

STATISTICAL RELEASE
P5041.1

**Selected building statistics of the private sector
as reported by local government institutions
(Preliminary)**

September 2017

**Embargoed until:
16 November 2017
13:00**

ENQUIRIES:
Nicolai Claassen
Tel: (012) 310 8007

FORTHCOMING ISSUE:
October 2017

EXPECTED RELEASE DATE:
14 December 2017

www.statssa.gov.za
info@statssa.gov.za
T +27 12 310 8911
F +27 12 310 8500

Private Bag X44, Pretoria, 0001, South Africa
ISibalo House, Koch Street, Salvokop, Pretoria, 0002



Contents

Results for January to September 2017	3
Tables	
Table 1 Value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building	9
Table 2 Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building	10
Table 3 Value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices by type of building	11
Table 4 Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices by type of building	12
Table 5 Value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building	13
Table 6 Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building	14
Table 7 Value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices by type of building	15
Table 8 Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices by type of building	16
Table 9 Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: South Africa	17
Table 10 Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Western Cape.....	18
Table 11 Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Eastern Cape.....	19
Table 12 Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Northern Cape	20
Table 13 Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Free State.....	21
Table 14 Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: KwaZulu-Natal	22
Table 15 Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: North West.....	23
Table 16 Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Gauteng.....	24
Table 17 Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Mpumalanga.....	25
Table 18 Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Limpopo.....	26
Table 19 Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: South Africa.....	27
Table 20 Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Western Cape.....	28
Table 21 Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Eastern Cape.....	29
Table 22 Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Northern Cape	30
Table 23 Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Free State.....	31
Table 24 Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: KwaZulu-Natal	32
Table 25 Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: North West.....	33

Table 26	Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Gauteng	34
Table 27	Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Mpumalanga	35
Table 28	Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Limpopo	36
Explanatory notes		37
Glossary		40
Technical enquiries		41
General information		42

Results for January to September 2017

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:
January to September 2016 versus January to September 2017**

Estimates at current prices	January to September 2016	January to September 2017	Difference in value between January to September 2016 and January to September 2017	% change between January to September 2016 and January to September 2017
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	39 876 215	39 276 193	-600 022	-1,5
-Dwelling-houses	24 920 534	24 996 010	75 476	0,3
-Flats and townhouses	12 919 930	13 771 904	851 974	6,6
-Other residential buildings	2 035 751	508 279	-1 527 472	-75,0
Non-residential buildings	22 110 460	18 079 492	-4 030 968	-18,2
Additions and alterations	20 209 275	21 502 028	1 292 753	6,4
Total	82 195 950	78 857 713	-3 338 237	-4,1

1/ 2016 and 2017 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) decreased by 4,1% (-R3 338,2 million) during January to September 2017 compared with January to September 2016.

Non-residential buildings fell by 18,2% (-R4 031,0 million) and additions and alterations rose by 6,4% (R1 292,8 million) – see Table A.

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to September 2016 versus January to September 2017**

Estimates at current prices	January to September 2016	January to September 2017	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to September 2016	% change between January to September 2016 and January to September 2017	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January to September 2016 and January to September 2017	Difference in value between January to September 2016 and January to September 2017
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000				2/ R'000
Western Cape	21 497 258	23 039 079	26,2	7,2	1,9	1 541 821
Eastern Cape	3 379 282	4 771 421	4,1	41,2	1,7	1 392 139
Northern Cape	869 451	602 775	1,1	-30,7	-0,3	-266 676
Free State	2 618 669	2 383 184	3,2	-9,0	-0,3	-235 485
KwaZulu-Natal	17 181 104	14 886 699	20,9	-13,4	-2,8	-2 294 405
North West	2 338 391	2 749 141	2,8	17,6	0,5	410 750
Gauteng	29 909 070	26 508 503	36,4	-11,4	-4,1	-3 400 567
Mpumalanga	3 066 932	2 411 574	3,7	-21,4	-0,8	-655 358
Limpopo	1 335 793	1 505 337	1,6	12,7	0,2	169 544
Total	82 195 950	78 857 713	100,0	-4,1	-4,1	-3 338 237

1/ 2016 and 2017 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January to September 2016 and January to September 2017 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during January to September 2016, divided by 100.

The largest negative contributions to the total decrease of 4,1% (-R3 338,2 million) were made by Gauteng (contributing -4,1 percentage points or -R3 400,6 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -2,8 percentage points or -R2 294,4 million). The largest positive contribution was made by Western Cape (contributing 1,9 percentage points or R1 541,8 million) – see Table B.

Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices: January to September 2016 versus January to September 2017

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to September 2016	January to September 2017	Difference in value between January to September 2016 and January to September 2017	% change between January to September 2016 and January to September 2017
	1/	1/	R'000	
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	37 710 993	35 137 964	-2 573 029	-6,8
Non-residential buildings	21 037 209	16 179 571	-4 857 638	-23,1
Additions and alterations	19 092 291	19 226 781	134 490	0,7
Total	77 840 493	70 544 316	-7 296 177	-9,4

1/ 2016 and 2017 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 2015 prices) decreased by 9,4% (-R7 296,2 million) year-on-year during January to September 2017. The largest decrease was recorded for non-residential buildings (-23,1% or -R4 857,6 million), followed by residential buildings (-6,8% or -R2 573,0 million) – see Table C.

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

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	April to June 2017	July to September 2017	% change between April to June 2017 and July to September 2017
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	11 595 493	12 034 774	3,8
Non-residential buildings 1/	4 596 443	6 297 169	37,0
Additions and alterations	6 478 401	6 570 723	1,4
Total	22 670 337	24 902 666	9,8

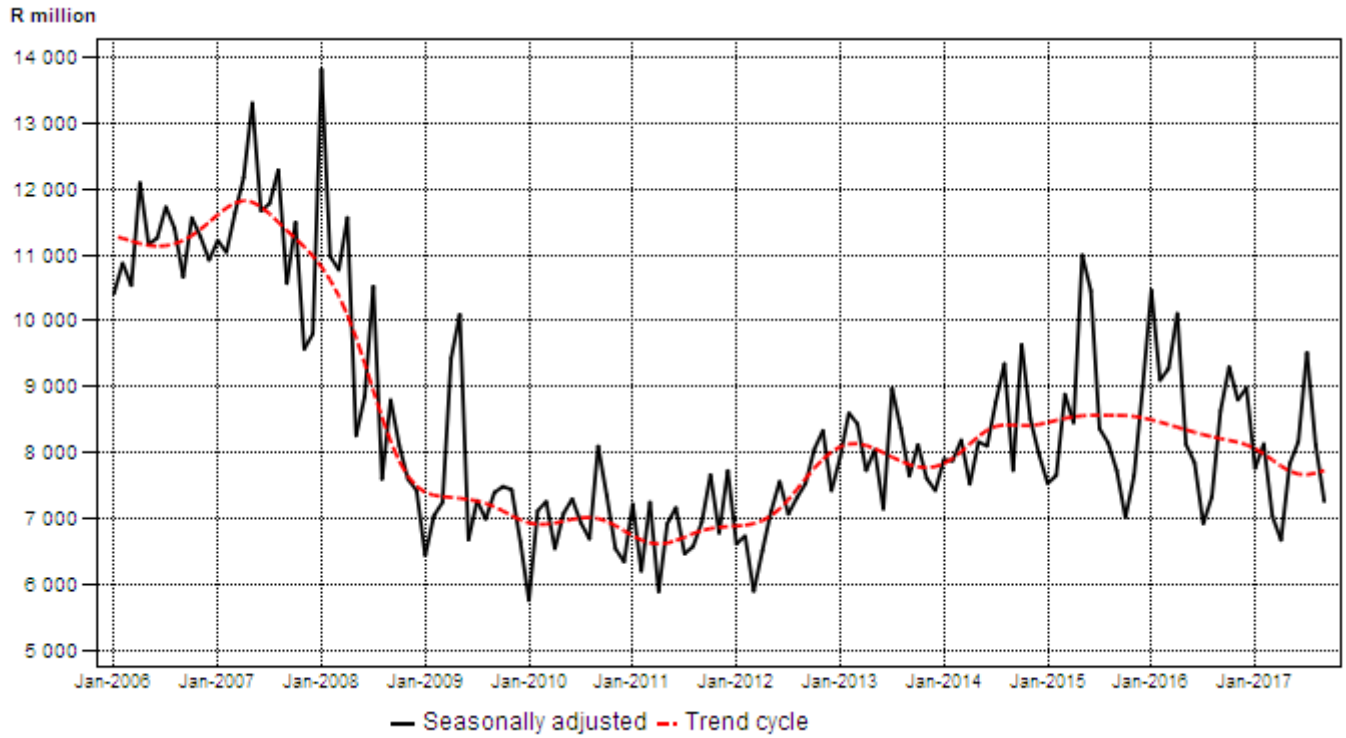
1/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed increased by 9,8% in the third quarter of 2017 compared with the second quarter of 2017. Non-residential buildings rose by 37,0% – see Table D.

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

Constant 2015 prices



**Table E – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices:
January to September 2016 versus January to September 2017**

Estimates at current prices	January to September 2016	January to September 2017	Difference in value between January to September 2016 and January to September 2017	% change between January to September 2016 and January to September 2017
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	24 386 630	27 554 269	3 167 639	13,0
-Dwelling-houses	17 001 017	16 775 757	-225 260	-1,3
-Flats and townhouses	7 196 849	8 643 274	1 446 425	20,1
-Other residential buildings	188 764	2 135 238	1 946 474	1 031,2
Non-residential buildings	12 359 620	16 148 680	3 789 060	30,7
Additions and alterations	7 546 683	8 672 079	1 125 396	14,9
Total	44 292 933	52 375 028	8 082 095	18,2

1/ 2016 and 2017 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total value of buildings reported as completed at current prices

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 18,2% (R8 082,1 million) during January to September 2017 compared with January to September 2016.

The largest percentage increase was recorded for non-residential buildings (30,7% or R3 789,1 million), followed by additions and alterations (14,9% or R1 125,4 million) and residential buildings (13,0% or R3 167,6 million) – see Table E.

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to September 2016 versus January to September 2017**

Estimates at current prices	January to September 2016	January to September 2017	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to September 2016	% change between January to September 2016 and January to September 2017	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January to September 2016 and January to September 2017	Difference in value between January to September 2016 and January to September 2017
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000				2/ R'000
Western Cape	12 189 446	15 147 874	27,5	24,3	6,7	2 958 428
Eastern Cape	1 195 179	1 420 151	2,7	18,8	0,5	224 972
Northern Cape	395 585	384 941	0,9	-2,7	0,0	-10 644
Free State	1 234 987	725 607	2,8	-41,2	-1,2	-509 380
KwaZulu-Natal	7 274 640	10 888 615	16,4	49,7	8,2	3 613 975
North West	1 551 139	1 226 852	3,5	-20,9	-0,7	-324 287
Gauteng	18 398 786	21 076 215	41,5	14,6	6,0	2 677 429
Mpumalanga	1 435 993	884 622	3,2	-38,4	-1,2	-551 371
Limpopo	617 178	620 151	1,4	0,5	0,0	2 973
Total	44 292 933	52 375 028	100,0	18,2	18,2	8 082 095

1/ 2016 and 2017 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January to September 2016 and January to September 2017 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January to September 2016, divided by 100.

Five provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to September 2017. The largest contributions were recorded for KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 8,2 percentage points or R3 614,0 million), Western Cape (contributing 6,7 percentage points or R2 958,4 million) and Gauteng (contributing 6,0 percentage points or R2 677,4 million) – see Table F.

Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices: January to September 2016 versus January to September 2017

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	January to September 2016	January to September 2017	Difference in value between January to September 2016 and January to September 2017	% change between January to September 2016 and January to September 2017
	1/	1/	R'000	
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	23 055 463	24 664 475	1 609 012	7,0
Non-residential buildings	11 684 529	14 423 033	2 738 504	23,4
Additions and alterations	7 138 962	7 754 823	615 861	8,6
Total	41 878 954	46 842 331	4 963 377	11,9

1/ 2016 and 2017 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2015 prices) increased by 11,9% (R4 963,4 million) year-on-year during January to September 2017. The largest percentage increase was recorded for non-residential buildings (23,4% or R2 738,5 million), followed by additions and alterations (8,6% or R615,9 million) and residential buildings (7,0% or R1 609,0 million) – see Table G.

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

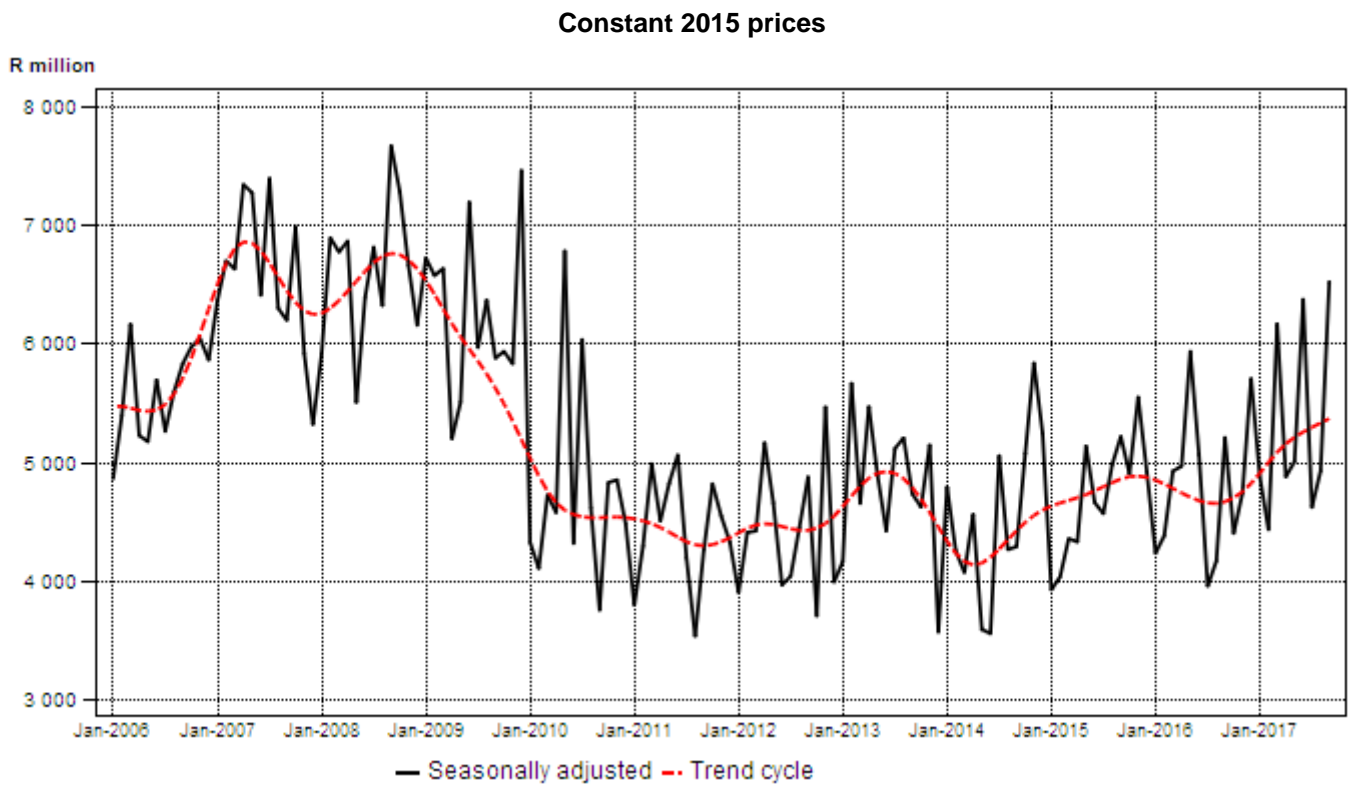
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	April to June 2017	July to September 2017	% change between April to June 2017 and July to September 2017
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 157 749	7 576 051	-17,3
Non-residential buildings 1/	4 559 313	5 721 019	25,5
Additions and alterations	2 547 976	2 777 976	9,0
Total	16 265 038	16 075 046	-1,2

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased by 1,2% in the third quarter of 2017 compared with the second quarter of 2017. A decrease was recorded for residential buildings (-17,3%). Increases were recorded for non-residential buildings (25,5%) and additions and alterations (9,0%) – see Table H.

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



**Risenga Maluleke
Statistician-General**

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/
2016	January	2 976 023	-12,8	4 542 292	560,9	1 451 533	-13,0	8 969 848	55,5
	February	4 592 411	20,1	2 663 172	103,2	2 125 304	-8,7	9 380 887	25,7
	March	4 600 728	8,1	2 647 828	23,1	2 056 047	-8,8	9 304 603	7,5
	April	5 484 971	29,6	2 837 576	46,3	2 388 049	20,6	10 710 596	31,4
	May	4 208 361	-0,2	2 167 660	-51,6	2 241 429	3,0	8 617 450	-20,7
	June	5 025 125	11,3	1 559 280	-61,0	2 415 528	9,1	8 999 933	-16,1
	July	3 762 166	-16,1	1 383 115	-33,4	2 532 825	-4,6	7 678 106	-16,7
	August	4 423 741	4,0	1 796 343	-7,2	2 291 169	-0,1	8 511 253	0,3
	September	4 802 689	2,1	2 513 194	66,5	2 707 391	20,4	10 023 274	18,5
	October	5 420 582	21,5	2 588 628	125,0	2 717 674	17,8	10 726 884	35,5
	November	4 827 911	10,5	2 823 103	100,5	2 458 564	15,0	10 109 578	27,7
	December	4 736 194	25,9	1 522 522	-24,1	1 954 313	-10,4	8 213 029	3,3
	Total	54 860 902	8,6	29 044 713	17,8	27 339 826	3,4	111 245 441	9,5
2017	January	3 161 447	6,2	1 894 083	-58,3	1 703 058	17,3	6 758 588	-24,7
	February	4 539 426	-1,2	2 277 683	-14,5	2 161 104	1,7	8 978 213	-4,3
	March	4 237 489	-7,9	1 675 826	-36,7	2 277 738	10,8	8 191 053	-12,0
	April	3 657 581	-33,3	969 046	-65,8	1 983 859	-16,9	6 610 486	-38,3
	May	4 647 680	10,4	1 983 293	-8,5	2 442 934	9,0	9 073 907	5,3
	June	4 775 996	-5,0	2 192 921	40,6	2 642 793	9,4	9 611 710	6,8
	July	5 620 477	49,4	2 714 249	96,2	2 626 367	3,7	10 961 093	42,8
	August	4 149 479	-6,2	2 874 162	60,0	2 958 451	29,1	9 982 092	17,3
	September	4 486 618	-6,6	1 498 229	-40,4	2 705 724	-0,1	8 690 571	-13,3

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2016	January	4 077 925	-10,8	4 542 292	126,4	2 096 950	-17,0	10 717 167	17,7
	February	4 672 566	14,6	2 663 172	-41,4	2 149 519	2,5	9 485 257	-11,5
	March	4 842 245	3,6	2 647 828	-0,6	2 294 893	6,8	9 784 966	3,2
	April	5 416 489	11,9	2 837 576	7,2	2 365 028	3,1	10 619 093	8,5
	May	4 148 392	-23,4	2 167 660	-23,6	2 251 099	-4,8	8 567 151	-19,3
	June	4 435 338	6,9	1 559 280	-28,1	2 332 283	3,6	8 326 901	-2,8
	July	3 689 307	-16,8	1 383 115	-11,3	2 347 794	0,7	7 420 216	-10,9
	August	4 083 430	10,7	1 796 343	29,9	1 987 978	-15,3	7 867 751	6,0
	September	4 444 064	8,8	2 513 194	39,9	2 300 073	15,7	9 257 331	17,7
	October	4 846 775	9,1	2 588 628	3,0	2 605 858	13,3	10 041 261	8,5
	November	4 517 264	-6,8	2 823 103	9,1	2 224 260	-14,6	9 564 627	-4,7
	December	5 969 959	32,2	1 522 522	-46,1	2 390 882	7,5	9 883 363	3,3
2017	January	4 341 612	-27,3	1 894 083	24,4	2 336 246	-2,3	8 571 941	-13,3
	February	4 513 343	4,0	2 277 683	20,3	2 212 127	-5,3	9 003 153	5,0
	March	3 904 377	-13,5	1 675 826	-26,4	2 236 969	1,1	7 817 172	-13,2
	April	4 160 555	6,6	969 046	-42,2	2 319 360	3,7	7 448 961	-4,7
	May	4 419 458	6,2	1 983 293	104,7	2 379 522	2,6	8 782 273	17,9
	June	4 346 174	-1,7	2 192 921	10,6	2 556 539	7,4	9 095 634	3,6
	July	5 550 851	27,7	2 714 249	23,8	2 413 647	-5,6	10 678 747	17,4
	August	3 722 032	-32,9	2 874 162	5,9	2 526 617	4,7	9 122 811	-14,6
	September	4 301 515	15,6	1 498 229	-47,9	2 442 542	-3,3	8 242 286	-9,7
	Apr. – Jun. 17	12 926 187		5 145 260		7 255 421		25 326 868	
	Jul. – Sep. 17 2/	13 574 398	5,0	7 086 640	37,7	7 382 806	1,8	28 043 844	10,7

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2016	January	2 911 960	-15,8	4 444 513	537,6	1 420 287	-16,1	8 776 760	50,0
	February	4 403 079	13,3	2 553 377	91,7	2 037 684	-13,9	8 994 140	18,6
	March	4 398 402	2,3	2 531 384	16,5	1 965 628	-13,7	8 895 414	1,7
	April	5 203 957	22,6	2 692 197	38,4	2 265 701	14,1	10 161 855	24,3
	May	3 981 420	-5,7	2 050 766	-54,3	2 120 557	-2,6	8 152 743	-25,1
	June	4 705 173	4,5	1 460 000	-63,4	2 261 730	2,5	8 426 903	-21,2
	July	3 512 760	-21,2	1 291 424	-37,4	2 364 916	-10,3	7 169 100	-21,7
	August	4 126 624	-2,7	1 675 693	-13,2	2 137 285	-6,5	7 939 602	-6,1
	September	4 467 618	-4,8	2 337 855	55,1	2 518 503	12,2	9 323 976	10,4
	October	5 028 369	13,7	2 401 325	110,6	2 521 033	10,3	9 950 727	26,8
	November	4 441 500	2,7	2 597 151	86,3	2 261 788	6,8	9 300 439	18,7
	December	4 321 345	16,0	1 389 162	-30,1	1 783 132	-17,4	7 493 639	-4,8
	Total	51 502 207	2,0	27 424 847	11,3	25 658 244	-2,9	104 585 298	3,0
2017	January	2 874 043	-1,3	1 721 894	-61,3	1 548 235	9,0	6 144 172	-30,0
	February	4 096 955	-7,0	2 055 671	-19,5	1 950 455	-4,3	8 103 081	-9,9
	March	3 814 122	-13,3	1 508 394	-40,4	2 050 169	4,3	7 372 685	-17,1
	April	3 286 236	-36,9	870 661	-67,7	1 782 443	-21,3	5 939 340	-41,6
	May	4 138 629	3,9	1 766 067	-13,9	2 175 364	2,6	8 080 060	-0,9
	June	4 268 093	-9,3	1 959 715	34,2	2 361 745	4,4	8 589 553	1,9
	July	5 018 283	42,9	2 423 437	87,7	2 344 971	-0,8	9 786 691	36,5
	August	3 685 150	-10,7	2 552 542	52,3	2 627 399	22,9	8 865 091	11,7
	September	3 956 453	-11,4	1 321 190	-43,5	2 386 000	-5,3	7 663 643	-17,8

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2016	January	3 975 210	-11,7	4 444 513	123,8	2 041 587	-18,8	10 461 310	16,2
	February	4 483 436	12,8	2 553 377	-42,5	2 059 937	0,9	9 096 750	-13,0
	March	4 639 957	3,5	2 531 384	-0,9	2 105 709	2,2	9 277 050	2,0
	April	5 170 681	11,4	2 692 197	6,4	2 247 293	6,7	10 110 171	9,0
	May	3 934 399	-23,9	2 050 766	-23,8	2 141 330	-4,7	8 126 495	-19,6
	June	4 164 363	5,8	1 460 000	-28,8	2 223 582	3,8	7 847 945	-3,4
	July	3 434 937	-17,5	1 291 424	-11,5	2 197 355	-1,2	6 923 716	-11,8
	August	3 816 944	11,1	1 675 693	29,8	1 838 709	-16,3	7 331 346	5,9
	September	4 130 204	8,2	2 337 855	39,5	2 167 348	17,9	8 635 407	17,8
	October	4 486 331	8,6	2 401 325	2,7	2 413 801	11,4	9 301 457	7,7
	November	4 148 630	-7,5	2 597 151	8,2	2 052 956	-14,9	8 798 737	-5,4
	December	5 408 521	30,4	1 389 162	-46,5	2 184 389	6,4	8 982 072	2,1
2017	January	3 931 522	-27,3	1 721 894	24,0	2 109 694	-3,4	7 763 110	-13,6
	February	4 082 977	3,9	2 055 671	19,4	1 994 415	-5,5	8 133 063	4,8
	March	3 526 706	-13,6	1 508 394	-26,6	1 999 443	0,3	7 034 543	-13,5
	April	3 750 361	6,3	870 661	-42,3	2 054 900	2,8	6 675 922	-5,1
	May	3 948 488	5,3	1 766 067	102,8	2 115 421	2,9	7 829 976	17,3
	June	3 896 644	-1,3	1 959 715	11,0	2 308 080	9,1	8 164 439	4,3
	July	4 928 231	26,5	2 423 437	23,7	2 166 184	-6,1	9 517 852	16,6
	August	3 315 603	-32,7	2 552 542	5,3	2 252 047	4,0	8 120 192	-14,7
	September	3 790 940	14,3	1 321 190	-48,2	2 152 492	-4,4	7 264 622	-10,5
	Apr. – Jun. 17	11 595 493		4 596 443		6 478 401		22 670 337	
	Jul. – Sep. 17 2/	12 034 774	3,8	6 297 169	37,0	6 570 723	1,4	24 902 666	9,8

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 10 and 11 on page 38.

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2016	January	2 208 305	21,4	578 503	-26,4	651 330	29,8	3 438 138	10,7
	February	2 459 034	17,8	1 029 861	1,0	869 860	28,7	4 358 755	15,2
	March	2 523 781	-1,7	1 810 745	110,9	878 230	-14,4	5 212 756	17,1
	April	2 316 846	-11,2	2 113 528	189,3	822 389	-8,9	5 252 763	23,8
	May	3 275 280	5,0	1 819 266	87,9	913 420	14,6	6 007 966	23,0
	June	3 105 362	19,4	1 325 164	25,4	930 103	-5,5	5 360 629	15,5
	July	2 339 251	-11,2	1 150 587	5,0	705 601	-17,2	4 195 439	-8,5
	August	2 511 205	-11,3	1 205 852	-15,1	791 833	-2,8	4 508 890	-11,0
	September	3 647 566	21,5	1 326 114	-19,5	983 917	16,6	5 957 597	8,5
	October	3 050 481	13,5	928 259	-45,2	1 022 162	33,4	5 000 902	-2,9
	November	3 026 831	-11,9	1 682 124	-14,7	1 040 884	19,4	5 749 839	-8,4
	December	4 515 140	61,4	985 304	-32,0	873 119	14,2	6 373 563	27,2
	Total	34 979 082	8,7	15 955 307	8,6	10 482 848	7,0	61 417 237	8,3
2017	January	2 359 273	6,8	1 324 149	128,9	755 314	16,0	4 438 736	29,1
	February	2 987 483	21,5	793 718	-22,9	839 781	-3,5	4 620 982	6,0
	March	3 590 701	42,3	2 469 283	36,4	1 096 654	24,9	7 156 638	37,3
	April	3 722 887	60,7	835 924	-60,4	688 546	-16,3	5 247 357	-0,1
	May	2 997 231	-8,5	1 458 694	-19,8	938 447	2,7	5 394 372	-10,2
	June	3 184 349	2,5	2 807 943	111,9	1 119 285	20,3	7 111 577	32,7
	July	2 791 841	19,3	1 418 931	23,3	878 502	24,5	5 089 274	21,3
	August	2 913 322	16,0	1 538 208	27,6	1 121 295	41,6	5 572 825	23,6
	September	3 007 182	-17,6	3 501 830	164,1	1 234 255	25,4	7 743 267	30,0

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/
2016	January	2 928 838	10,6	578 503	-60,1	834 537	-7,0	4 341 878	-13,1
	February	2 694 948	-8,0	1 029 861	78,0	840 530	0,7	4 565 339	5,1
	March	2 480 196	-8,0	1 810 745	75,8	854 185	1,6	5 145 126	12,7
	April	2 352 268	-5,2	2 113 528	16,7	760 489	-11,0	5 226 285	1,6
	May	3 515 036	49,4	1 819 266	-13,9	929 644	22,2	6 263 946	19,9
	June	3 204 385	-8,8	1 325 164	-27,2	879 005	-5,4	5 408 554	-13,7
	July	2 339 912	-27,0	1 150 587	-13,2	740 574	-15,7	4 231 073	-21,8
	August	2 505 958	7,1	1 205 852	4,8	752 364	1,6	4 464 174	5,5
	September	3 358 525	34,0	1 326 114	10,0	914 143	21,5	5 598 782	25,4
	October	2 856 890	-14,9	928 259	-30,0	969 726	6,1	4 754 875	-15,1
	November	2 482 241	-13,1	1 682 124	81,2	1 002 837	3,4	5 167 202	8,7
	December	4 295 352	73,0	985 304	-41,4	1 014 015	1,1	6 294 671	21,8
2017	January	3 100 619	-27,8	1 324 149	34,4	961 319	-5,2	5 386 087	-14,4
	February	3 290 774	6,1	793 718	-40,1	821 471	-14,5	4 905 963	-8,9
	March	3 547 160	7,8	2 469 283	211,1	822 451	0,1	6 838 894	39,4
	April	3 738 812	5,4	835 924	-66,1	844 151	2,6	5 418 887	-20,8
	May	3 208 219	-14,2	1 458 694	74,5	944 542	11,9	5 611 455	3,6
	June	3 267 406	1,8	2 807 943	92,5	1 054 799	11,7	7 130 148	27,1
	July	2 824 281	-13,6	1 418 931	-49,5	926 442	-12,2	5 169 654	-27,5
	August	2 936 192	4,0	1 538 208	8,4	1 070 053	15,5	5 544 453	7,2
	September	2 756 814	-6,1	3 501 830	127,7	1 136 546	6,2	7 395 190	33,4
	Apr. – Jun. 17	10 214 437		5 102 561		2 843 492		18 160 490	
	Jul. – Sep. 17 2/	8 517 287	-16,6	6 458 969	26,6	3 133 041	10,2	18 109 297	-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 10 and 11 on page 38.

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2016	January	2 160 768	17,1	566 050	-29,0	637 309	25,3	3 364 127	6,8
	February	2 357 655	11,1	987 403	-4,7	833 998	21,4	4 179 056	8,7
	March	2 412 793	-7,0	1 731 114	99,6	839 608	-19,0	4 983 515	10,8
	April	2 198 146	-16,0	2 005 245	173,6	780 255	-13,9	4 983 646	17,1
	May	3 098 657	-0,8	1 721 160	77,6	864 163	8,3	5 683 980	16,2
	June	2 907 642	12,2	1 240 790	17,7	870 883	-11,2	5 019 315	8,5
	July	2 184 175	-16,5	1 074 311	-1,3	658 824	-22,2	3 917 310	-13,9
	August	2 342 542	-17,0	1 124 862	-20,6	738 650	-9,0	4 206 054	-16,7
	September	3 393 085	13,3	1 233 594	-24,9	915 272	8,7	5 541 951	1,1
	October	2 829 760	6,2	861 094	-48,7	948 202	24,9	4 639 056	-9,1
	November	2 784 573	-18,2	1 547 492	-20,7	957 575	11,0	5 289 640	-14,9
	December	4 119 653	48,8	899 000	-37,3	796 641	5,2	5 815 294	17,2
	Total	32 789 449	1,9	14 992 115	2,2	9 841 380	0,5	57 622 944	1,8
2017	January	2 144 794	-0,7	1 203 772	112,7	686 649	7,7	4 035 215	19,9
	February	2 696 284	14,4	716 352	-27,5	757 925	-9,1	4 170 561	-0,2
	March	3 231 954	34,0	2 222 577	28,4	987 087	17,6	6 441 618	29,3
	April	3 344 912	52,2	751 055	-62,5	618 640	-20,7	4 714 607	-5,4
	May	2 668 950	-13,9	1 298 926	-24,5	835 661	-3,3	4 803 537	-15,5
	June	2 845 710	-2,1	2 509 332	102,2	1 000 255	14,9	6 355 297	26,6
	July	2 492 715	14,1	1 266 903	17,9	784 377	19,1	4 543 995	16,0
	August	2 587 320	10,4	1 366 082	21,4	995 821	34,8	4 949 223	17,7
	September	2 651 836	-21,8	3 088 034	150,3	1 088 408	18,9	6 828 278	23,2

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2016	January	2 856 453	9,8	566 050	-60,5	813 088	-7,9	4 235 591	-13,9
	February	2 587 425	-9,4	987 403	74,4	808 172	-0,6	4 383 000	3,5
	March	2 379 459	-8,0	1 731 114	75,3	816 679	1,1	4 927 252	12,4
	April	2 239 567	-5,9	2 005 245	15,8	724 978	-11,2	4 969 790	0,9
	May	3 335 097	48,9	1 721 160	-14,2	881 220	21,6	5 937 477	19,5
	June	3 000 904	-10,0	1 240 790	-27,9	826 324	-6,2	5 068 018	-14,6
	July	2 191 342	-27,0	1 074 311	-13,4	692 425	-16,2	3 958 078	-21,9
	August	2 343 341	6,9	1 124 862	4,7	701 580	1,3	4 169 783	5,3
	September	3 127 320	33,5	1 233 594	9,7	849 121	21,0	5 210 035	24,9
	October	2 645 562	-15,4	861 094	-30,2	897 984	5,8	4 404 640	-15,5
	November	2 274 018	-14,0	1 547 492	79,7	918 959	2,3	4 740 469	7,6
	December	3 888 731	71,0	899 000	-41,9	920 373	0,2	5 708 104	20,4
2017	January	2 809 658	-27,7	1 203 772	33,9	870 528	-5,4	4 883 958	-14,4
	February	2 974 630	5,9	716 352	-40,5	744 115	-14,5	4 435 097	-9,2
	March	3 203 280	7,7	2 222 577	210,3	743 327	-0,1	6 169 184	39,1
	April	3 370 686	5,2	751 055	-66,2	758 842	2,1	4 880 583	-20,9
	May	2 866 383	-15,0	1 298 926	72,9	842 953	11,1	5 008 262	2,6
	June	2 920 680	1,9	2 509 332	93,2	946 181	12,2	6 376 193	27,3
	July	2 528 708	-13,4	1 266 903	-49,5	827 799	-12,5	4 623 410	-27,5
	August	2 613 416	3,3	1 366 082	7,8	949 623	14,7	4 929 121	6,6
	September	2 433 927	-6,9	3 088 034	126,1	1 000 554	5,4	6 522 515	32,3
	Apr. – Jun. 17	9 157 749		4 559 313		2 547 976		16 265 038	
	Jul. – Sep. 17 2/	7 576 051	-17,3	5 721 019	25,5	2 777 976	9,0	16 075 046	-1,2

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

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

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

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

			Sep. 2016	Aug. 2017	Sep. 2017	Jan. - Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 052	1 205	1 252	13 056	14 131	8,2
		square metres	55 388	59 369	62 327	631 644	675 955	7,0
		R'000	304 278	284 299	335 986	2 982 000	3 322 855	11,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 507	1 426	1 436	12 069	11 536	-4,4
		square metres	412 480	388 149	377 309	3 273 702	3 115 433	-4,8
		R'000	2 853 571	2 732 034	2 675 379	21 938 534	21 673 155	-1,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 833	961	1 927	16 085	15 417	-4,2
		square metres	201 132	120 657	191 609	1 614 374	1 737 003	7,6
		R'000	1 610 029	943 480	1 457 041	12 919 930	13 771 904	6,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	6 632	23 244	2 707	220 410	68 229	-69,0
		R'000	34 811	189 666	18 212	2 035 751	508 279	-75,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	4 802 689	4 149 479	4 486 618	39 876 215	39 276 193	-1,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	60 076	24 514	18 956	440 984	366 807	-16,8
		R'000	496 293	261 157	192 908	3 797 434	3 407 406	-10,3
	Shopping space	square metres	44 636	64 998	12 745	990 013	442 702	-55,3
		R'000	294 108	486 631	75 243	7 946 361	3 679 617	-53,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	228 300	296 792	144 637	1 287 490	1 405 210	9,1
		R'000	1 367 949	1 810 877	914 668	7 150 436	8 320 789	16,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	55 790	47 931	40 950	475 376	375 616	-21,0
		R'000	354 844	315 497	315 410	3 216 229	2 671 680	-16,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 513 194	2 874 162	1 498 229	22 110 460	18 079 492	-18,2
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	287 838	275 605	278 141	2 249 099	2 230 589
R'000			1 905 046	1 992 378	2 031 534	14 692 078	15 683 095	6,7
Other buildings 4/		square metres	78 233	94 025	59 234	598 134	582 559	-2,6
		R'000	802 345	966 073	674 190	5 517 197	5 818 933	5,5
Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 707 391	2 958 451	2 705 724	20 209 275	21 502 028	6,4	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	10 023 274	9 982 092	8 690 571	82 195 950	78 857 713	-4,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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. 2016	Aug. 2017	Sep. 2017	Jan. - Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	389	268	374	5 124	5 019	-2,0
		square metres	19 029	11 277	16 837	233 653	231 411	-1,0
		R'000	110 948	72 030	113 306	1 302 458	1 404 107	7,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	442	499	500	3 455	3 894	12,7
		square metres	111 152	119 687	120 343	855 864	933 249	9,0
		R'000	765 522	799 133	827 734	5 666 227	6 289 769	11,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	602	195	942	3 807	5 597	47,0
		square metres	77 423	32 359	104 545	456 922	595 374	30,3
		R'000	611 294	254 800	791 105	3 479 919	4 519 820	29,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	15 491	632	42 190	24 623	-41,6
		R'000	0	133 472	4 424	319 404	194 814	-39,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 487 764	1 259 435	1 736 569	10 768 008	12 408 510	15,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	36 975	2 567	1 386	91 251	110 025	20,6
		R'000	303 099	19 273	12 047	759 055	967 099	27,4
	Shopping space	square metres	8 391	1 391	3 195	120 420	60 964	-49,4
		R'000	67 336	9 042	22 365	981 311	490 949	-50,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	66 286	31 655	51 765	286 096	239 226	-16,4
		R'000	459 194	214 700	395 979	1 913 216	1 709 938	-10,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	42 894	14 403	8 725	138 308	122 601	-11,4
		R'000	286 932	94 259	65 659	922 421	816 783	-11,5
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 116 561	337 274	496 050	4 576 003	3 984 769	-12,9	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	88 795	83 712	89 484	654 950	655 961	0,2
		R'000	574 452	549 107	589 978	4 165 649	4 298 533	3,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	26 445	39 887	32 748	193 447	212 292	9,7
		R'000	256 986	358 648	408 910	1 987 598	2 347 267	18,1
Total additions and alterations	R'000	831 438	907 755	998 888	6 153 247	6 645 800	8,0	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 435 763	2 504 464	3 231 507	21 497 258	23 039 079	7,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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. 2016	Aug. 2017	Sep. 2017	Jan. - Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	65	189	23	652	1 479	126,8
		square metres	4 584	8 331	1 156	33 676	68 120	102,3
		R'000	25 795	31 181	4 329	154 839	330 219	113,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	131	186	127	818	996	21,8
		square metres	33 026	42 967	24 612	186 987	235 838	26,1
		R'000	185 023	275 931	153 996	1 069 114	1 450 503	35,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	58	20	33	712	312	-56,2
		square metres	12 517	3 841	4 077	60 924	38 426	-36,9
		R'000	72 173	24 383	35 664	339 584	237 125	-30,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	161	0	0	2 225	6 210	179,1
		R'000	900	0	0	9 526	36 924	287,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	283 891	331 495	193 989	1 573 063	2 054 771	30,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 109	0	1 163	9 568	722,7
		R'000	0	7 339	0	5 287	54 222	925,6
	Shopping space	square metres	1 421	0	1 151	4 999	16 835	236,8
		R'000	9 589	0	7 305	27 896	94 806	239,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	12 555	23 198	0	83 321	124 055	48,9
		R'000	66 459	158 158	0	401 422	740 102	84,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 895	3 950	4 661	30 545	23 303	-23,7
		R'000	9 475	25 102	29 765	148 997	133 466	-10,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	85 523	190 599	37 070	583 602	1 022 596	75,2
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	32 717	27 852	25 083	190 936	219 105
R'000			165 804	174 163	169 325	989 794	1 348 438	36,2
Other buildings 4/		square metres	3 427	14 487	6 313	51 828	51 777	-0,1
		R'000	22 613	104 497	40 121	232 823	345 616	48,4
Total additions and alterations	R'000	188 417	278 660	209 446	1 222 617	1 694 054	38,6	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	557 831	800 754	440 505	3 379 282	4 771 421	41,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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. 2016	Aug. 2017	Sep. 2017	Jan. - Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	2	6	24	28	16,7
		square metres	198	137	274	1 652	1 548	-6,3
		R'000	1 170	1 023	1 781	9 857	8 526	-13,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	11	16	16	151	131	-13,2
		square metres	2 117	4 908	4 066	27 707	30 057	8,5
		R'000	13 676	35 793	30 538	177 425	210 555	18,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	10	0	0	61	0	..
		square metres	361	0	0	6 217	0	..
		R'000	2 347	0	0	37 970	0	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	822	780	-5,1
		R'000	0	0	0	5 343	5 070	-5,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	17 193	36 816	32 319	230 595	224 151	-2,8
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	721	600	0	9 924	1 017
R'000			4 687	2 857	0	59 837	4 734	-92,1
Shopping space		square metres	0	0	0	5 891	4 856	-17,6
		R'000	0	0	0	37 404	31 564	-15,6
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	3 090	0	583	13 071	11 093	-15,1
		R'000	18 693	0	3 395	76 878	75 383	-1,9
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	1 289	2 840	17 959	5 032	-72,0
		R'000	0	9 023	19 302	141 258	33 769	-76,1
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	23 380	11 880	22 697	315 377	145 450	-53,9
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 036	3 185	5 083	40 979	29 013
	R'000		32 986	23 980	38 392	286 497	206 299	-28,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	34	70	256	2 471	2 638	6,8
		R'000	1 321	1 553	6 155	36 982	26 875	-27,3
Total additions and alterations	R'000	34 307	25 533	44 547	323 479	233 174	-27,9	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	74 880	74 229	99 563	869 451	602 775	-30,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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. 2016	Aug. 2017	Sep. 2017	Jan. - Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	32	7	9	675	86	-87,3
		square metres	1 683	409	518	35 637	5 082	-85,7
		R'000	3 996	2 455	3 641	124 151	31 191	-74,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	75	58	45	630	502	-20,3
		square metres	16 695	15 600	9 765	143 919	108 903	-24,3
		R'000	93 942	101 715	59 945	783 377	626 284	-20,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	4	5	348	584	67,8
		square metres	0	470	439	41 208	69 937	69,7
		R'000	0	2 984	3 251	270 660	478 627	76,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	608	0	366	9 099	1 743	-80,8
		R'000	2 736	0	2 130	53 439	9 492	-82,2
Total residential buildings	R'000	100 674	107 154	68 967	1 231 627	1 145 594	-7,0	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 436	0	0	15 547	4 862	-68,7
		R'000	19 480	0	0	122 444	38 896	-68,2
	Shopping space	square metres	870	0	0	11 168	5 893	-47,2
		R'000	3 916	0	0	75 532	32 010	-57,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 909	7 476	3 402	47 850	36 801	-23,1
		R'000	13 091	48 158	21 138	223 882	198 134	-11,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	1 880	30	11 575	10 144	-12,4
		R'000	0	13 877	184	84 579	67 001	-20,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	36 487	62 035	21 322	506 437	336 041	-33,6
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 584	11 024	10 094	108 305	99 613
R'000			61 940	66 901	62 761	566 900	559 458	-1,3
Other buildings 4/		square metres	3 294	6 538	937	17 201	23 621	37,3
		R'000	138 975	135 960	6 004	313 705	342 091	9,0
Total additions and alterations	R'000	200 915	202 861	68 765	880 605	901 549	2,4	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	338 076	372 050	159 054	2 618 669	2 383 184	-9,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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. 2016	Aug. 2017	Sep. 2017	Jan. - Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	21	15	29	277	763	175,5
		square metres	1 002	832	1 533	14 155	33 065	133,6
		R'000	8 572	6 214	10 492	103 082	136 078	32,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	148	121	79	1 077	928	-13,8
		square metres	46 797	32 035	22 195	333 340	281 051	-15,7
		R'000	448 698	293 136	209 386	2 914 089	2 624 917	-9,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	573	154	225	2 938	2 229	-24,1
		square metres	54 707	23 707	27 265	292 008	326 559	11,8
		R'000	540 793	194 513	224 536	2 726 976	3 177 831	16,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 904	4 695	787	19 267	20 197	4,8
		R'000	9 520	38 030	5 760	183 922	183 589	-0,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 007 583	531 893	450 174	5 928 069	6 122 415	3,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	3 267	1 452	2 229	96 985	75 862	-21,8
		R'000	24 044	15 967	15 603	927 738	694 682	-25,1
	Shopping space	square metres	22 620	49 564	0	525 531	168 362	-68,0
		R'000	154 512	400 015	0	4 607 108	1 552 039	-66,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	71 085	97 857	31 456	232 239	294 527	26,8
		R'000	401 659	588 970	188 674	1 286 928	1 753 181	36,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 404	412	481	78 448	43 932	-44,0
		R'000	23 666	2 055	4 326	536 533	382 258	-28,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	603 881	1 007 007	208 603	7 358 307	4 382 160	-40,4
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	35 241	36 079	25 487	270 564	291 921
R'000			325 400	378 022	261 549	2 379 972	2 844 058	19,5
Other buildings 4/		square metres	13 308	15 630	4 750	157 357	132 997	-15,5
		R'000	149 924	217 300	88 026	1 514 756	1 538 066	1,5
Total additions and alterations	R'000	475 324	595 322	349 575	3 894 728	4 382 124	12,5	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 086 788	2 134 222	1 008 352	17 181 104	14 886 699	-13,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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. 2016	Aug. 2017	Sep. 2017	Jan. - Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	6	3	101	923	813,9
		square metres	378	418	220	6 129	42 539	594,1
		R'000	1 781	1 991	990	28 176	94 631	235,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	97	80	113	703	630	-10,4
		square metres	25 639	21 227	24 939	175 636	159 048	-9,4
		R'000	134 657	115 617	129 959	904 717	846 310	-6,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	107	90	365	819	1 879	129,4
		square metres	8 398	7 636	13 736	60 984	172 007	182,1
		R'000	35 272	49 973	85 081	318 659	1 036 661	225,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	561	0	1 325	1 593	20,2
		R'000	0	2 800	0	7 954	7 915	-0,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	171 710	170 381	216 030	1 259 506	1 985 517	57,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	838	6 597	2 435	-63,1
		R'000	0	0	3 917	38 204	14 090	-63,1
	Shopping space	square metres	768	4 442	0	29 988	16 929	-43,5
		R'000	4 491	24 866	0	165 910	90 303	-45,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	20 133	895	1 329	45 985	9 776	-78,7
		R'000	85 094	4 937	7 793	210 093	47 839	-77,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 444	2 219	726	10 744	4 257	-60,4
		R'000	6 498	10 979	4 066	57 209	20 810	-63,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	96 083	40 782	15 776	471 416	173 042	-63,3
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	15 848	13 994	9 042	111 600	96 833
R'000			80 742	74 077	47 992	536 389	494 775	-7,8
Other buildings 4/		square metres	854	2 305	2 138	11 176	14 134	26,5
		R'000	4 308	14 281	11 498	71 080	95 807	34,8
Total additions and alterations	R'000	85 050	88 358	59 490	607 469	590 582	-2,8	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	352 843	299 521	291 296	2 338 391	2 749 141	17,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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. 2016	Aug. 2017	Sep. 2017	Jan. - Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	430	649	772	5 134	5 038	-1,9
		square metres	22 330	33 980	39 685	248 792	252 271	1,4
		R'000	121 424	148 732	190 780	1 025 421	1 121 392	9,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	430	345	411	3 728	3 274	-12,2
		square metres	130 867	114 459	131 041	1 173 966	1 038 415	-11,5
		R'000	994 361	906 689	1 041 565	8 529 822	7 889 605	-7,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	474	476	310	7 087	4 472	-36,9
		square metres	45 280	49 810	36 835	662 282	493 071	-25,5
		R'000	336 396	403 540	294 492	5 566 617	4 102 482	-26,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 822	2 497	0	135 821	7 143	-94,7
		R'000	12 038	15 364	0	1 411 479	41 331	-97,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 464 219	1 474 325	1 526 837	16 533 339	13 154 810	-20,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	10 214	18 786	14 503	180 605	143 098	-20,8
		R'000	106 724	215 721	161 341	1 672 899	1 529 254	-8,6
	Shopping space	square metres	4 267	1 109	3 111	228 309	127 158	-44,3
		R'000	25 407	7 752	19 597	1 727 213	1 150 538	-33,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	50 339	129 170	48 290	502 118	639 497	27,4
		R'000	316 350	758 801	254 633	2 675 335	3 536 698	32,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	902	21 299	13 916	156 413	125 280	-19,9
		R'000	4 059	147 866	124 261	1 172 057	974 963	-16,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	452 540	1 130 140	559 832	7 247 504	7 191 453	-0,8
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	77 752	81 921	96 041	700 413	697 815
R'000			570 184	630 054	769 846	4 965 561	5 236 585	5,5
Other buildings 4/		square metres	22 239	11 364	10 271	138 236	128 110	-7,3
		R'000	167 990	97 951	82 854	1 162 666	925 655	-20,4
Total additions and alterations	R'000	738 174	728 005	852 700	6 128 227	6 162 240	0,6	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 654 933	3 332 470	2 939 369	29 909 070	26 508 503	-11,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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. 2016	Aug. 2017	Sep. 2017	Jan. - Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	74	44	30	921	632	-31,4
		square metres	4 249	2 332	1 721	49 058	31 579	-35,6
		R'000	20 982	11 817	8 641	190 207	136 957	-28,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	105	71	89	1 022	748	-26,8
		square metres	25 029	22 138	24 398	234 795	202 253	-13,9
		R'000	118 210	128 381	141 225	1 204 572	1 091 330	-9,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	11	41	229	136	-40,6
		square metres	0	2 430	3 818	18 316	13 344	-27,1
		R'000	0	11 567	18 183	100 987	62 198	-38,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 137	0	922	8 220	3 161	-61,5
		R'000	9 617	0	5 898	37 219	15 975	-57,1
Total residential buildings	R'000	148 809	151 765	173 947	1 532 985	1 306 460	-14,8	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	5 677	0	0	33 030	8 745	-73,5
		R'000	34 329	0	0	183 700	49 453	-73,1
	Shopping space	square metres	2 640	145	4 121	50 909	23 318	-54,2
		R'000	10 562	800	19 620	260 534	138 951	-46,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	887	1 505	6 473	57 692	29 058	-49,6
		R'000	3 548	10 827	35 973	269 547	157 351	-41,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	4 815	1 459	9 571	24 344	22 022	-9,5
		R'000	22 034	6 940	67 847	112 820	125 011	10,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	70 473	18 567	123 440	826 601	470 766	-43,0
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 349	11 861	13 273	122 183	97 440
R'000			62 743	64 336	67 273	561 587	477 242	-15,0
Other buildings 4/		square metres	7 458	3 227	977	18 919	12 266	-35,2
		R'000	52 696	29 148	24 620	145 759	157 106	7,8
Total additions and alterations	R'000	115 439	93 484	91 893	707 346	634 348	-10,3	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	334 721	263 816	389 280	3 066 932	2 411 574	-21,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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. 2016	Aug. 2017	Sep. 2017	Jan. - Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2017	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	32	25	6	148	163	10,1
		square metres	1 935	1 653	383	8 892	10 340	16,3
		R'000	9 610	8 856	2 026	43 809	59 754	36,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	68	50	56	485	433	-10,7
		square metres	21 158	15 128	15 950	141 488	126 619	-10,5
		R'000	99 482	75 639	81 031	689 191	643 882	-6,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	9	11	6	84	208	147,6
		square metres	2 446	404	894	15 513	28 285	82,3
		R'000	11 754	1 720	4 729	78 558	157 160	100,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	1 441	2 779	92,9
		R'000	0	0	0	7 465	13 169	76,4
Total residential buildings	R'000	120 846	86 215	87 786	819 023	873 965	6,7	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	786	0	0	5 882	11 195	90,3
		R'000	3 930	0	0	28 270	54 976	94,5
	Shopping space	square metres	3 659	8 347	1 167	12 798	18 387	43,7
		R'000	18 295	44 156	6 356	63 453	98 457	55,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 016	5 036	1 339	19 118	21 177	10,8
		R'000	3 861	26 326	7 083	93 135	102 163	9,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	436	1 020	0	7 040	19 045	170,5
		R'000	2 180	5 396	0	40 355	117 619	191,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	28 266	75 878	13 439	225 213	373 215	65,7
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 516	5 977	4 554	49 169	42 888
R'000			30 795	31 738	24 418	239 729	217 707	-9,2
Other buildings 4/		square metres	1 174	517	844	7 499	4 724	-37,0
		R'000	7 532	6 735	6 002	51 828	40 450	-22,0
Total additions and alterations	R'000	38 327	38 473	30 420	291 557	258 157	-11,5	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	187 439	200 566	131 645	1 335 793	1 505 337	12,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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. 2016	Aug. 2017	Sep. 2017	Jan. - Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2017	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 451	1 333	848	10 763	11 179	3,9	
		square metres	69 826	63 610	42 683	527 046	540 578	2,6	
		R'000	330 859	315 137	210 061	2 274 744	2 546 341	11,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 244	912	827	9 176	7 409	-19,3	
		square metres	296 857	230 016	222 719	2 237 847	1 988 569	-11,1	
		R'000	2 005 128	1 677 184	1 635 123	14 726 273	14 229 416	-3,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 357	778	1 334	9 717	10 343	6,4	
		square metres	158 386	108 616	146 709	946 704	1 070 019	13,0	
		R'000	1 295 696	881 851	1 155 331	7 196 849	8 643 274	20,1	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 698	4 120	840	27 732	224 356	709,0	
		R'000	15 883	39 150	6 667	188 764	2 135 238	1 031,2	
Total residential buildings		R'000	3 647 566	2 913 322	3 007 182	24 386 630	27 554 269	13,0	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	30 925	18 416	29 842	417 196	383 976	-8,0	
		R'000	267 648	166 877	261 257	3 444 022	3 488 163	1,3	
	Shopping space	square metres	70 156	46 711	245 971	403 516	730 123	80,9	
		R'000	479 173	383 642	2 622 043	3 240 104	6 443 052	98,9	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	95 482	101 395	91 969	821 234	864 365	5,3	
		R'000	538 047	790 129	547 781	4 444 528	5 042 416	13,5	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	7 303	27 084	11 806	195 638	158 576	-18,9	
		R'000	41 246	197 560	70 749	1 230 966	1 175 049	-4,5	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 326 114	1 538 208	3 501 830	12 359 620	16 148 680	30,7
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	125 934	113 111	130 672	905 302	912 860	0,8
R'000			707 317	818 009	860 159	5 306 705	5 880 994	10,8	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	31 634	31 638	40 919	267 348	284 600	6,5	
		R'000	276 600	303 286	374 096	2 239 978	2 791 085	24,6	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	983 917	1 121 295	1 234 255	7 546 683	8 672 079	14,9	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	5 957 597	5 572 825	7 743 267	44 292 933	52 375 028	18,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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. 2016	Aug. 2017	Sep. 2017	Jan. - Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2017	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	603	439	252	2 870	4 098	42,8	
		square metres	26 846	20 567	11 655	129 642	187 985	45,0	
		R'000	106 545	115 612	68 176	628 362	1 037 982	65,2	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	349	356	338	2 534	2 627	3,7	
		square metres	80 966	81 626	76 601	593 405	612 043	3,1	
		R'000	500 550	531 996	510 625	3 696 776	4 014 211	8,6	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	425	127	561	2 830	2 400	-15,2	
		square metres	48 191	24 915	52 192	287 009	282 679	-1,5	
		R'000	368 797	193 301	403 844	2 192 652	2 162 168	-1,4	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	477	638	840	6 356	68 156	972,3	
		R'000	3 186	4 262	6 667	50 483	543 888	977,4	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	979 078	845 171	989 312	6 568 273	7 758 249	18,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	3 824	6 448	11 737	87 132	128 033	46,9	
		R'000	24 496	63 190	95 060	541 767	974 914	80,0	
	Shopping space	square metres	9 233	16 203	15 864	40 134	58 522	45,8	
		R'000	80 098	124 364	137 666	285 971	457 875	60,1	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	47 775	70 557	24 609	198 271	256 075	29,2	
		R'000	305 568	614 074	167 795	1 270 382	1 849 443	45,6	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 388	12 920	10 805	72 632	51 954	-28,5	
		R'000	16 523	78 123	61 980	482 370	326 952	-32,2	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	426 685	879 751	462 501	2 580 490	3 609 184	39,9
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	67 706	51 191	74 793	388 184	447 129	15,2
R'000			328 792	303 476	432 879	2 002 256	2 533 310	26,5	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	23 778	12 931	16 844	110 494	119 364	8,0	
		R'000	192 874	142 142	189 874	1 038 427	1 247 131	20,1	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	521 666	445 618	622 753	3 040 683	3 780 441	24,3	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	1 927 429	2 170 540	2 074 566	12 189 446	15 147 874	24,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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. 2016	Aug. 2017	Sep. 2017	Jan. - Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2017	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	242	83	48	698	331	-52,6	
		square metres	10 103	3 714	2 355	32 736	16 885	-48,4	
		R'000	66 643	14 017	9 712	150 968	79 448	-47,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	254	75	61	527	479	-9,1	
		square metres	32 411	14 603	12 195	89 494	96 359	7,7	
		R'000	206 572	93 719	77 231	516 062	559 024	8,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	61	1	8	328	79	-75,9	
		square metres	3 957	204	1 187	31 518	7 775	-75,3	
		R'000	23 741	1 374	7 487	171 986	45 780	-73,4	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	3 130	4 056	29,6	
		R'000	0	0	0	15 556	23 020	48,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	296 956	109 110	94 430	854 572	707 272	-17,2
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 187	0	0	4 636	3 361	-27,5
R'000			6 703	0	0	26 689	15 173	-43,1	
Shopping space		square metres	4 068	0	0	6 470	1 892	-70,8	
		R'000	19 776	0	0	32 182	9 025	-72,0	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	0	124	0	6 801	18 467	171,5	
		R'000	0	787	0	30 388	92 846	205,5	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	0	291	373	5 193	1 292,2	
		R'000	0	0	1 847	1 706	26 708	1 465,5	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	26 479	787	1 847	90 965	143 752	58,0	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 474	8 129	10 377	39 571	74 453	88,2	
		R'000	21 308	50 915	64 584	179 611	390 398	117,4	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	907	2 784	4 945	14 263	25 243	77,0	
		R'000	5 896	17 876	32 385	70 031	178 729	155,2	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	27 204	68 791	96 969	249 642	569 127	128,0	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	350 639	178 688	193 246	1 195 179	1 420 151	18,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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. 2016	Aug. 2017	Sep. 2017	Jan. - Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2017	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	0	1	3	2	-33,3	
		square metres	156	0	44	226	120	-46,9	
		R'000	936	0	308	1 251	764	-38,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	16	2	7	77	43	-44,2	
		square metres	2 202	384	1 939	14 185	9 686	-31,7	
		R'000	16 302	3 088	12 801	95 808	66 588	-30,5	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	4	0	0	5	17	240,0	
		square metres	612	0	0	761	1 928	153,4	
		R'000	3 978	0	0	5 006	13 449	168,7	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	158	935	491,8	
		R'000	0	0	0	948	5 512	481,4	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	21 216	3 088	13 109	103 013	86 313	-16,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	615	0	325	3 439	958,2	
		R'000	0	3 998	0	1 463	19 157	1 209,4	
	Shopping space	square metres	265	1 306	0	540	1 426	164,1	
		R'000	1 193	10 502	0	2 431	11 222	361,6	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	0	374	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	2 842	..	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	802	0	0	802	16 448	1 950,9	
		R'000	4 010	0	0	4 010	132 258	3 198,2	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	5 203	14 500	0	7 904	165 479	1 993,6
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 519	1 982	1 570	33 836	14 396	-57,5
R'000			25 374	15 011	12 006	245 384	107 873	-56,0	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	0	78	54	3 910	3 210	-17,9	
		R'000	787	671	1 316	39 284	25 276	-35,7	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	26 161	15 682	13 322	284 668	133 149	-53,2	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	52 580	33 270	26 431	395 585	384 941	-2,7	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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. 2016	Aug. 2017	Sep. 2017	Jan. - Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2017	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	22	8	39	226	142	-37,2	
		square metres	1 124	415	2 187	12 412	7 833	-36,9	
		R'000	3 074	2 896	7 300	32 643	31 235	-4,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	20	14	27	244	139	-43,0	
		square metres	4 589	2 114	5 080	47 696	26 088	-45,3	
		R'000	25 874	14 234	33 263	250 541	149 396	-40,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	11	0	9	1 304	416	-68,1	
		square metres	1 598	0	1 320	71 522	33 293	-53,5	
		R'000	11 160	0	9 776	405 412	226 507	-44,1	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	308	168	-45,5	
		R'000	0	0	0	1 642	756	-54,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	40 108	17 130	50 339	690 238	407 894	-40,9
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	6 572	2 573	-60,8
R'000			0	0	0	46 510	17 649	-62,1	
Shopping space		square metres	0	64	0	18 668	983	-94,7	
		R'000	0	474	0	139 582	5 129	-96,3	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	0	0	0	40 159	1 340	-96,7	
		R'000	0	0	0	197 716	7 315	-96,3	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	480	4 520	145	480	4 665	871,9	
		R'000	2 400	36 216	1 074	2 400	37 290	1 453,8	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	2 400	36 690	1 074	386 208	67 383	-82,6	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 608	4 170	4 494	24 562	31 753	29,3
	R'000		16 713	24 762	24 432	113 104	156 812	38,6	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	487	0	6 127	1 319	-78,5	
		R'000	2 178	2 744	1 371	45 437	93 518	105,8	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	18 891	27 506	25 803	158 541	250 330	57,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	61 399	81 326	77 216	1 234 987	725 607	-41,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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. 2016	Aug. 2017	Sep. 2017	Jan. - Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2017	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	28	15	193	105	-45,6	
		square metres	727	1 636	822	11 240	5 951	-47,1	
		R'000	6 601	14 894	7 835	95 350	53 874	-43,5	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	68	85	52	565	606	7,3	
		square metres	21 401	26 547	16 912	153 670	186 141	21,1	
		R'000	188 496	271 582	161 390	1 267 330	1 754 639	38,5	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	185	56	101	638	1 028	61,1	
		square metres	25 811	12 339	15 605	106 892	134 887	26,2	
		R'000	264 421	112 968	137 550	975 611	1 270 698	30,2	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	2 697	0	8 796	14 792	68,2	
		R'000	0	30 237	0	48 677	165 085	239,1	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	459 518	429 681	306 775	2 386 968	3 244 296	35,9
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 100	0	3 267	96 354	51 612	-46,4
R'000			22 051	0	34 293	829 774	531 504	-35,9	
Shopping space		square metres	3 013	6 335	209 158	172 686	483 883	180,2	
		R'000	14 335	69 809	2 300 738	1 623 852	4 568 041	181,3	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	8 792	22 549	10 695	193 526	131 940	-31,8	
		R'000	46 966	130 172	64 170	1 035 438	760 800	-26,5	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	372	164	104	5 446	16 546	203,8	
		R'000	3 460	1 607	1 019	39 087	154 180	294,5	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	86 812	201 588	2 400 220	3 528 151	6 014 525	70,5	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 892	17 862	13 027	107 902	102 543	-5,0
	R'000		107 452	196 403	138 026	969 040	1 048 810	8,2	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 245	7 391	5 534	52 545	55 527	5,7	
		R'000	38 727	72 076	50 041	390 481	580 984	48,8	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	146 179	268 479	188 067	1 359 521	1 629 794	19,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	692 509	899 748	2 895 062	7 274 640	10 888 615	49,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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. 2016	Aug. 2017	Sep. 2017	Jan. - Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2017	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	39	11	23	378	298	-21,2	
		square metres	2 310	647	1 375	23 116	17 398	-24,7	
		R'000	9 207	2 880	6 875	86 541	77 900	-10,0	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	34	25	24	991	419	-57,7	
		square metres	7 392	5 784	5 281	162 621	87 809	-46,0	
		R'000	33 831	30 787	31 098	751 475	465 967	-38,0	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	12	73	138	500	380	-24,0	
		square metres	1 521	6 191	17 738	39 629	39 140	-1,2	
		R'000	6 780	30 155	89 220	197 731	209 071	5,7	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	785	0	0	785	..	
		R'000	0	4 651	0	0	4 651	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	49 818	68 473	127 193	1 035 747	757 589	-26,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	7 032	6 983	-0,7	
		R'000	0	0	0	36 804	39 978	8,6	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	9 323	555	22 071	28 110	27,4	
		R'000	0	55 888	3 523	110 971	153 460	38,3	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	254	0	2 940	14 292	386,1	
		R'000	0	1 075	0	16 110	69 248	329,8	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	399	0	0	6 571	1 191	-81,9	
		R'000	1 995	0	0	31 487	5 955	-81,1	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 995	56 963	3 523	195 372	268 641	37,5
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 642	344	733	67 329	28 022	-58,4
R'000			7 019	1 828	4 215	288 915	131 968	-54,3	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	0	480	689	6 633	11 057	66,7	
		R'000	200	3 225	4 874	31 105	68 654	120,7	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	7 219	5 053	9 089	320 020	200 622	-37,3	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	59 032	130 489	139 805	1 551 139	1 226 852	-20,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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. 2016	Aug. 2017	Sep. 2017	Jan. - Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2017	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	448	701	435	5 471	5 122	-6,4	
		square metres	23 489	33 969	22 182	269 956	253 924	-5,9	
		R'000	118 972	151 771	99 767	1 088 619	1 094 997	0,6	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	408	289	272	3 387	2 598	-23,3	
		square metres	124 229	82 259	91 794	978 204	850 715	-13,0	
		R'000	925 854	645 966	734 583	7 233 134	6 613 097	-8,6	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	627	495	495	3 758	5 667	50,8	
		square metres	74 191	61 473	55 358	380 320	530 487	39,5	
		R'000	604 294	527 418	490 116	3 107 593	4 524 871	45,6	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 221	0	0	7 639	128 661	1 584,3	
		R'000	12 697	0	0	65 233	1 359 092	1 983,4	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 661 817	1 325 155	1 324 466	11 494 579	13 592 057	18,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	23 505	8 713	14 243	204 283	183 093	-10,4	
		R'000	212 853	87 120	128 756	1 903 684	1 865 894	-2,0	
	Shopping space	square metres	25 414	13 305	20 394	103 474	137 649	33,0	
		R'000	220 560	121 772	180 116	839 129	1 152 988	37,4	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	36 709	7 695	55 687	348 055	402 905	15,8	
		R'000	172 457	42 467	308 780	1 734 583	2 065 348	19,1	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 848	7 833	461	101 980	57 148	-44,0	
		R'000	12 785	72 441	4 829	637 524	463 610	-27,3	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	618 655	323 800	622 481	5 114 920	5 547 840	8,5	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	24 839	26 983	24 949	180 223	189 230	5,0	
		R'000	164 977	213 293	179 275	1 235 323	1 394 716	12,9	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 370	4 529	12 853	61 861	61 849	0,0	
		R'000	33 954	43 974	93 685	553 964	541 602	-2,2	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	198 931	257 267	272 960	1 789 287	1 936 318	8,2	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	2 479 403	1 906 222	2 219 907	18 398 786	21 076 215	14,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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. 2016	Aug. 2017	Sep. 2017	Jan. - Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2017	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	73	51	27	805	494	-38,6	
		square metres	4 587	1 922	1 563	40 459	23 689	-41,4	
		R'000	16 643	9 152	7 443	154 990	101 097	-34,8	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	77	43	32	643	315	-51,0	
		square metres	18 232	9 840	7 867	144 679	70 389	-51,3	
		R'000	80 637	50 192	47 880	655 836	356 081	-45,7	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	26	5	148	223	50,7	
		square metres	0	3 494	320	9 886	24 005	142,8	
		R'000	0	16 635	1 526	44 340	112 020	152,6	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	1 001	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	4 505	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	97 280	75 979	56 849	859 671	569 198	-33,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	2 640	0	8 655	2 965	-65,7	
		R'000	0	12 569	0	46 340	14 032	-69,7	
	Shopping space	square metres	1 597	175	0	9 868	16 180	64,0	
		R'000	10 381	833	0	61 607	77 259	25,4	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 206	216	978	25 625	13 158	-48,7	
		R'000	13 056	1 554	7 036	130 856	66 497	-49,2	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	242	0	6 482	2 587	-60,1	
		R'000	0	1 741	0	27 979	13 469	-51,9	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	23 437	16 697	7 036	266 782	171 257	-35,8
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 437	2 009	536	58 342	22 781	-61,0
R'000			31 668	9 988	3 721	247 382	104 678	-57,7	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	0	2 958	0	10 645	4 658	-56,2	
		R'000	636	20 078	550	62 158	39 489	-36,5	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	32 304	30 066	4 271	309 540	144 167	-53,4	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	153 021	122 742	68 156	1 435 993	884 622	-38,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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. 2016	Aug. 2017	Sep. 2017	Jan. - Sep. 2016	Jan. - Sep. 2017	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	7	12	8	119	587	393,3	
		square metres	484	740	500	7 259	26 793	269,1	
		R'000	2 238	3 915	2 645	36 020	69 044	91,7	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	18	23	14	208	183	-12,0	
		square metres	5 435	6 859	5 050	53 893	49 339	-8,5	
		R'000	27 012	35 620	26 252	259 311	250 413	-3,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	32	0	17	206	133	-35,4	
		square metres	2 505	0	2 989	19 167	15 825	-17,4	
		R'000	12 525	0	15 812	96 518	78 710	-18,5	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	344	6 803	1 877,6	
		R'000	0	0	0	1 720	33 234	1 832,2	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	41 775	39 535	44 709	393 569	431 401	9,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	309	0	595	2 207	1 917	-13,1	
		R'000	1 545	0	3 148	10 991	9 862	-10,3	
	Shopping space	square metres	26 566	0	0	29 605	1 478	-95,0	
		R'000	132 830	0	0	144 379	8 053	-94,4	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	5 857	25 814	340,7	
		R'000	0	0	0	29 055	128 077	340,8	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	14	1 405	0	872	2 844	226,1	
		R'000	73	7 432	0	4 403	14 627	232,2	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	134 448	7 432	3 148	188 828	160 619	-14,9
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	817	441	193	5 353	2 553	-52,3
R'000			4 014	2 333	1 021	25 690	12 429	-51,6	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	334	0	0	870	2 373	172,8	
		R'000	1 348	500	0	9 091	15 702	72,7	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	5 362	2 833	1 021	34 781	28 131	-19,1	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	181 585	49 800	48 878	617 178	620 151	0,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2016 and 2017.

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

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

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

Explanatory notes

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Introduction | 1 | Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements. |
| | 2 | In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available. |
| Purpose of the survey | 3 | The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector. |
| Scope of the survey | 4 | This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings. |
| Classification | 5 | Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> , (SIC) Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions. |
| Collection rate | 6 | The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for September 2017 was 93,6%. The collection rate for August 2017 was 95,5%. |
| Statistical unit | 7 | The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities. |
| Survey methodology and design | 8 | Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone. |
| Constant prices | 9 | The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2015. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: <i>Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP) Work Groups and Selected Materials Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2016=100) are converted to the base year 2015=100. |

- Seasonal adjustment** 10 Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by US Bureau of the Census Economic Research and Analyses Division, 1968.
- 11 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore, the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for building statistics is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at [Click to download building statistics seasonal adjustment May 2017](#)
- Trend cycle** 12 The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.
- Revised figures** 13 Revised figures are due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or to respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. Figures for the latest two years are therefore preliminary. Data are edited at municipal level.
- 14 Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* is published with the revised and updated information at provincial and municipal level for the previous calendar year. Due to this comprehensive revision, the monthly statistical release P5041.1 reflects provincial revision where applicable.
- Related publications** 15 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:
- P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* issued annually.
 - P9101.2: *Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region* issued annually.
 - *Building Statistics* (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.
- Rounding-off of figures** 16 Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.

Symbols and abbreviations

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

Glossary

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

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

Technical enquiries

Suzzie Mnguni Telephone number: (012) 310 8134
Email: suzziemn@statssa.gov.za

Nicolai Claassen Telephone number: (012) 310 8007
Email: nicolaic@statssa.gov.za

General information

Stats SA publishes approximately 300 different statistical releases each year. It is not economically viable to produce them in more than one of South Africa's eleven official languages. Since the releases are used extensively, not only locally but also by international economic and social-scientific communities, Stats SA releases are published in English.

Stats SA has copyright on this publication. Users may apply the information as they wish, provided that they acknowledge Stats SA as the source of the basic data wherever they process, apply, utilise, publish or distribute the data and also that they specify that the relevant application and analysis (where applicable) result from their own processing of the data.

Advance release calendar

An advance release calendar is disseminated on www.statssa.gov.za

Stats SA products

A complete set of Stats SA publications is available at the Stats SA Library and the following libraries:

National Library of South Africa, Pretoria Division
National Library of South Africa, Cape Town Division
Natal Society Library, Pietermaritzburg
Library of Parliament, Cape Town
Bloemfontein Public Library
Johannesburg Public Library
Eastern Cape Library Services, King William's Town
Central Regional Library, Polokwane
Central Reference Library, Mbombela
Central Reference Collection, Kimberley
Central Reference Library, Mmabatho

Stats SA also provides a subscription service.

Electronic services

A large range of data is available via online services. For more details about our electronic services, contact Stats SA's user information service at (012) 310 8600.

You can visit us on the Internet at: www.statssa.gov.za

General enquiries

User information services Telephone number: (012) 310 8600
Email address: info@statssa.gov.za

Postal address Private Bag X44, Pretoria, 0001

Produced by Stats SA