

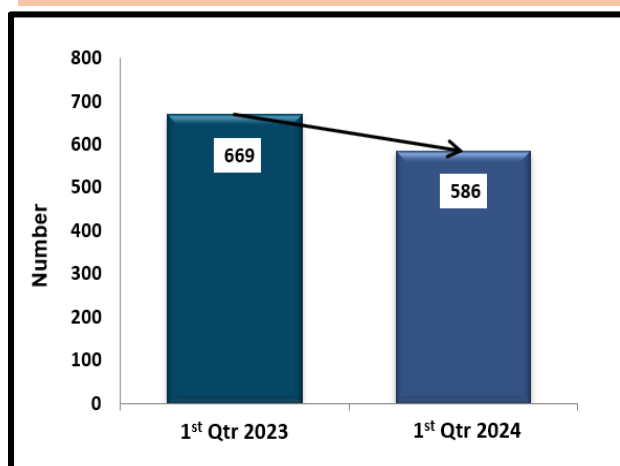
# SPECIAL RELEASE

## Construction Statistics from Approved Building Permits La Union: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 (Preliminary Result)

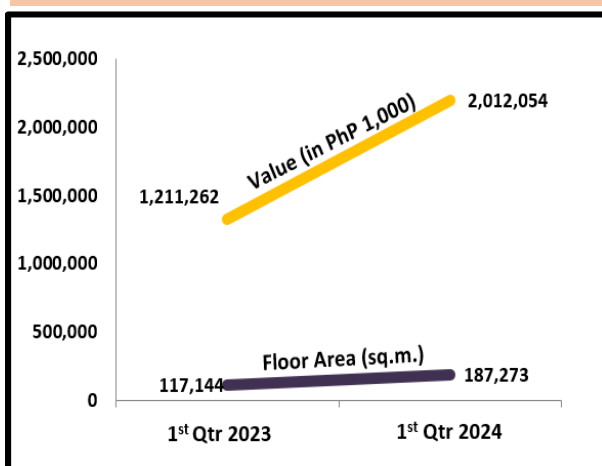
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**FIGURE 1. Number of Construction Projects in La Union  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2023 and 2024**



**FIGURE 2. Floor Area and Value of Construction Projects in La Union  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2023 and 2024**

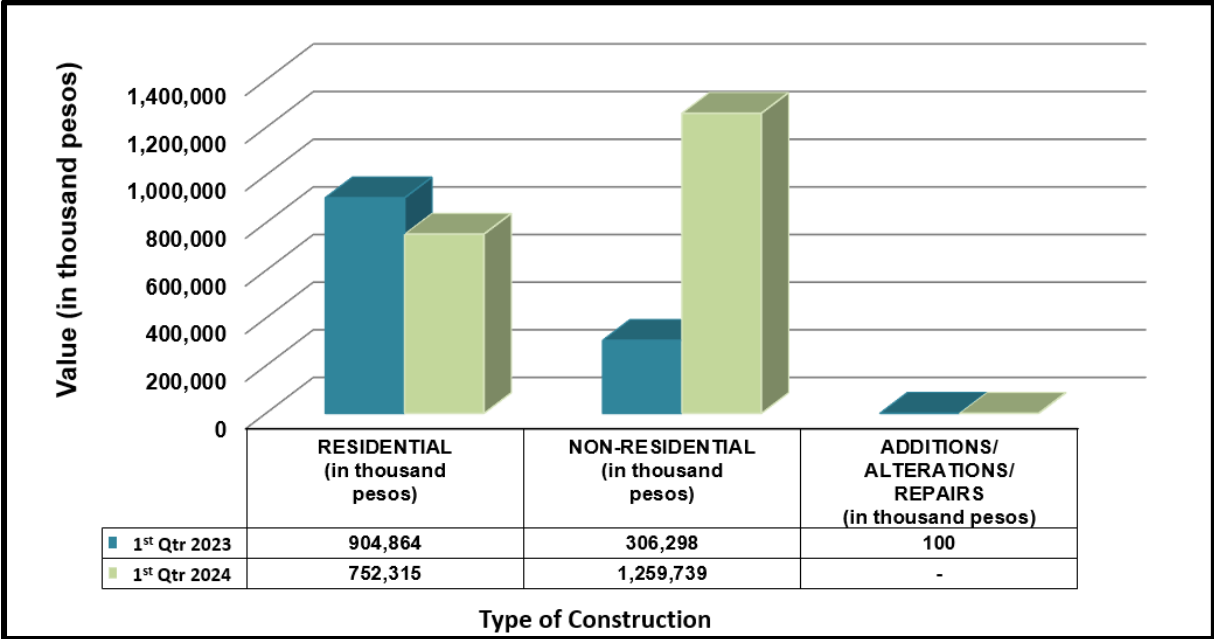


The total number of new construction projects from approved building permits in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024 was recorded at 586, reflecting a decrease of 12.41 percent from 669 construction projects in the same quarter last year.

The total floor area of the new construction projects increased by 59.87 percent from 117,144 square meters in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2023 to 187,273 square meters in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024. Moreover, the value of the new construction projects also went up by 66.11 percent from PhP1,211.26 million in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2023 to PhP2,012.05 million in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024.



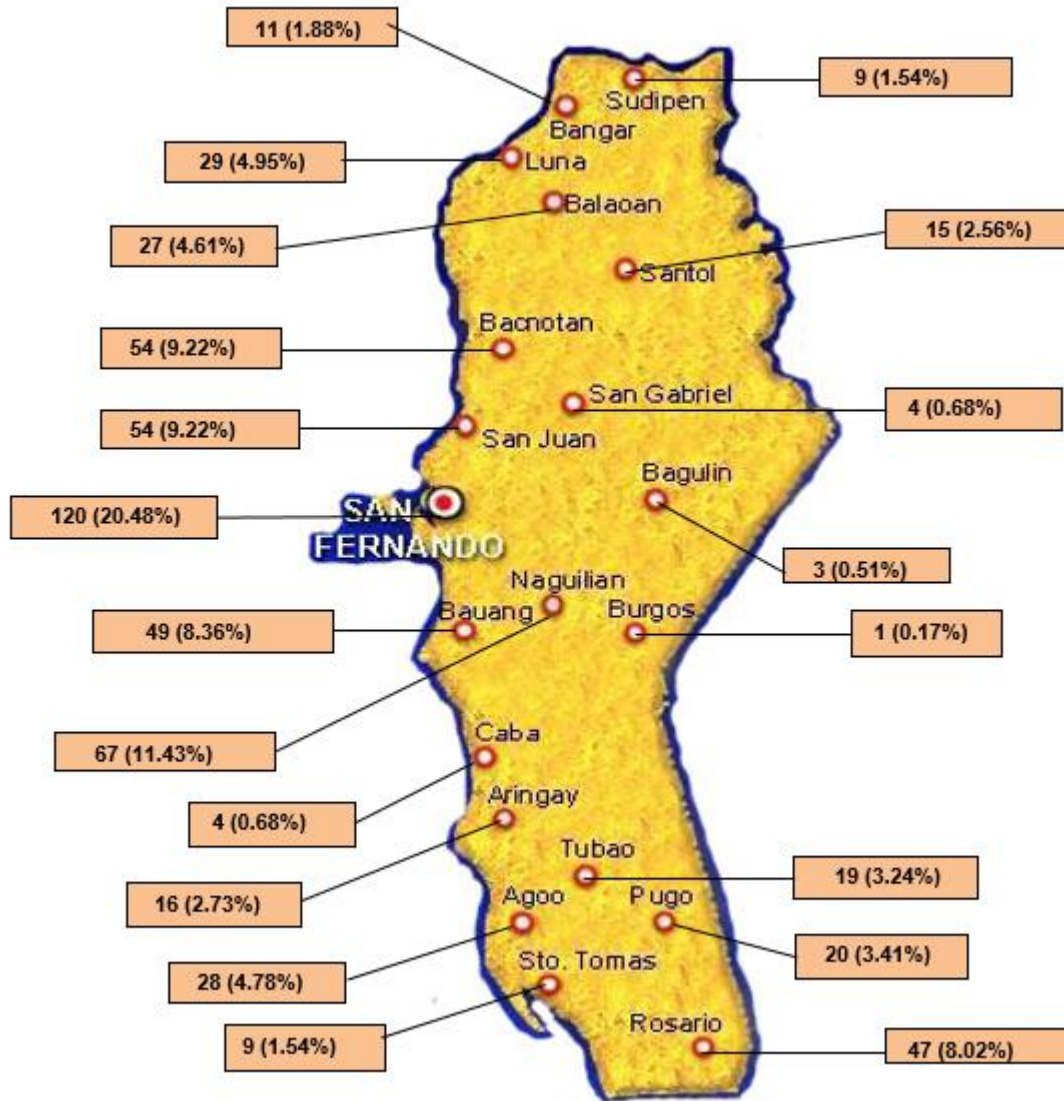
**FIGURE 3. Value of Building Constructions by Type of Construction 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2023 and 2024**



By type of construction, non-residential buildings accounted the highest share (62.61%) in terms of value in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024. The value of constructing non-residential buildings increased by 311.28 percent with an estimated value of PhP1,259.74 million from PhP306.30 million in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of last year.

On the other hand, the value of constructing residential buildings decreased by 16.86 percent in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024 amounting to PhP752.32 million from PhP904.86 million in the same quarter a year ago.

**FIGURE 4. Percent Distribution of New Construction Projects by City/Municipality, La Union: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024**



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

The figure above shows the distribution of new construction projects by city/municipality in La Union in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024.

Among the city/municipalities, the City of San Fernando registered the highest number of construction projects with a share of 20.48 percent (120 constructions) to the total approved building permits in La Union in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024. Compared with the number of constructions in the same quarter a year ago (126 building constructions), it registered a decrease of 4.76 percent.

Second in rank in terms of number of construction projects in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024 was Naguilian with 67 constructions (11.43 percent share), while third in rank were Bacnotan and San Juan with 54 constructions each (9.22 percent share).

**TABLE 1. Number, Floor Area and Value of New Constructions by City/Municipality, La Union: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2023 and 2024**

Province/ Municipality	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024			1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2023		
	Number	Floor Area	Value (PhP 1,000)	Number	Floor Area	Value (PhP 1,000)
<b>La Union</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>187,273</b>	<b>2,012,054</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>117,144</b>	<b>1,211,262</b>
Agoo	28	5,890	47,335	25	4,530	47,216
Aringay	16	2,754	20,465	24	2,779	39,633
Bacnotan	54	14,509	117,813	66	12,506	146,057
Bagulin	3	581	13,321	0	0	0
Balaoan	27	6,074	138,853	22	2,946	29,797
Bangar	11	1,883	18,243	20	3,886	73,770
Bauang	49	10,840	84,226	56	14,630	123,959
Burgos	1	339	2,518	0	0	0
Caba	4	1,025	8,312	9	1,252	11,016
Luna	29	3,241	30,654	35	6,021	62,707
Naguilian	67	8,552	98,961	99	10,537	98,814
Pugo	20	3,460	26,962	18	4,302	34,726
Rosario	47	10,129	88,041	61	10,149	110,212
City of San Fernando	120	86,108	1,065,672	126	22,935	225,642
San Gabriel	4	2,052	14,367	9	2,012	14,839
San Juan	54	21,761	172,350	60	11,789	122,240
Sto. Tomas	9	2,575	18,405	11	3,607	25,975
Santol	15	972	6,470	10	1,220	18,533
Sudipen	9	1,034	11,949	6	563	7,341
Tubao	19	3,494	27,137	12	1,480	18,785

Source: *Approved Building Permits (1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2023 and 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2024)*

Note: Data presented are preliminary

In La Union, the City of San Fernando also ranked first in terms of the value of new constructions in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024 with a share of 52.96 percent (PhP1,065.67 million) to the provincial total. San Juan ranked second with a share of 8.57 percent (PhP172.35 million) while Balaoan ranked third with a share of 6.90 percent (PhP138.85 million).

Similarly, the City of San Fernando had the highest value of construction projects among the city/municipalities in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2023 contributing 18.63 percent (PhP225.64 million) to the provincial total. Bacnotan ranked second with a share of 12.06 percent (PhP146.06 million) while Bauang placed third with a share of 10.23 percent (PhP123.96 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).

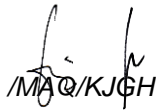
**Building** is any independent, free-standing structure comprised of one or more rooms or other spaces, covered by a roof and enclosed with external walls or dividing walls which extend from the foundation to the roof.

**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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