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Non Residential Construction Statistics from Approved Building Permits

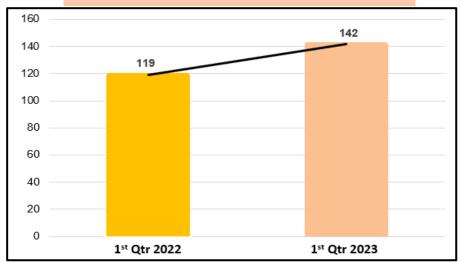
La Union: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2023

(Preliminary Result)

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Figure 1. Number of Non Residential Buildings La Union: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2022 and 2023



The total number of new non residential building constructions from approved building permits in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2023 was recorded at 142 constructions, reflecting an increase of 19.33 percent from 119 constructions in same quarter last year.

Table 1. Number, Floor Area and Value of Non Residential Buildings

La Union: 1st Quarter, 2022 and 2023

| Quarter/Year                 | Number | Floor Area<br>(sq.m.) | Value<br>(PhP 1,000) |
|------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022 | 119    | 70,287                | 607,474              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2023 | 142    | 34,074                | 306,298              |

Source: Approved Building Permits (1st Quarter 2022 and 2023)

Note: Data presented are preliminary

The total floor area of the new non residential construction projects decreased by 51.52 percent from 70,287 square meters in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2022 to 34,074 square

meters in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2023. Similarly, the value of new construction projects decreased by 49.58 percent from PhP607.47 million in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2022 to PhP 306.30 million in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2023.

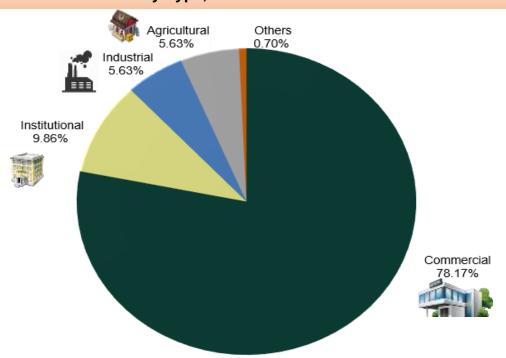


FIGURE 2. Percent Distribution of Non Residential Constructions by Type, La Union: 1st Quarter 2023

Commercial-type building constructions posted the biggest proportion of non residential constructions with 78.17 percent of the total non residential constructions (111 construction projects). The total value of constructions for this type was estimated at PhP224.68 million covering a floor area of 24,959 square meters or an average cost of PhP9,001.96 per square meter.

Institutional buildings distantly followed with 9.86 percent share to the total non residential constructions (14 constructions). Total value for institutional constructions was estimated at PhP55.83 million with a total floor area of 5,572 square meters or an average cost of PhP10,020.28 per square meter.

Industrial and Agricultural buildings ranked third with 5.63 percent share each to the total non residential constructions (8 constructions each). Total value for Industrial buildings was estimated at PhP18.22 million with a total floor area of 2,107 square meters or an average cost of PhP8,647.37 per square meter. While for Agricultural buildings, the total value was estimated at PhP7.27 million with a

<sup>\*</sup>Details may not add up to total due to rounding.

total floor area of 1,436 square meters or an average cost of PhP5,061.98 per square meter.

Other construction had the least number of constructions with 0.70 percent share each to the total non residential constructions (1 construction). Total value for other constructions was estimated at PhP0.30 million.

TABLE 2. Number, Floor Area and Value of Non Residential Buildings by City/Municipality, La Union: 1st Quarter 2023

| Province/Municipality | Number | Floor Area | Value      |
|-----------------------|--------|------------|------------|
| Province/Municipality |        | (sq.m.)    | (PhP1,000) |
|                       |        |            |            |
| La Union              | 142    | 34,074     | 306,298    |
|                       |        |            |            |
| Agoo                  | 7      | 1,447      | 15,803     |
| Aringay               | 5      | 559        | 9,409      |
| Bacnotan              | 10     | 2,325      | 32,696     |
| Bagulin               | -      | -          | -          |
| Balaoan               | 4      | 458        | 4,225      |
| Bangar                | 8      | 1,676      | 32,781     |
| Bauang                | 8      | 3,987      | 33,081     |
| Burgos                | -      | -          | -          |
| Caba                  | 1      | 205        | 778        |
| Luna                  | 3      | 823        | 7,456      |
| Naguilian             | 9      | 1,412      | 5,774      |
| Pugo                  | 10     | 3,194      | 22,342     |
| Rosario               | 19     | 5,522      | 53,858     |
| San Fernando City     | 28     | 5,679      | 33,659     |
| San Gabriel           | 2      | 583        | 4,016      |
| San Juan              | 15     | 3,959      | 34,522     |
| Sto. Tomas            | 4      | 1,449      | 10,228     |
| Santol                | 5      | 611        | 2,658      |
| Sudipen               | 1      | 21         | 475        |
| Tubao                 | 3      | 164        | 2,534      |

Source: Approved Building Permits (1st Quarter 2023)

Note: Data presented are preliminary

In La Union, the City of San Fernando occupied the top rank in terms of the number of non residential building constructions in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2023 with a share of 19.72 percent (28 constructions) to the provincial total. The municipality of Rosario placed second with a share of 13.38 percent (19 constructions) while San Juan ranked third with a share of 10.56 percent (15 constructions).

### **TECHNICAL NOTES**

## Scope and Coverage

Private construction statistics from approved building permits pertain to data on new constructions and additions, alterations and repairs of existing residential and non-residential buildings and other structures undertaken in all city/municipalities of the country.

For this publication, the scope and coverage are all city/municipalities in La Union.

#### Source of Information

Data were taken from the original application forms of approved building permits collected every month by PSA field personnel from the offices of Local Building Officials (LBOs) provincewide.

#### Limitation

- 1. Data on private building constructions refer to those proposed to be constructed during the reference period and not to construction work completed during the reference period.
- 2. The completeness of the number of building permits collected relies on the collection of applications filed with the LBOs. Hence, private building constructions without approved building permits are excluded in the tabulation of data.

## **Definition of Terms**

**Building Permit** is a written authorization granted by the LBO to an applicant allowing him to proceed with the construction of a specific project after plans, specifications and other pertinent documents have been found to be in conformity with the National Building Code (RA 6541).

**Building** is any independent, free-standing structure comprised of one or more rooms or other spaces, covered by a roof and enclosed with external walls or dividing walls which extend from the foundation to the roof.

**Non-Residential Building** includes commercial, industrial, agricultural and institutional buildings.

**Commercial Building** includes office buildings and all buildings which are intended for use primarily in wholesale, retail and service trades; i.e. stores, hotels, restaurants, banks, disco houses, etc.

**Industrial Buildings** are buildings which are used to house the production, assembly and warehousing activities of industrial establishments; i.e. factories, plants, mills, repair shops, machine shops, printing press, storage plant, electric generating plants.

**Institutional Buildings** are buildings which are primarily engaged in providing educational instructions and hospital/health care; ports, airports and other government buildings; i.e. schools, museums, libraries, sanitaria, churches, hospitals.

**Agricultural Buildings** are buildings which are used to house livestock, plants and agricultural products such as barn, poultry house, piggeries, stables, greenhouses and grain mill.

**Other Non-Building Constructions** include cemetery structures, street furniture, waiting sheds, communication towers, etc.

**Addition** refers to any new construction which increases the height or area of an existing building/structure.

**Alteration** refers to construction in a structure involving changes in the materials used, partitioning, location/size of openings, structural parts, existing utilities and equipment but does not increase the overall area thereof.

**Repair** refers to remedial work done on any damaged or deteriorated portion/s of a structure to restore its original condition.

**Floor Area of Building** refers to the sum of the area of each floor of the building measured to the outer surface of the outer walls including the area of lobbies, cellars, elevator shafts and all communal spaces in multi-dwellings. Areas of balconies are excluded.

**Total Value of Construction** refers to the sum of the cost of building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and others. The value is derived from the approved building permit and represents the estimated value of the building or structure when completed.

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