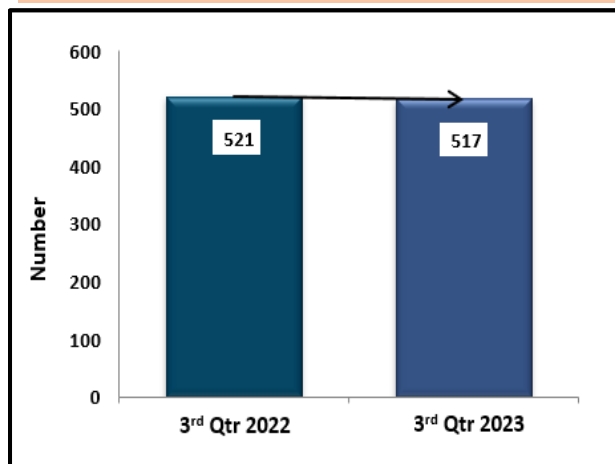


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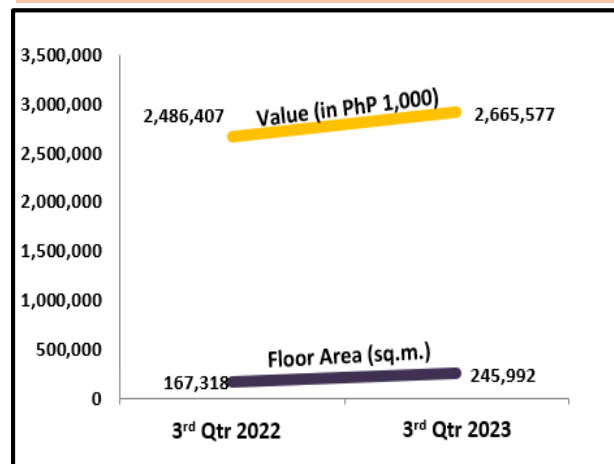
## Construction Statistics from Approved Building Permits La Union: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023 (Preliminary Result)

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**FIGURE 1. Number of Construction Projects in La Union  
3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, 2022 and 2023**



**FIGURE 2. Floor Area and Value of Construction Projects in La Union  
3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, 2022 and 2023**

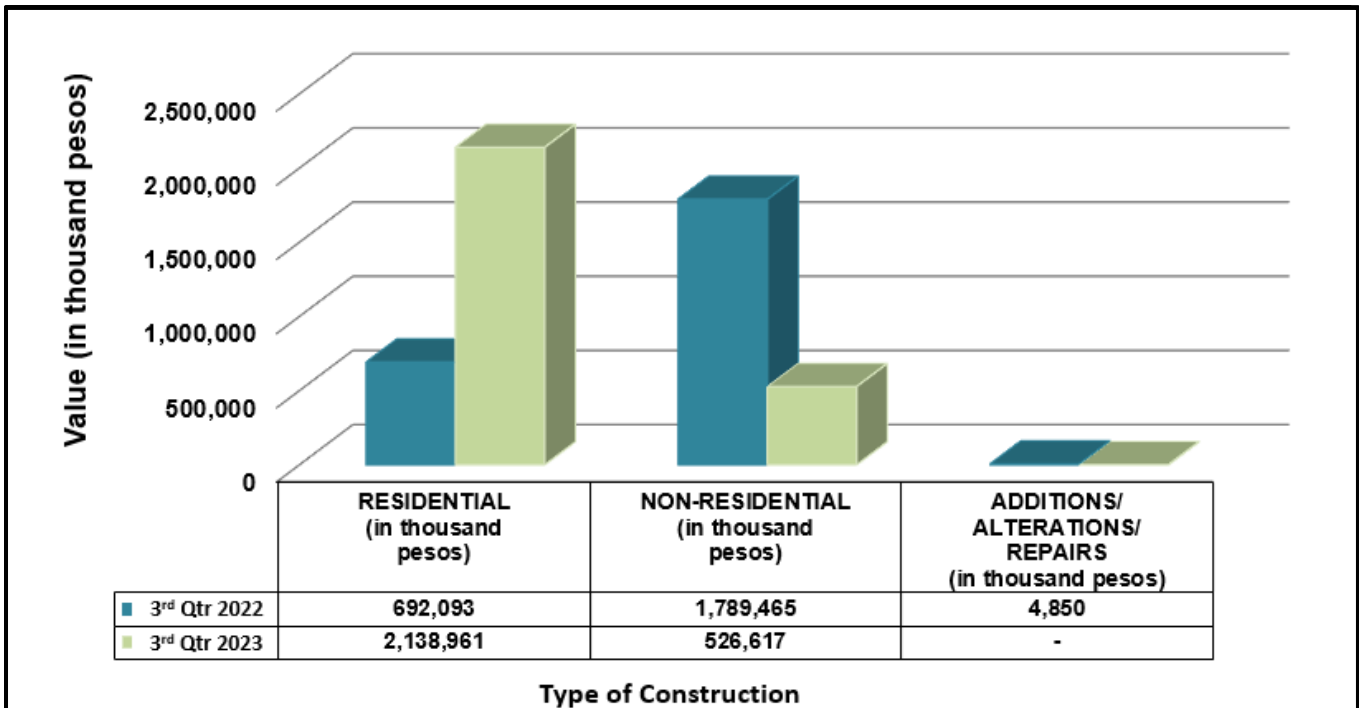


Source: *Approved Building Permits (3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2022 and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023)*  
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The total number of new construction projects from approved building permits in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2023 was recorded at 517, reflecting a decrease of 0.77 percent from 521 construction projects in the same quarter last year.

In contrast, the total floor area of the new construction projects increased by 47.02 percent from 167,318 square meters in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2022 to 245,992 square meters in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2023. The value of the new construction projects also went up by 7.21 percent from PhP2,486.41 million in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2022 to PhP2,665.58 million in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2023.

**FIGURE 3. Value of Building Constructions by Type of Construction  
La Union: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, 2022 and 2023**



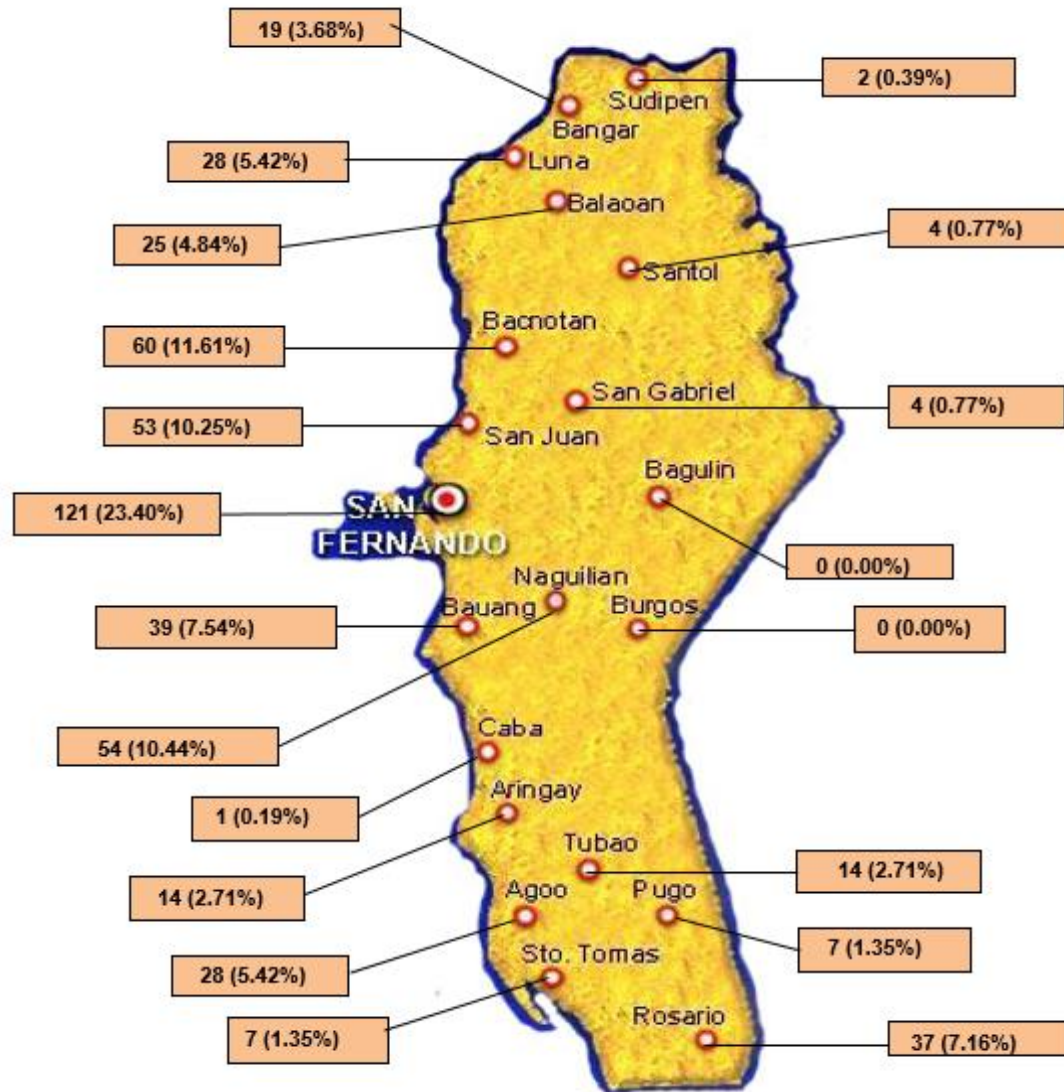
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By type of construction, residential buildings accounted the highest share (80.24%) in terms of value in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2023. The value of constructing residential buildings increased by 209.06 percent with an estimated value of PhP2,138.96 million from PhP692.09 million in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of last year.

On the other hand, the value of constructing non-residential buildings decreased by 70.57 percent in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2023 amounting to PhP526.62million from PhP1,789.47 million in the same quarter a year ago.

**FIGURE 4. Percent Distribution of New Construction Projects by City/Municipality, La Union: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023**



Source: Approved Building Permits (3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2022 and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023)  
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The figure above shows the distribution of new construction projects by city/municipality in La Union in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2023.

Among the city/municipalities, the City of San Fernando registered the highest number of construction projects with a share of 23.40 percent (121 constructions) to the total approved building permits in La Union in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2023. Compared with the number of constructions in the same quarter a year ago (99 building constructions), it registered an increase of 22.22 percent.

Second in rank in terms of number of construction projects in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2023 was Bacnotan with 60 constructions (11.61 percent share), while third in rank was Naguilian with 54 constructions (10.44 percent share).

**TABLE 1. Number, Floor Area and Value of New Constructions by City/Municipality, La Union: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, 2022 and 2023**

Province/ Municipality	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023			3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2022		
	Number	Floor Area	Value (PhP 1,000)	Number	Floor Area	Value (PhP 1,000)
<b>La Union</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>245,992</b>	<b>2,665,577</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>167,318</b>	<b>2,486,407</b>
Agoo	28	4,769	69,093	31	7,129	78,116
Aringay	14	3,241	24,111	13	2,192	17,225
Bacnotan	60	10,445	122,209	51	57,803	1,080,866
Bagulin	0	0	0	0	0	0
Balaoan	25	3,716	37,561	15	2,441	23,067
Bangar	19	4,457	46,947	6	1,098	11,418
Bauang	39	10,303	74,998	73	19,024	149,384
Burgos	0	0	0	1	139	4,192
Caba	1	63	450	6	981	10,894
Luna	28	3,810	33,401	32	3,160	34,780
Naguilian	54	6,904	76,898	42	4,422	74,087
Pugo	7	2,388	25,008	15	4,496	38,108
Rosario	37	31,024	182,241	49	9,468	87,465
City of San Fernando	121	143,933	1,688,825	99	17,493	555,957
San Gabriel	4	412	5,671	5	663	5,226
San Juan	53	9,850	164,270	50	11,194	133,371
Sto. Tomas	7	5,806	42,919	10	21,828	157,727
Santol	4	1,290	9,738	5	200	995
Sudipen	2	258	1,240	9	576	5,832
Tubao	14	3,323	59,998	9	3,011	17,696

Source: Approved Building Permits (3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2022 and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023)

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In La Union, the City of San Fernando also had the top rank in terms of the value of new constructions in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2023 with a share of 63.36 percent (PhP1,668.83 million) to the provincial total. Rosario distantly ranked second with a share of 6.84 percent (PhP182.24 million) while San Juan ranked third with a share of 6.16 percent (PhP164.27 million).

Meanwhile, in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2022, the Municipality of Bacnotan had the highest value of construction projects among the city/municipalities contributing 43.47 percent (PhP1,080.87 million) to the provincial total. The City of San Fernando ranked second with a share of 22.36 percent (Php555.96 million) while Sto. Tomas placed third with a share of 6.34 percent (PhP157.73 million).

## **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 the Philippine Statistics Authority (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.

**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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