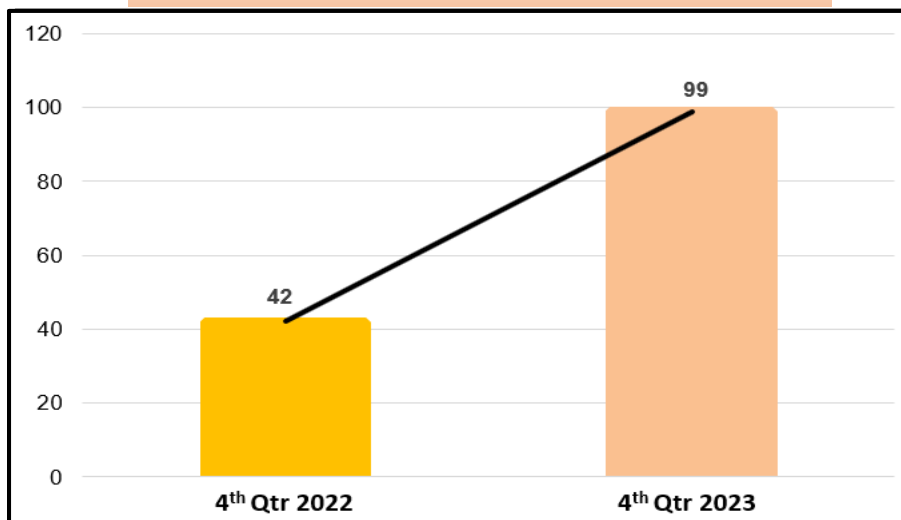


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Non-Residential Construction Statistics from Approved Building Permits La Union: 4th Quarter 2023 (Preliminary Result)

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**Figure 1. Number of Non-Residential Buildings
La Union: 4th Quarter, 2022 and 2023**



Source: Approved Building Permits (4th Quarter 2022 and 2023)
Note: Data presented are preliminary

The total number of new non-residential building constructions from approved building permits in 4th quarter 2023 was recorded at 99 constructions, reflecting an increase of 135.71 percent from 42 constructions in same quarter last year.

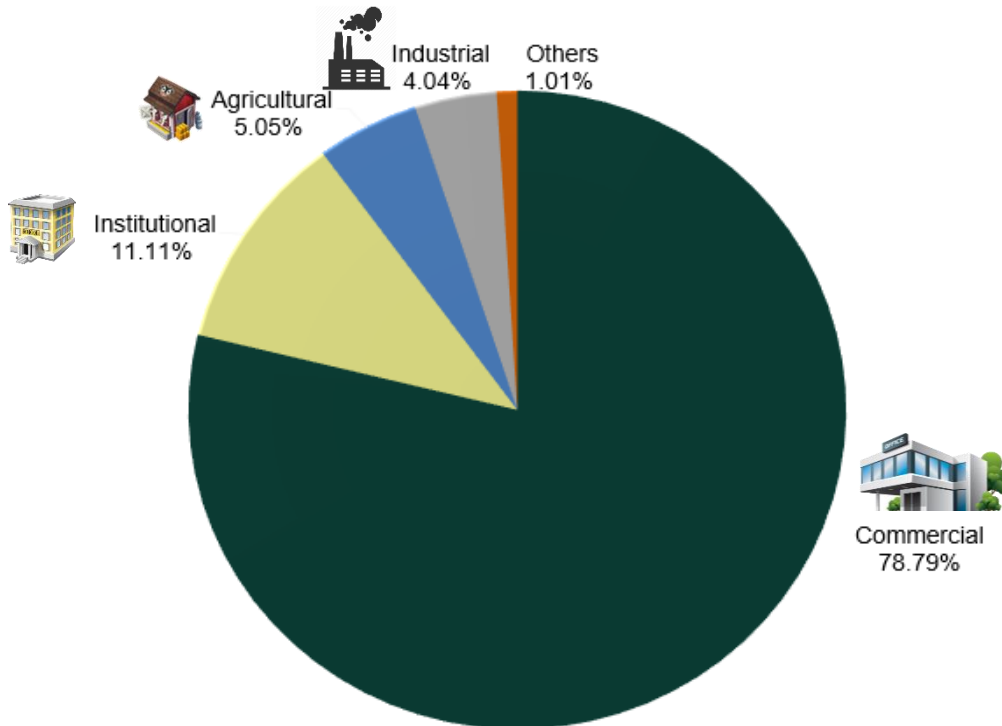
**Table 1. Number, Floor Area and Value
of Non-Residential Buildings
La Union: 4th Quarter, 2022 and 2023**

Quarter/Year	Number	Floor Area (sq.m.)	Value (PhP 1,000)
4 th Quarter 2022	42	46,620	597,185
4 th Quarter 2023	99	76,874	600,189

Source: Approved Building Permits (4th Quarter 2022 and 2023)
Note: Data presented are preliminary

The total floor area of the new non-residential construction projects increased by 64.89 percent from 46,620 square meters in the 4th quarter of 2022 to 76,874 square meters

in the 4th quarter of 2023. Similarly, the value of new construction projects increased by 0.50 percent from PhP597.19 million in 4th quarter of 2022 to PhP600.19 million in 4th quarter 2023.



Source: Approved Building Permits (4th Quarter 2022 and 2023)

Note: Data presented are preliminary

*Details may not add up to total due to rounding.

Commercial-type building constructions posted the biggest proportion of non-residential constructions with 78.79 percent of the total non-residential constructions (78 construction projects). The total value of constructions for this type was estimated at PhP200.38 million covering a floor area of 24,977 square meters or an average cost of PhP8,022.62 per square meter.

Institutional buildings distantly followed with 11.11 percent share to the total non-residential constructions (11 constructions). Total value for institutional constructions was estimated at PhP380.46 million with a total floor area of 49,419 square meters or an average cost of PhP7,698.68 per square meter.

Agricultural buildings ranked third with 5.05 percent share to the total non-residential constructions (5 constructions). Total value for agricultural buildings was estimated at PhP9.05 million with a total floor area of 974 square meters or an average cost of PhP9,291.58 per square meter.

Industrial buildings ranked fourth with 4.04 percent share to the total non-residential constructions (4 constructions). Total value for industrial buildings was estimated at PhP9.94 million with a total floor area of 1,504 square meters or an average cost of PhP6,611.04 per square meter.

TABLE 2. Number, Floor Area and Value of Non-Residential Buildings by City/Municipality, La Union: 4th Quarter 2023

Province/Municipality	Number	Floor Area	Value
		(sq.m.)	(PhP1,000)
La Union	99	76,874	600,189
Agoo	2	8,743	64,924
Aringay	3	185	1,352
Bacnotan	6	774	8,617
Bagulin	1	200	5,242
Balaoan	4	897	10,187
Bangar	5	4,284	32,852
Bauang	10	19,956	139,692
Burgos	-	-	-
Caba	1	188	1,400
Luna	2	160	1,044
Naguilian	3	1,040	10,713
Pugo	6	945	8,550
Rosario	21	28,346	208,916
San Fernando City	10	1,940	28,176
San Gabriel	1	95	704
San Juan	16	5,594	50,105
Sto. Tomas	2	116	811
Santol	2	1,238	10,039
Sudipen	-	-	-
Tubao	4	2,173	16,865

Source: Approved Building Permits (4th Quarter 2023)

Note: Data presented are preliminary

In La Union, the Municipality of Rosario occupied the top rank in terms of the number of non-residential building constructions in 4th quarter of 2023 with a share of 21.21 percent (21 constructions) to the provincial total. The municipality of San Juan placed second with a share of 16.16 percent (16 constructions) while Bauang and City of San Fernando ranked third with a share of 10.10 percent (10 constructions each).

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, sanitarium, 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.

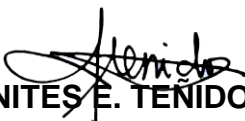
Alteration refers to construction in a structure involving changes in the materials used, partitioning, location/size of openings, structural parts, existing utilities and equipment but does not increase the overall area thereof.

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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