March	2 772 671	9,8	1 818 673	0,7	1 560 986	7,9	6 152 330	6,4
	April	2 431 126	-8,3	1 380 059	-3,8	1 580 121	-15,9	5 391 306	-9,6
	May	3 278 076	8,3	1 571 268	-7,8	1 525 916	-12,1	6 375 260	-1,4
	June	3 101 684	12,5	1 613 006	49,2	1 521 205	-3,3	6 235 895	15,3
	July	3 169 893	-2,7	2 376 186	7,6	1 809 874	-7,7	7 355 953	-1,0
	August	3 732 977	25,9	1 715 226	-17,8	2 034 802	13,2	7 483 005	9,3
	September	3 278 377	26,0	1 013 190	-35,9	2 053 072	7,3	6 344 639	4,1
	October	4 102 578	24,3	2 383 456	22,6	1 815 081	-1,3	8 301 115	17,2
	November	3 237 463	32,8	1 648 337	-2,8	1 777 413	-8,6	6 663 213	9,6
	December	2 307 424	14,6	1 462 070	9,1	1 465 726	8,5	5 235 220	11,3
	Total	36 705 552	13,6	19 744 139	-5,3	20 065 349	-2,1	76 515 040	3,9
2015	January	2 652 688	0,0	470 565	-57,3	1 297 901	3,1	4 421 154	-11,8
	February	2 979 213	12,8	918 944	-44,7	1 813 272	9,1	5 711 429	-4,2
	March	3 226 026	16,4	1 663 189	-8,5	1 743 292	11,7	6 632 507	7,8
	April	3 250 177	33,7	1 489 558	7,9	1 520 708	-3,8	6 260 443	16,1
	May	3 234 232	-1,3	3 073 525	95,6	1 668 501	9,3	7 976 258	25,1
	June	3 449 377	11,2	3 034 419	88,1	1 691 284	11,2	8 175 080	31,1
	July	3 414 537	7,7	1 445 088	-39,2	2 020 970	11,7	6 880 595	-6,5
	August	3 253 129	-12,9	1 414 518	-17,5	1 752 739	-13,9	6 420 386	-14,2
	September	3 592 902	9,6	1 152 060	13,7	1 719 972	-16,2	6 464 934	1,9

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	3 178 174	17,8	1 102 236	-17,8	1 615 129	-4,4	5 895 539	2,9
	February	2 764 778	-13,0	1 660 432	50,6	1 633 856	1,2	6 059 066	2,8
	March	2 770 048	0,2	1 818 673	9,5	1 645 042	0,7	6 233 763	2,9
	April	2 835 945	2,4	1 380 059	-24,1	1 716 480	4,3	5 932 483	-4,8
	May	3 096 177	9,2	1 571 268	13,9	1 607 223	-6,4	6 274 668	5,8
	June	3 022 289	-2,4	1 613 006	2,7	1 567 032	-2,5	6 202 327	-1,2
	July	2 742 340	-9,3	2 376 186	47,3	1 594 398	1,7	6 712 923	8,2
	August	3 403 379	24,1	1 715 226	-27,8	1 961 915	23,1	7 080 520	5,5
	September	3 197 160	-6,1	1 013 190	-40,9	1 743 527	-11,1	5 953 876	-15,9
	October	3 341 200	4,5	2 383 456	135,2	1 595 731	-8,5	7 320 387	23,0
	November	3 191 017	-4,5	1 648 337	-30,8	1 649 137	3,3	6 488 491	-11,4
	December	3 038 946	-4,8	1 462 070	-11,3	1 733 798	5,1	6 234 814	-3,9
2015	January	3 376 398	11,1	470 565	-67,8	1 787 553	3,1	5 634 516	-9,6
	February	3 112 481	-7,8	918 944	95,3	1 779 020	-0,5	5 810 445	3,1
	March	3 388 637	8,9	1 663 189	81,0	1 748 781	-1,7	6 800 607	17,0
	April	3 395 610	0,2	1 489 558	-10,4	1 655 217	-5,4	6 540 385	-3,8
	May	3 100 089	-8,7	3 073 525	106,3	1 788 527	8,1	7 962 140	21,7
	June	3 301 280	6,5	3 034 419	-1,3	1 711 102	-4,3	8 046 801	1,1
	July	3 016 385	-8,6	1 445 088	-52,4	1 758 482	2,8	6 219 955	-22,7
	August	3 087 963	2,4	1 414 518	-2,1	1 659 878	-5,6	6 162 359	-0,9
	September	3 282 263	6,3	1 152 060	-18,6	1 461 582	-11,9	5 895 905	-4,3
	Apr. – Jun. 15	9 796 979		7 597 502		5 154 846		22 549 326	
Jul. – Sep. 15 2/	9 386 611	-4,2	4 011 666	-47,2	4 879 942	-5,3	18 278 219	-18,9	

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	1 864 951	14,2	947 942	135,7	772 015	-1,9	3 584 908	27,0
	February	1 901 135	-10,4	1 024 739	-31,8	957 322	-22,4	3 883 196	-20,1
	March	2 225 573	12,2	1 117 237	3,6	793 665	-31,5	4 136 475	-2,0
	April	2 235 694	-2,0	1 279 830	1,7	629 675	-53,9	4 145 199	-15,5
	May	1 858 144	-4,0	667 245	-45,9	766 606	-26,5	3 291 995	-21,8
	June	1 952 010	-2,4	799 842	-28,1	651 885	-21,8	3 403 737	-13,8
	July	2 522 008	6,1	1 653 706	41,6	758 975	-35,0	4 934 689	4,7
	August	2 380 745	0,9	941 925	-38,1	936 852	-6,3	4 259 522	-12,7
	September	2 543 242	3,9	1 068 777	-1,2	799 479	-23,3	4 411 498	-3,5
	October	2 882 645	19,1	1 426 294	38,1	899 738	-12,0	5 208 677	16,4
	November	3 072 324	27,0	2 550 356	29,9	718 978	-18,8	6 341 658	20,4
	December	2 502 517	28,9	2 020 839	169,8	689 403	4,2	5 212 759	55,5
	Total	27 940 988	7,8	15 498 732	9,9	9 374 593	-23,2	52 814 313	1,1
2015	January	1 818 640	-2,5	785 616	-17,1	501 685	-35,0	3 105 941	-13,4
	February	2 087 746	9,8	1 019 816	-0,5	675 990	-29,4	3 783 552	-2,6
	March	2 568 046	15,4	858 760	-23,1	1 025 680	29,2	4 452 486	7,6
	April	2 608 404	16,7	730 600	-42,9	903 209	43,4	4 242 213	2,3
	May	3 119 539	67,9	968 348	45,1	797 255	4,0	4 885 142	48,4
	June	2 599 782	33,2	1 057 013	32,2	983 921	50,9	4 640 716	36,3
	July	2 635 346	4,5	1 095 693	-33,7	852 594	12,3	4 583 633	-7,1
	August	2 830 856	18,9	1 420 995	50,9	814 463	-13,1	5 066 314	18,9
	September	3 005 875	18,2	1 646 976	54,1	844 951	5,7	5 497 802	24,6

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	2 643 437	47,9	947 942	26,6	1 039 744	23,4	4 631 123	37,0
	February	2 103 362	-20,4	1 024 739	8,1	903 612	-13,1	4 031 713	-12,9
	March	2 112 497	0,4	1 117 237	9,0	582 447	-35,5	3 812 181	-5,4
	April	2 519 221	19,3	1 279 830	14,6	724 676	24,4	4 523 726	18,7
	May	2 027 329	-19,5	667 245	-47,9	811 473	12,0	3 506 047	-22,5
	June	2 061 723	1,7	799 842	19,9	644 888	-20,5	3 506 453	0,0
	July	2 360 272	14,5	1 653 706	106,8	691 366	7,2	4 705 344	34,2
	August	2 248 199	-4,7	941 925	-43,0	858 475	24,2	4 048 598	-14,0
	September	2 382 196	6,0	1 068 777	13,5	786 659	-8,4	4 237 632	4,7
	October	2 621 693	10,1	1 426 294	33,5	873 394	11,0	4 921 381	16,1
	November	2 532 663	-3,4	2 550 356	78,8	695 725	-20,3	5 778 744	17,4
	December	2 326 123	-8,2	2 020 839	-20,8	882 270	26,8	5 229 232	-9,5
2015	January	2 551 354	9,7	785 616	-61,1	677 473	-23,2	4 014 444	-23,2
	February	2 313 210	-9,3	1 019 816	29,8	637 486	-5,9	3 970 512	-1,1
	March	2 568 290	11,0	858 760	-15,8	924 348	45,0	4 351 399	9,6
	April	2 768 027	7,8	730 600	-14,9	835 524	-9,6	4 334 151	-0,4
	May	3 419 329	23,5	968 348	32,5	840 570	0,6	5 228 247	20,6
	June	2 767 115	-19,1	1 057 013	9,2	972 287	15,7	4 796 414	-8,3
	July	2 458 354	-11,2	1 095 693	3,7	787 686	-19,0	4 341 733	-9,5
	August	2 672 609	8,7	1 420 995	29,7	746 596	-5,2	4 840 200	11,5
	September	2 804 583	4,9	1 646 976	15,9	826 100	10,6	5 277 659	9,0
	Apr. – Jun. 15	8 954 471		2 755 961		2 648 381		14 358 812	
Jul. – Sep. 15 2/	7 935 546	-11,4	4 163 664	51,1	2 360 382	-10,9	14 459 592	0,7	

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	1 577 690	7,2	846 377	122,9	673 661	-7,2	3 097 728	20,2
	February	1 604 474	-16,0	914 946	-35,4	830 288	-26,3	3 349 708	-24,8
	March	1 871 420	5,2	994 868	-1,7	678 346	-35,6	3 544 634	-7,8
	April	1 870 720	-8,1	1 136 616	-3,5	534 529	-56,7	3 541 865	-20,4
	May	1 550 914	-9,8	589 960	-48,6	652 986	-30,6	2 793 860	-26,6
	June	1 622 819	-8,3	704 707	-31,8	552 913	-26,2	2 880 439	-18,9
	July	2 083 259	-0,3	1 443 024	33,9	636 724	-38,9	4 163 007	-1,1
	August	1 937 886	-6,2	816 934	-41,2	782 667	-12,3	3 537 487	-18,6
	September	2 055 674	-3,4	913 485	-7,0	664 019	-28,4	3 633 178	-10,0
	October	2 318 466	11,6	1 210 776	29,5	744 816	-18,0	4 274 058	9,0
	November	2 477 900	18,9	2 172 365	22,7	594 688	-24,0	5 244 953	13,1
	December	2 009 778	20,7	1 714 028	154,7	569 284	-2,3	4 293 090	47,0
	Total	22 981 000	0,8	13 458 086	3,6	7 914 921	-27,8	44 354 007	-5,1
2015	January	1 442 828	-8,5	659 074	-22,1	411 217	-39,0	2 513 119	-18,9
	February	1 646 859	2,6	851 977	-6,9	546 475	-34,2	3 045 311	-9,1
	March	2 021 858	8,0	713 256	-28,3	819 888	20,9	3 555 002	0,3
	April	2 046 444	9,4	604 801	-46,8	721 990	35,1	3 373 235	-4,8
	May	2 451 254	58,1	800 950	35,8	635 770	-2,6	3 887 974	39,2
	June	2 038 001	25,6	872 843	23,9	780 270	41,1	3 691 114	28,1
	July	2 054 194	-1,4	898 109	-37,8	670 806	5,4	3 623 109	-13,0
	August	2 209 477	14,0	1 148 743	40,6	638 294	-18,4	3 996 514	13,0
	September	2 333 264	13,5	1 316 528	44,1	661 669	-0,4	4 311 461	18,7

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 8 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2010 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2014	January	2 241 830	46,1	846 377	25,8	897 486	21,6	3 985 693	35,3
	February	1 783 994	-20,4	914 946	8,1	780 075	-13,1	3 479 014	-12,7
	March	1 847 935	3,6	994 868	8,7	495 363	-36,5	3 338 166	-4,0
	April	1 976 057	6,9	1 136 616	14,2	618 252	24,8	3 730 925	11,8
	May	1 696 361	-14,2	589 960	-48,1	694 798	12,4	2 981 119	-20,1
	June	1 707 227	0,6	704 707	19,4	547 857	-21,1	2 959 791	-0,7
	July	1 961 184	14,9	1 443 024	104,8	583 069	6,4	3 987 277	34,7
	August	1 830 864	-6,6	816 934	-43,4	721 420	23,7	3 369 218	-15,5
	September	1 934 242	5,6	913 485	11,8	655 376	-9,2	3 503 103	4,0
	October	2 117 671	9,5	1 210 776	32,5	724 073	10,5	4 052 520	15,7
	November	2 044 534	-3,5	2 172 365	79,4	572 457	-20,9	4 789 356	18,2
	December	1 871 828	-8,4	1 714 028	-21,1	724 587	26,6	4 310 443	-10,0
2015	January	2 031 313	8,5	659 074	-61,5	549 407	-24,2	3 239 794	-24,8
	February	1 832 779	-9,8	851 977	29,3	513 209	-6,6	3 197 965	-1,3
	March	1 996 024	8,9	713 256	-16,3	735 447	43,3	3 444 727	7,7
	April	2 136 658	7,0	604 801	-15,2	671 306	-8,7	3 412 764	-0,9
	May	2 694 597	26,1	800 950	32,4	673 829	0,4	4 169 376	22,2
	June	2 161 882	-19,8	872 843	9,0	772 286	14,6	3 807 011	-8,7
	July	1 931 512	-10,7	898 109	2,9	622 880	-19,3	3 452 501	-9,3
	August	2 087 428	8,1	1 148 743	27,9	588 113	-5,6	3 824 284	10,8
	September	2 184 618	4,7	1 316 528	14,6	648 834	10,3	4 149 980	8,5
	Apr. – Jun. 15	6 993 137		2 278 594		2 117 421		11 389 151	
	Jul. – Sep. 15 2/	6 203 558	-11,3	3 363 380	47,6	1 859 827	-12,2	11 426 765	0,3

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2014	Aug. 2015	Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2014	Jan. - Sep. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	1 672	3 062	1 596	16 308	17 761	8,9	
		Square metres	76 088	149 753	76 611	789 165	840 424	6,5	
		R'000	259 862	473 176	303 809	2 756 305	2 955 240	7,2	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	1 497	1 439	1 603	12 872	12 848	-0,2	
		Square metres	421 832	381 431	434 842	3 424 086	3 516 852	2,7	
		R'000	2 643 406	2 468 733	2 940 711	20 896 990	22 603 726	8,2	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	1 665	1 454	1 734	14 139	15 423	9,1	
		Square metres	187 058	153 292	175 291	1 377 467	1 541 729	11,9	
		R'000	1 264 809	1 306 397	1 363 753	9 544 410	11 411 059	19,6	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	3 225	1 372	11 758	138 481	115 829	-16,4	
		R'000	18 411	6 787	91 243	815 587	843 608	3,4	
	5. Total residential buildings		R'000	4 186 488	4 255 093	4 699 516	34 013 292	37 813 633	11,2
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	22 575	21 529	66 886	796 785	575 525	-27,8
R'000			150 457	189 047	528 696	6 269 787	4 638 643	-26,0	
2. Shopping space		Square metres	46 713	61 961	16 128	454 325	919 366	102,4	
		R'000	294 276	498 628	98 314	2 937 293	6 848 191	133,1	
3. Industrial and warehouse space		Square metres	114 144	181 888	118 581	1 375 033	1 114 032	-19,0	
		R'000	553 742	974 778	679 386	6 777 096	5 842 903	-13,8	
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		Square metres	50 547	30 295	38 893	326 000	309 034	-5,2	
		R'000	295 368	187 737	200 498	1 923 095	1 781 102	-7,4	
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 293 843	1 850 190	1 506 894	17 907 271	19 110 839	6,7	
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	307 001	260 764	283 596	2 377 849	2 359 117	-0,8
	R'000		1 843 338	1 650 599	1 788 209	13 467 474	14 193 962	5,4	
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	103 580	74 143	53 537	777 624	726 795	-6,5	
		R'000	778 435	641 983	461 514	5 404 389	5 624 895	4,1	
	3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	2 621 773	2 292 582	2 249 723	18 871 863	19 818 857	5,0
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	8 102 104	8 397 865	8 456 133	70 792 426	76 743 329	8,4	

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

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

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

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

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

		Sep. 2014	Aug. 2015	Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2014	Jan. - Sep. 2015	% change 1/		
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	350	463	335	4 205	4 338	3,2	
		Square metres	16 407	19 844	15 355	188 959	189 424	0,2	
		R'000	89 248	100 776	78 764	718 483	1 015 243	41,3	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	361	340	388	2 760	3 282	18,9	
		Square metres	81 539	95 376	97 754	652 261	833 416	27,8	
		R'000	516 933	572 986	625 094	3 950 430	5 242 164	32,7	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	293	457	604	2 063	4 089	98,2	
		Square metres	32 887	36 237	41 053	241 774	365 689	51,3	
		R'000	255 219	272 842	296 679	1 805 118	2 690 214	49,0	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	873	132	10 417	17 041	59 479	249,0	
		R'000	5 500	904	83 700	114 200	475 999	316,8	
	5. Total residential buildings		R'000	866 900	947 508	1 084 237	6 588 231	9 423 620	43,0
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	3 816	130	42 309	284 278	130 691	-54,0	
		R'000	28 236	1 040	318 921	2 142 033	993 933	-53,6	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	4 265	37 894	4 223	100 039	84 221	-15,8	
		R'000	27 984	316 229	35 940	683 048	687 627	0,7	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	30 460	30 461	17 579	295 918	252 158	-14,8	
		R'000	149 217	197 775	104 932	1 728 942	1 603 042	-7,3	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	4 130	10 170	7 963	134 178	116 476	-13,2	
		R'000	20 609	72 925	46 461	819 673	710 149	-13,4	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	226 046	587 969	506 254	5 373 696	3 994 751	-25,7
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	78 080	71 954	69 086	592 590	679 918	14,7
R'000			454 997	424 897	388 561	3 146 760	3 848 124	22,3	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	14 173	34 107	13 001	193 744	173 542	-10,4	
		R'000	151 732	318 623	164 507	1 540 134	1 750 092	13,6	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	606 729	743 520	553 068	4 686 894	5 598 216	19,4	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 699 675	2 278 997	2 143 559	16 648 821	19 016 587	14,2	

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2014	Aug. 2015	Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2014	Jan. - Sep. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	41	47	208	1 029	1 485	44,3	
		Square metres	2 151	2 343	8 910	46 507	64 600	38,9	
		R'000	7 869	8 861	22 241	136 311	171 351	25,7	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	85	49	86	778	732	-5,9	
		Square metres	25 958	12 310	19 385	180 761	178 624	-1,2	
		R'000	141 699	63 639	111 904	903 217	1 012 114	12,1	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	20	15	14	191	260	36,1	
		Square metres	1 828	1 525	2 460	18 414	29 063	57,8	
		R'000	9 193	7 853	14 268	95 590	160 580	68,0	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	699	7 546	2 415	-68,0	
		R'000	0	0	3 049	38 960	14 203	-63,5	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	158 761	80 353	151 462	1 174 078	1 358 248	15,7	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	136	0	10 806	5 301	-50,9	
		R'000	0	802	0	46 823	28 376	-39,4	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	6 023	0	253	52 257	91 690	75,5	
		R'000	28 057	0	1 230	288 050	576 651	100,2	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	7 394	3 560	5 150	104 711	53 980	-48,4	
		R'000	40 667	18 231	26 949	498 862	266 528	-46,6	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	386	4 241	5 357	13 451	24 866	84,9	
		R'000	1 544	15 455	26 513	55 295	120 545	118,0	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	70 268	34 488	54 692	889 030	992 100	11,6
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	32 839	19 508	26 903	246 987	239 937	-2,9
R'000			162 798	95 313	138 295	1 182 912	1 220 610	3,2	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	14 778	9 657	4 456	101 940	65 943	-35,3	
		R'000	66 651	43 251	25 101	452 300	319 997	-29,3	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	229 449	138 564	163 396	1 635 212	1 540 607	-5,8	
4. Recorded plans passed		R'000	458 478	253 405	369 550	3 698 320	3 890 955	5,2	

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2014	Aug. 2015	Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2014	Jan. - Sep. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	0	0	0	15	22	46,7
		Square metres	0	0	0	726	1 234	70,0
		R'000	0	0	0	3 202	7 410	131,4
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	10	10	20	289	125	-56,7
		Square metres	2 427	2 007	3 306	47 391	25 816	-45,5
		R'000	12 056	13 350	17 692	225 026	140 664	-37,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	214	0	..
		Square metres	0	0	0	16 698	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	71 889	0	..
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	29 528	5 600	-81,0
		R'000	0	0	0	132 686	44 638	-66,4
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	12 056	13 350	17 692	432 803	192 712	-55,5	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	0	0	1 516	102	-93,3
		R'000	0	0	0	7 580	612	-91,9
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	4 815	0	0	13 555	228	-98,3
		R'000	21 668	0	0	61 925	1 186	-98,1
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	2 725	0	0	16 327	1 993	-87,8
		R'000	12 263	0	0	74 837	10 962	-85,4
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	833	379	1 672	1 714	2,5
		R'000	0	4 457	2 068	7 404	8 855	19,6
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	33 931	4 457	2 068	151 746	21 615	-85,8
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	4 080	4 593	5 299	42 948	40 089
R'000			21 073	29 355	33 530	200 627	228 377	13,8
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	0	337	384	16 851	5 634	-66,6
		R'000	200	2 247	3 264	82 556	36 225	-56,1
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	21 273	31 602	36 794	283 183	264 602	-6,6
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	67 260	49 409	56 554	867 732	478 929	-44,8

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2014	Aug. 2015	Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2014	Jan. - Sep. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	60	178	66	468	1 359	190,4	
		Square metres	3 450	10 003	3 454	26 258	73 822	181,1	
		R'000	9 519	35 361	10 209	79 324	192 354	142,5	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	112	63	67	689	658	-4,5	
		Square metres	23 362	13 382	12 409	140 365	133 428	-4,9	
		R'000	116 586	74 585	66 962	674 275	695 130	3,1	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	33	24	9	739	334	-54,8	
		Square metres	5 665	2 439	1 320	78 598	33 422	-57,5	
		R'000	33 879	17 073	9 240	434 592	208 204	-52,1	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	1 356	121	642	37 143	20 962	-43,6	
		R'000	8 141	847	4 494	189 442	121 643	-35,8	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	168 125	127 866	90 905	1 377 633	1 217 331	-11,6	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	6 066	0	121	12 381	7 181	-42,0	
		R'000	42 462	0	847	79 434	48 341	-39,1	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	9 251	4 257	262	31 693	78 366	147,3	
		R'000	60 773	34 011	1 179	186 345	457 200	145,4	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	0	4 195	1 170	65 567	48 576	-25,9	
		R'000	0	20 722	5 265	295 785	242 586	-18,0	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	14 985	0	867	28 863	9 497	-67,1	
		R'000	79 202	0	4 452	164 896	51 496	-68,8	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	182 437	54 733	11 743	726 460	799 623	10,1
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	17 720	13 179	11 099	121 199	116 020	-4,3
R'000			81 362	66 465	55 793	537 452	564 227	5,0	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	2 143	2 879	3 328	35 660	27 999	-21,5	
		R'000	14 071	23 281	23 162	220 446	203 198	-7,8	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	95 433	89 746	78 955	757 898	767 425	1,3	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	445 995	272 345	181 603	2 861 991	2 784 379	-2,7	

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2014	Aug. 2015	Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2014	Jan. - Sep. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	34	19	15	1 638	225	-86,3
		Square metres	1 863	1 167	883	69 942	13 051	-81,3
		R'000	12 351	8 824	7 116	233 359	97 557	-58,2
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	154	118	144	1 141	1 198	5,0
		Square metres	47 982	39 787	43 483	341 468	370 089	8,4
		R'000	377 684	362 241	421 072	2 665 453	3 166 165	18,8
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	440	653	204	2 626	1 856	-29,3
		Square metres	46 654	82 950	37 930	297 025	247 460	-16,7
		R'000	383 668	791 311	352 868	2 203 282	2 059 359	-6,5
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	25 617	6 769	-73,6
		R'000	0	0	0	200 956	68 031	-66,1
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	773 703	1 162 376	781 056	5 303 050	5 391 112	1,7	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	3 923	0	0	200 807	86 398	-57,0
		R'000	18 679	0	0	1 706 740	606 196	-64,5
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	4 435	14 043	3 690	62 067	113 271	82,5
		R'000	35 591	118 049	16 605	471 293	941 631	99,8
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	6 454	102 954	14 053	297 233	299 444	0,7
		R'000	31 976	544 191	77 230	1 406 331	1 562 608	11,1
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	20 006	8 540	1 061	57 693	54 872	-4,9
		R'000	128 123	61 369	4 244	358 327	364 871	1,8
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	214 369	723 609	98 079	3 942 691	3 475 306	-11,9
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	32 833	30 081	34 093	280 110	259 465
R'000			255 748	253 889	291 814	2 082 402	2 091 013	0,4
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	35 604	11 629	5 744	204 601	195 771	-4,3
		R'000	330 979	130 377	64 636	1 675 068	1 654 049	-1,3
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	586 727	384 266	356 450	3 757 470	3 745 062	-0,3
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 574 799	2 270 251	1 235 585	13 003 211	12 611 480	-3,0

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2014	Aug. 2015	Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2014	Jan. - Sep. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	2	433	6	66	1 071	1 522,7
		Square metres	124	26 524	325	4 352	55 815	1 182,5
		R'000	648	102 335	1 485	18 862	178 053	844,0
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	76	162	127	714	811	13,6
		Square metres	21 844	27 309	27 275	181 731	192 814	6,1
		R'000	110 635	131 759	132 736	888 220	952 719	7,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	189	32	54	1 024	927	-9,5
		Square metres	23 207	1 092	3 599	92 801	73 827	-20,4
		R'000	95 972	5 185	19 350	443 825	404 722	-8,8
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	1 580	1 310	-17,1
		R'000	0	0	0	5 968	6 841	14,6
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	207 255	239 279	153 571	1 356 875	1 542 335	13,7	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	2 220	3 073	104	5 565	8 640	55,3
		R'000	11 100	18 985	572	28 780	46 526	61,7
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	1 761	1 260	801	30 741	36 803	19,7
		R'000	9 548	5 822	3 945	146 228	199 622	36,5
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	1 578	326	11 366	26 991	20 573	-23,8
		R'000	6 715	1 467	58 781	111 527	99 150	-11,1
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	4 680	900	10 825	25 263	18 839	-25,4
		R'000	22 682	5 400	48 713	126 947	84 390	-33,5
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	50 045	31 674	112 011	413 482	429 688	3,9
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	16 999	13 344	11 770	123 734	108 732
R'000			80 694	63 404	56 543	553 196	509 446	-7,9
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	2 316	486	1 528	21 362	19 832	-7,2
		R'000	13 383	5 035	11 376	103 706	118 636	14,4
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	94 077	68 439	67 919	656 902	628 082	-4,4
4. Recorded plans passed		1. Total at current prices	R'000	351 377	339 392	333 501	2 427 259	2 600 105

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2014	Aug. 2015	Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2014	Jan. - Sep. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	1 117	1 822	845	7 537	8 174	8,5	
		Square metres	48 241	85 027	41 600	381 329	385 945	1,2	
		R'000	122 616	194 832	157 445	1 283 046	1 044 338	-18,6	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	529	500	608	4 924	4 208	-14,5	
		Square metres	173 849	141 817	191 074	1 476 262	1 319 425	-10,6	
		R'000	1 169 100	1 012 623	1 380 684	9 745 388	9 201 657	-5,6	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	544	257	729	6 346	7 164	12,9	
		Square metres	69 070	26 921	81 541	557 948	712 918	27,8	
		R'000	452 390	202 462	639 597	4 159 242	5 510 494	32,5	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	269	0	0	10 608	5 831	-45,0	
		R'000	1 397	0	0	91 092	44 550	-51,1	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	1 745 503	1 409 917	2 177 726	15 278 768	15 801 039	3,4	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	5 798	11 416	23 235	275 249	314 863	14,4	
		R'000	46 596	115 204	202 771	2 230 414	2 785 456	24,9	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	14 986	1 301	2 992	104 421	455 177	335,9	
		R'000	105 547	9 927	21 833	768 426	3 697 049	381,1	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	42 258	37 133	60 384	455 522	359 121	-21,2	
		R'000	212 608	177 757	367 163	2 145 853	1 677 050	-21,8	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	6 360	2 574	11 390	49 978	55 996	12,0	
		R'000	43 208	13 871	62 861	320 973	312 679	-2,6	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	407 959	316 759	654 628	5 465 666	8 472 234	55,0
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	96 836	90 787	106 360	763 471	730 941	-4,3
R'000			666 162	637 203	736 307	4 873 698	4 895 451	0,4	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	31 214	14 459	19 435	178 329	208 580	17,0	
		R'000	182 675	108 633	140 452	1 166 945	1 368 550	17,3	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	848 837	745 836	876 759	6 040 643	6 264 001	3,7	
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	3 002 299	2 472 512	3 709 113	26 785 077	30 537 274	14,0	

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2014	Aug. 2015	Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2014	Jan. - Sep. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	49	80	89	1 074	836	-22,2	
		Square metres	2 907	3 710	4 188	54 983	42 581	-22,6	
		R'000	13 012	16 512	16 764	202 639	177 124	-12,6	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	100	155	113	1 153	1 349	17,0	
		Square metres	27 546	35 886	26 783	282 111	324 657	15,1	
		R'000	119 543	175 628	123 233	1 278 371	1 544 085	20,8	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	83	0	80	651	268	-58,8	
		Square metres	3 959	0	4 847	41 092	16 762	-59,2	
		R'000	17 926	0	20 052	189 402	74 256	-60,8	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	727	1 119	0	4 489	7 413	65,1	
		R'000	3 373	5 036	0	22 654	40 686	79,6	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	153 854	197 176	160 049	1 693 066	1 836 151	8,5	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	300	6 162	0	2 678	15 344	473,0	
		R'000	1 350	50 000	0	12 314	96 119	680,6	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	380	3 206	3 907	43 498	54 711	25,8	
		R'000	1 523	14 590	17 582	229 992	264 987	15,2	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	15 900	600	8 879	87 782	64 488	-26,5	
		R'000	67 108	4 200	39 066	407 040	322 515	-20,8	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	2 808	702	10 534	9 255	-12,1	
		R'000	0	13 115	3 441	50 250	44 600	-11,2	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	69 981	81 905	60 089	699 596	728 221	4,1
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	21 671	13 290	14 834	157 315	141 524	-10,0
R'000			93 733	60 475	67 551	674 567	635 330	-5,8	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	2 531	552	4 603	18 990	17 976	-5,3	
		R'000	14 625	10 371	21 192	129 228	101 421	-21,5	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	108 358	70 846	88 743	803 795	736 751	-8,3	
4. Recorded plans passed		R'000	332 193	349 927	308 881	3 196 457	3 301 123	3,3	

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2014	Aug. 2015	Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2014	Jan. - Sep. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	19	20	32	276	251	-9,1	
		Square metres	945	1 135	1 896	16 109	13 952	-13,4	
		R'000	4 599	5 675	9 785	81 079	71 810	-11,4	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	70	42	50	424	485	14,4	
		Square metres	17 325	13 557	13 373	121 736	138 583	13,8	
		R'000	79 170	61 922	61 334	566 610	649 028	14,5	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	63	16	40	285	525	84,2	
		Square metres	3 788	2 128	2 541	33 117	62 588	89,0	
		R'000	16 562	9 671	11 699	141 470	303 230	114,3	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	4 929	6 050	22,7	
		R'000	0	0	0	19 629	27 017	37,6	
	5. Total residential buildings		R'000	100 331	77 268	82 818	808 788	1 051 085	30,0
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	452	612	1 117	3 505	7 005	99,9
R'000			2 034	3 016	5 585	15 669	33 084	111,1	
2. Shopping space		Square metres	797	0	0	16 054	4 899	-69,5	
		R'000	3 585	0	0	101 986	22 238	-78,2	
3. Industrial and warehouse space		Square metres	7 375	2 659	0	24 982	13 699	-45,2	
		R'000	33 188	10 435	0	107 919	58 462	-45,8	
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		Square metres	0	229	349	4 368	17 519	301,1	
		R'000	0	1 145	1 745	19 330	83 517	332,1	
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	38 807	14 596	7 330	244 904	197 301	-19,4	
3. Additions and alterations		1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	5 943	4 028	4 152	49 495	42 491	-14,2
	R'000		26 771	19 598	19 815	215 860	201 384	-6,7	
	2. Other buildings 4/	Square metres	821	37	1 058	6 147	11 518	87,4	
		R'000	4 119	165	7 824	34 006	72 727	113,9	
	3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	30 890	19 763	27 639	249 866	274 111	9,7
	4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	170 028	111 627	117 787	1 303 558	1 522 497	16,8

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2014	Aug. 2015	Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2014	Jan. - Sep. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	1 278	1 080	1 428	10 336	11 653	12,7	
		Square metres	61 023	53 852	71 297	501 674	582 018	16,0	
		R'000	226 121	208 994	272 609	1 730 810	2 226 905	28,7	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	899	997	1 137	7 581	8 943	18,0	
		Square metres	247 753	259 781	290 562	1 938 654	2 343 542	20,9	
		R'000	1 589 428	1 647 045	1 852 521	11 849 054	14 802 920	24,9	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	1 034	1 184	1 060	8 899	8 291	-6,8	
		Square metres	100 385	120 227	107 977	864 841	817 098	-5,5	
		R'000	638 046	910 083	878 765	5 555 916	5 816 495	4,7	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	14 297	10 019	425	63 996	65 650	2,6	
		R'000	89 647	64 734	1 980	347 722	427 914	23,1	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	2 543 242	2 830 856	3 005 875	19 483 502	23 274 234	19,5	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	62 335	44 851	87 908	359 173	377 042	5,0	
		R'000	481 810	297 311	623 552	2 763 842	2 870 916	3,9	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	39 968	50 968	70 151	322 600	317 503	-1,6	
		R'000	226 235	252 431	573 342	2 224 595	2 164 627	-2,7	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	61 964	124 767	74 389	783 011	702 371	-10,3	
		R'000	318 305	704 449	359 622	3 672 161	3 563 358	-3,0	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	8 101	25 662	12 150	138 135	153 240	10,9	
		R'000	42 427	166 804	90 460	840 645	984 916	17,2	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 068 777	1 420 995	1 646 976	9 501 243	9 583 817	0,9
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	94 004	105 327	122 531	842 390	895 049	6,3
R'000			518 432	601 726	676 823	4 587 754	4 852 149	5,8	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	36 331	24 674	21 297	386 278	327 463	-15,2	
		R'000	281 047	212 737	168 128	2 478 720	2 547 599	2,8	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	799 479	814 463	844 951	7 066 474	7 399 748	4,7	
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	4 411 498	5 066 314	5 497 802	36 051 219	40 257 799	11,7	

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2014	Aug. 2015	Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2014	Jan. - Sep. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	601	361	318	4 315	3 890	-9,8	
		Square metres	26 586	16 166	14 096	188 341	181 319	-3,7	
		R'000	86 056	77 308	58 463	534 526	765 100	43,1	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	211	251	307	1 472	2 413	63,9	
		Square metres	49 897	63 882	67 170	374 539	573 926	53,2	
		R'000	287 408	391 226	395 902	2 106 006	3 435 195	63,1	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	169	648	182	1 526	2 139	40,2	
		Square metres	23 801	47 880	22 903	168 914	216 047	27,9	
		R'000	157 345	355 395	166 711	1 076 130	1 551 853	44,2	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	1 363	0	21 777	13 372	-38,6	
		R'000	0	6 788	0	124 129	82 961	-33,2	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	530 809	830 717	621 076	3 840 791	5 835 109	51,9	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	28 262	38 250	38 335	73 681	116 746	58,4	
		R'000	186 534	251 788	244 036	486 926	765 320	57,2	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	5 425	5 954	16 162	14 021	82 197	486,2	
		R'000	32 512	38 656	116 736	76 597	583 279	661,5	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	12 390	53 377	3 689	77 523	175 076	125,8	
		R'000	70 346	331 440	23 270	402 685	1 043 154	159,0	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	5 044	9 199	8 149	40 044	58 693	46,6	
		R'000	23 960	51 356	61 455	223 179	358 286	60,5	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	313 352	673 240	445 497	1 189 387	2 750 039	131,2
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	32 561	46 600	49 401	285 134	361 874	26,9
R'000			157 644	219 672	235 929	1 317 612	1 722 292	30,7	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	11 844	5 958	5 162	157 857	91 297	-42,2	
		R'000	119 498	66 521	59 694	1 008 153	876 798	-13,0	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	277 142	286 193	295 623	2 325 765	2 599 090	11,8	
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 121 303	1 790 150	1 362 196	7 355 943	11 184 238	52,0	

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2014	Aug. 2015	Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2014	Jan. - Sep. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	30	55	31	350	729	108,3
		Square metres	1 728	2 831	1 636	17 579	33 451	90,3
		R'000	9 490	10 790	6 221	54 550	92 933	70,4
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	63	69	51	457	477	4,4
		Square metres	11 031	11 403	9 378	90 147	96 099	6,6
		R'000	51 346	54 529	47 543	429 297	468 270	9,1
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	99	12	14	430	122	-71,6
		Square metres	5 084	1 162	1 511	32 609	12 220	-62,5
		R'000	24 154	6 304	8 153	153 417	63 075	-58,9
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	2 039	5 138	0	2 979	8 838	196,7
		R'000	13 254	26 584	0	19 364	43 639	125,4
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	98 244	98 207	61 917	656 628	667 917	1,7	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	0	0	4 680	859	-81,6
		R'000	0	0	0	19 011	4 500	-76,3
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	10 269	480	0	31 557	7 179	-77,3
		R'000	50 797	2 476	0	145 240	35 147	-75,8
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	6 570	16 342	23 081	96 756	92 660	-4,2
		R'000	28 690	73 539	103 865	394 163	443 493	12,5
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	49	0	0	6 358	4 343	-31,7
		R'000	155	0	0	24 545	21 300	-13,2
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	79 642	76 015	103 865	582 959	504 440	-13,5
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	7 110	3 034	4 580	69 551	64 107
R'000			31 375	14 786	21 462	278 749	268 939	-3,5
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	1 757	591	1 885	36 579	16 674	-54,4
		R'000	7 490	2 630	8 004	152 478	93 918	-38,4
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	38 865	17 416	29 466	431 227	362 857	-15,9
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	216 751	191 638	195 248	1 670 814	1 535 214	-8,1

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

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

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

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

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

		Sep. 2014	Aug. 2015	Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2014	Jan. - Sep. 2015	% change 1/		
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	21	0	0	49	38	-22,4	
		Square metres	941	0	0	2 452	2 111	-13,9	
		R'000	5 032	0	0	13 168	11 761	-10,7	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	12	11	5	80	159	98,8	
		Square metres	2 634	2 737	847	16 556	22 893	38,3	
		R'000	13 535	15 393	4 578	78 043	128 859	65,1	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	22	42	90,9	
		Square metres	0	0	0	2 944	2 940	-0,1	
		R'000	0	0	0	12 689	16 170	27,4	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	0	640	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	3 520	0	..	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	18 567	15 393	4 578	107 420	156 790	46,0	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	0	1 461	14 879	2 119	-85,8	
		R'000	0	0	8 766	50 589	12 580	-75,1	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	1 016	0	0	2 398	678	-71,7	
		R'000	5 018	0	0	11 238	4 102	-63,5	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	2 975	256	925	9 015	3 198	-64,5	
		R'000	16 363	1 536	5 550	46 942	16 363	-65,1	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	0	0	242	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	1 089	0	..	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	21 381	1 536	14 316	109 858	33 045	-69,9
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	2 107	2 066	2 613	19 525	20 381	4,4
R'000			10 334	13 064	16 970	92 460	114 294	23,6	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	0	52	263	12 254	10 723	-12,5	
		R'000	0	549	2 452	61 505	62 067	0,9	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	10 334	13 613	19 422	153 965	176 361	14,5	
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	50 282	30 542	38 316	371 243	366 196	-1,4	

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

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

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

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

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

		Sep. 2014	Aug. 2015	Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2014	Jan. - Sep. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	63	183	276	427	1 520	256,0
		Square metres	3 177	9 672	15 341	22 826	83 399	265,4
		R'000	7 118	18 876	40 501	55 976	192 253	243,5
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	17	17	22	140	202	44,3
		Square metres	2 921	2 915	3 744	30 185	35 391	17,2
		R'000	13 288	14 451	19 714	143 694	168 724	17,4
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	168	201	19,6
		Square metres	0	0	0	18 431	25 713	39,5
		R'000	0	0	0	91 480	126 428	38,2
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	290	7 274	24 876	242,0
		R'000	0	0	1 305	32 916	143 813	336,9
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	20 406	33 327	61 520	324 066	631 218	94,8	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	0	0	895	2 405	168,7
		R'000	0	0	0	4 923	14 382	192,1
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	0	6 379	1 466	12 585	758,5
		R'000	0	0	42 452	5 730	71 514	1 148,1
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	0	0	790	0	4 597	..
		R'000	0	0	4 582	0	19 810	..
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	0	0	1 090	4 453	308,5
		R'000	0	0	0	4 014	26 615	563,1
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	47 034	14 667	132 321	802,2
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	4 086	2 222	2 261	17 182	25 738
R'000			18 206	10 000	11 069	75 658	118 063	56,0
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	333	0	275	3 371	7 638	126,6
		R'000	3 297	926	3 553	39 217	68 206	73,9
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	21 503	10 926	14 622	114 875	186 269	62,1
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	41 909	44 253	123 176	453 608	949 808	109,4

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2014	Aug. 2015	Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2014	Jan. - Sep. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	14	26	26	145	186	28,3
		Square metres	777	1 544	1 451	8 314	11 082	33,3
		R'000	4 544	14 251	13 880	55 217	97 600	76,8
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	60	60	68	582	570	-2,1
		Square metres	20 282	14 037	15 770	171 089	148 938	-12,9
		R'000	164 192	126 575	118 344	1 330 913	1 187 199	-10,8
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	55	178	48	1 030	727	-29,4
		Square metres	11 766	28 655	8 886	115 148	122 076	6,0
		R'000	85 613	262 686	74 899	841 947	982 724	16,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	2 096	0	0	3 983	..
R'000		0	21 527	0	0	32 601	..	
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	254 349	425 039	207 123	2 228 077	2 300 124	3,2	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	24 884	2 257	0	56 894	48 038	-15,6
		R'000	226 794	22 570	0	485 927	449 878	-7,4
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	10 435	35 335	19 263	94 659	391,4
		R'000	0	63 809	353 350	153 294	831 933	442,7
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	7 487	20 269	16 871	67 973	102 460	50,7
		R'000	63 373	113 931	92 603	349 961	534 966	52,9
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	0	3 938	8 843	12 767	44,4
		R'000	0	0	28 602	54 639	93 041	70,3
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	290 167	200 310	474 555	1 043 821	1 909 818	83,0
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	11 030	15 186	16 862	107 541	111 424
R'000			96 380	145 313	134 804	903 030	977 174	8,2
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	3 047	3 111	4 746	34 986	66 384	89,7
		R'000	30 294	28 424	30 671	280 878	529 211	88,4
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	126 674	173 737	165 475	1 183 908	1 506 385	27,2
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	671 190	799 086	847 153	4 455 806	5 716 327	28,3

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

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

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

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

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

		Sep. 2014	Aug. 2015	Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2014	Jan. - Sep. 2015	% change 1/		
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	1	12	14	161	65	-59,6	
		Square metres	55	759	818	9 156	4 177	-54,4	
		R'000	121	3 764	5 054	34 145	17 193	-49,6	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	45	126	82	791	645	-18,5	
		Square metres	12 505	29 107	21 160	125 111	132 414	5,8	
		R'000	64 231	141 425	97 974	572 933	611 551	6,7	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	14	20	40	643	610	-5,1	
		Square metres	1 274	1 337	3 407	51 134	48 299	-5,5	
		R'000	5 742	5 680	16 114	251 313	216 272	-13,9	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	1 222	0	0	1 415	1 227	-13,3	
		R'000	5 132	0	0	5 808	4 908	-15,5	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	75 226	150 869	119 142	864 199	849 924	-1,7	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	989	2 418	7 236	9 243	27,7	
		R'000	0	4 945	13 411	36 073	50 099	38,9	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	15 065	3 202	255	39 959	33 716	-15,6	
		R'000	76 624	15 974	1 140	219 747	166 123	-24,4	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	0	0	1 524	20 194	16 701	-17,3	
		R'000	0	0	8 534	74 852	70 202	-6,2	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	0	0	4 674	5 104	9,2	
		R'000	0	0	0	23 308	25 192	8,1	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	76 624	20 919	23 085	353 980	311 616	-12,0
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	2 819	12 591	14 375	17 984	82 676	359,7
R'000			12 591	52 787	63 773	78 334	339 756	333,7	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	7 845	1 294	2 152	13 720	16 306	18,8	
		R'000	45 852	6 231	12 149	74 536	80 175	7,6	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	58 443	59 018	75 922	152 870	419 931	174,7	
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	210 293	230 806	218 149	1 371 049	1 581 471	15,3	

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2014	Aug. 2015	Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2014	Jan. - Sep. 2015	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	467	387	706	3 640	4 398	20,8	
		Square metres	22 951	19 800	34 814	187 281	221 801	18,4	
		R'000	93 728	69 513	134 208	732 709	866 857	18,3	
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	402	340	517	3 292	3 560	8,1	
		Square metres	130 873	108 576	151 953	964 773	1 125 163	16,6	
		R'000	917 567	782 966	1 075 942	6 463 287	7 846 947	21,4	
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	636	287	710	3 807	3 983	4,6	
		Square metres	53 413	38 305	66 440	383 046	356 608	-6,9	
		R'000	340 045	266 215	590 226	2 627 316	2 703 927	2,9	
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	10 330	850	0	11 192	11 415	2,0	
		R'000	68 013	7 261	0	72 600	111 199	53,2	
5. Total residential buildings		R'000	1 419 353	1 125 955	1 800 376	9 895 912	11 528 930	16,5	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	7 679	537	44 160	194 227	190 355	-2,0	
		R'000	60 982	3 918	347 828	1 650 016	1 536 560	-6,9	
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	7 872	10 701	2 612	180 941	45 765	-74,7	
		R'000	59 807	50 732	18 785	1 327 619	303 573	-77,1	
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	32 353	32 372	26 536	462 319	275 391	-40,4	
		R'000	138 433	171 847	117 522	2 184 479	1 287 719	-41,1	
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	3 008	13 431	63	63 251	50 576	-20,0	
		R'000	18 312	99 563	403	448 906	373 677	-16,8	
	5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	277 534	326 060	484 538	5 611 020	3 501 529	-37,6
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	24 050	16 541	22 248	241 049	141 206	-41,4
R'000			145 835	114 722	148 395	1 481 512	938 009	-36,7	
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	11 460	13 203	5 175	110 718	112 059	1,2	
		R'000	74 346	104 831	44 628	774 047	806 342	4,2	
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	220 181	219 553	193 023	2 255 559	1 744 351	-22,7	
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 917 068	1 671 568	2 477 937	17 762 491	16 774 810	-5,6	

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2014	Aug. 2015	Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2014	Jan. - Sep. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	66	41	44	1 103	660	-40,2
		Square metres	4 208	2 269	2 454	57 839	35 159	-39,2
		R'000	17 332	10 437	10 928	215 139	137 035	-36,3
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	65	88	65	579	746	28,8
		Square metres	12 046	21 038	15 991	119 066	164 728	38,4
		R'000	52 023	91 309	69 899	514 995	743 404	44,4
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	60	21	48	970	298	-69,3
		Square metres	4 870	1 274	2 972	62 430	15 803	-74,7
		R'000	24 350	5 733	13 372	367 842	71 248	-80,6
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	706	572	0	18 395	1 804	-90,2
		R'000	3 248	2 574	0	88 089	8 118	-90,8
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	96 953	110 053	94 199	1 186 065	959 805	-19,1	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	1 510	0	1 534	5 363	2 854	-46,8
		R'000	7 500	0	9 511	25 102	15 583	-37,9
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	321	20 196	6 715	22 044	36 736	66,6
		R'000	1 477	80 784	28 760	234 477	151 657	-35,3
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	189	2 151	0	40 179	23 417	-41,7
		R'000	1 100	12 156	0	178 912	109 817	-38,6
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	855	0	13 555	1 616	-88,1
		R'000	0	5 000	0	60 692	8 590	-85,8
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	10 077	97 940	38 271	499 183	285 647	-42,8
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	10 079	6 587	9 499	79 220	84 583
R'000			45 400	29 115	41 306	338 626	359 921	6,3
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	45	300	1 562	16 568	4 839	-70,8
		R'000	270	1 800	6 683	84 873	21 713	-74,4
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	45 670	30 915	47 989	423 499	381 634	-9,9
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	152 700	238 908	180 459	2 108 747	1 627 086	-22,8

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2014	Aug. 2015	Sep. 2015	Jan. - Sep. 2014	Jan. - Sep. 2015	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	15	15	13	146	167	14,4
		Square metres	600	811	687	7 886	9 519	20,7
		R'000	2 700	4 055	3 354	35 380	46 173	30,5
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	24	35	20	188	171	-9,0
		Square metres	5 564	6 086	4 549	47 188	43 990	-6,8
		R'000	25 838	29 171	22 625	209 886	212 771	1,4
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	1	18	18	303	169	-44,2
		Square metres	177	1 614	1 858	30 185	17 392	-42,4
		R'000	797	8 070	9 290	133 782	84 798	-36,6
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	Square metres	0	0	135	324	135	-58,3
		R'000	0	0	675	1 296	675	-47,9
5. Total residential buildings	R'000	29 335	41 296	35 944	380 344	344 417	-9,4	
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	Square metres	0	2 818	0	1 318	4 423	235,6
		R'000	0	14 090	0	5 275	22 014	317,3
	2. Shopping space	Square metres	0	0	2 693	10 951	3 988	-63,6
		R'000	0	0	12 119	50 653	17 299	-65,8
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	Square metres	0	0	973	9 052	8 871	-2,0
		R'000	0	0	3 696	40 167	37 834	-5,8
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	Square metres	0	2 177	0	78	15 688	20 012,8
		R'000	0	10 885	0	273	78 215	28 550,2
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	24 975	15 815	96 368	155 362	61,2
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	Square metres	162	500	692	5 204	3 060
R'000			667	2 267	3 115	21 773	13 701	-37,1
2. Other buildings 4/		Square metres	0	165	77	225	1 543	585,8
		R'000	0	825	294	3 033	9 169	202,3
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	667	3 092	3 409	24 806	22 870	-7,8
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	30 002	69 363	55 168	501 518	522 649	4,2

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

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

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

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

Explanatory notes

- Introduction**
- 1 Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
 - 2 In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
- Purpose of the survey**
- 3 The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
- Scope of the survey**
- 4 This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding -
 - passing of building plans; and
 - final inspection of completed buildings.
- Classification**
- 5 Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the *Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities, (SIC) Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02*. The SIC is based on the 1990 *International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC)* with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
- Collection rate**
- 6 The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for September 2015 was 93,6%. The improved collection rate for August 2015 was 94,5%.
- Statistical unit**
- 7 The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
- Survey methodology and design**
- 8 Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.
- Constant prices**
- 9 The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2010. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: *Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP) Work Groups and Selected Materials Indices*. In order to be applicable, these indices (base February 1991=100) are converted to the base year 2010=100.

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

Symbols and abbreviations

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

Glossary

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

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

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